



2025 SHARK FEEDING FRENZY

Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron



28 March 2025

Notice of Race

1. **RULES:** The race shall be governed by the 2025-2028 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.5(c)). This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event, and all boats must have a functioning GPS and VHF radio.
 - a. There will be no race committee boat at the starting and finishing lines. Rules in RRS Part 3 related to the start sequence, visual and sound signals, etc. will not apply.
 - b. RRS Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) shall not apply.
 - c. Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Class Rules.
2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
3. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** Entry is open only to boats that have registered for the Shark's Tooth Regatta. Boats that have registered for the 2025 Shark's Tooth Regatta are automatically registered in this race, but shall inform the race committee if they intend to participate by emailing racing@venicesailingsquadron.org by 8pm on Thursday 27 March 2025. By participating in this race, boats acknowledge that they will comply with the same conditions of entry as for the Shark's Tooth Regatta.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee.
5. **COURSE:** The course will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the course will be from Longboat Pass to the Venice Inlet, unless weather conditions make it unlikely for most competitors to finish within the time limit. In that case a start closer to Venice will be announced in the sailing instructions. The starting and finishing lines will be virtual lines.
6. **SCHEDULE:** The race will take place on Friday 28 March 2025. All boats will start at 12pm, subject to adjustment in the sailing instructions.
7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Shark's Tooth event site at (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29488>) by 8pm on 27 March 2025.
8. **SKIPPERS MEETING:** There will be no skippers meeting.
9. **DIVISIONS:** There will be two divisions for scoring purposes – one for multihulls and one for monohulls.
10. **SCORING:** RRS Appendix A will be used. Corrected times for determining finishing places will be calculated using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating for her WFPHRF certificate class. For sake of clarity, this means that Cruiser class boats will use their cruising class ratings, Non-Spin boats will use their non-spin ratings, etc.
11. **AWARDS:** The awards will consist of bragging rights for the winners, bitter regrets for everyone else, and deep satisfaction for all. Additional awards will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.
12. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.



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2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Shark's Tooth Regatta event site at (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29488>).
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Shark's Tooth event site at (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29488>) by 8pm on March 27.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** There will be no signals made ashore.
5. **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES:** There are no check-in procedures. Boats are reminded of their obligation to notify the race committee of their intent to participate in accordance with NOR Rule 3.
6. **SCHEDULE AND START TIMES:** The race will take place on Friday 28 March 2025. Multihulls will start at 12pm, and monohulls will start at 12:10pm.
7. **COURSE:** The course will be from the starting line to the finishing line, as follows:
 - a. Starting line: A line running true west from government mark Longboat Pass RW "LP" Mo (A).
 - b. Finishing line: A line running true west from a virtual finishing mark located near the Venice Inlet at N 27°06.72', W 82°28.54'.
8. **TIME LIMIT:** Boats failing to finish before 6:00pm, 28 March 2025, shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.
9. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race committee via email at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org by 6pm on 28 March 2025. Use of the standard US Sailing form is strongly encouraged. Hearings will be scheduled as soon as practicable.
10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** For safety reasons, a boat that notified the race committee that it intended to participate in this race but does not start or retires shall notify the race committee via email at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org as soon as possible and advise their intentions.

After finishing, boats shall report their boat name; sailing configuration; WFPHRF rating for their sailing configuration; GPS finishing time; and (if possible) the names or sail numbers of boats finishing immediately before and after them via email at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org no later than 7:30 pm on 28 March 2025. Boats failing to send this email in time with all required details will be scored DNF without a hearing.