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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 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.