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**Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions**  
**Shark Feeding Frenzy**  
A feeder race for the Shark's Tooth Cup  
From Sarasota to Venice, Friday, May 1, 2015  
**CORRECTED POSITION OF "TOM" - 4/24/15**



- 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY.** The Venice Sailing Squadron and Venice Yacht Club are the Organizing Authority.
- 2. RULES.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013 - 2016, and the current West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) class rules, except as amended in this NOR. This is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY.** The regatta is open to monohull and multihull sailboats with a current West Florida PHRF certificate. Alternatively, entrants without a WFPHRF certificate will be assigned a PHRF based on US Sailing ratings.
- 4. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS.** There will be only one class, PHRF. If a WFPHRF Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser chooses to race with spinnakers, one half of her spinnaker offset will be subtracted from her Cruiser RLC rating. This is different than WFPHRF rules.
- 5. ENTRY.** There is no entry fee.
- 6. REGISTRATION.** Registration is not required, however, competitors are encouraged to register by sending an email prior to the day of the race to [venicesailor@comcast.net](mailto:venicesailor@comcast.net) with Frenzy in the subject line and attach, if possible, the boat's WFPHRF certificate.
- 7. COMPETITORS' MEETING.** The competitors will meet at the starting line.
- 8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Race Warning signal, 3:00 P.M., Friday.  
Awards at VYC, following the race.
- 9. RACING AREA.** In the Gulf between Sarasota Big Pass and Venice.
- 10. SCHEDULE OF RACES.** Warning signal, approximately 3:00 P.M. The standard 5 minute Rule 26 sequence will be used. Monitor VHF Channel 69 for announcements.
- 11. COURSES.** The RC at Big Pass will display a sign with either "A" or "B", which will designate which of the courses below will be used:

The race will **start** at the sign marked "Danger, Dangerous Inlet" at ~27° 15.64'N, 82° 33.81'W that is southeast of the current entrance to Big Pass. The starting line will be between the mark and a nearby-anchored boat. The mark will be called "**Big Pass**".

The race **finish** will be at “2” on the south side of the entrance of the Venice inlet (27° 06.740’N, 82° 28.185’W). The finish line will be between “2” and an anchored boat near “2”.

The Starting Line Boat will display a sign and announce on VHF Channel 69 whether course **A** or **B** will be used.

**To convert True to Magnetic, add 5°**  
**Course A**

This course will use white spar buoy called “**Tom Cooke**” at 27° 08.0’N, 82° 32.0’W

“**Big Pass**” 27° 15.635’N, 82° 33.807’W

“**Tom Cooke**” 27° 08.0’N, 82° 32.0’W (leave to port), 164 mag, 8.9 nm

“2” (leave to port), 091 mag, 2.5 nm

Total course length is 11.4 nm

**To convert True to Magnetic, add 5°**  
**Course B**

“**Big Pass**” 27° 15.635’N, 82° 33.807’W

“2” (leave to port), 151° True, 10.2 nm

Total course length is 10.2 nm

**If for any reason the finish line RC is not on station, record your own time as you pass “2” close abeam to port.**

**12. COMMUNICATIONS.** Both the starting and finishing RCs will monitor VHF Channel 69.

**13. SCORING.** Scoring shall be in accordance with rule A1. The Low Point Scoring System will apply. A yacht’s RLC rating will be used. In the event that the race cannot be completed, there will be no make up event and no regatta awards given.

**14. PRIZES.** The awards will be made approximately 30 minutes following the posting of the results.

**15. DOCKING.** Limited complimentary overnight dock space (Friday and Saturday) is available at VYC and must be reserved in advance through the **VYC Dockmaster, 941-583-3625**. There is anchorage close to the VYC with limited deep water. Contact the VYC Dockmaster for local knowledge. Also, there is a public launching ramp and non-reserved limited docking at the City of Venice Higel Park, adjacent to and just south of VYC. The Crow’s Nest Marina is a short walking distance north of VYC on Tarpon Center Drive. For Crow’s Nest docking information, contact the CN Dockmaster at 941-484-7661 or at the restaurant number, 941-484-9551.

**16. FURTHER Information.** For further information, please contact John Lynch: 941-539-5623 Cell or [venicesailor@comcast.net](mailto:venicesailor@comcast.net).