



**Notice of Regatta**  
**2018 Shark's Tooth Cup**  
***Pursuit Racing in the Gulf of Mexico***  
A Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Event  
Venice Yacht Club, Saturday, April 7, 2018



1. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES.** The Venice Sailing Squadron and Venice Yacht Club are the Organizing Authorities.
2. **RULES.** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the [Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)2017-2020](#), the [US Sailing Prescriptions 2017-2020](#) and the current [West Florida PHRF \(WFPHRF\) class rules](#). This is a WFPHRF Category 4 event.
3. **ELIGIBILITY.** The regatta is open to all boats with a current West Florida PHRF certificate that are equipped for Category 4 races. Ratings may be obtained at [www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org). Entrants without a WFPHRF certificate may be invited and will be assigned a PHRF based on US Sailing ratings and will not be eligible for SBYA BOTY awards.
4. **CLASSES AND DIVISIONS.** Expected classes include Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser, Racer Cruiser and Multi-hull. Classes may be split or combined based on entries. A Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser may declare that she wishes to use a cruising spinnaker and receive ½ her Non-spinnaker offset rating reduction, this is change to WFPHRF App. E 2.c to include Category 4 races. Cruising spinnakers must be tacked to the deck and not to a pole or extended sprit. If no declaration is presented the assumption is that no spinnaker will be used. A Racer Cruiser may similarly select to use a Cruising Spinnaker with ½ the non-spinnaker offset added to her spinnaker rating or to sail with no spinnaker, in which case the entire offset shall be added to her rating. If no declaration is made the assumption is that she will use her full spinnaker, and her spinnaker rating will be used. These declarations must be made prior to the boat start.

**ENTRY.** Entries shall be made on the Entry Form attached to this NOR and is also obtainable at:

["www.sarasotabayyachting.org/"](http://www.sarasotabayyachting.org/)

5. The entry form, fee and current West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate may be (1) mailed by April 2, 2018 to: Fleet Captain – Sail, Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 34285, or (2) submitted at registration. Entry fee is \$35 and includes Saturday post-race festivities, beer and appetizers, awards, etc. Tickets for Friday and Saturday alternative beverages (soft drinks, wine and mixed drinks) as well as Tiki Bar meals which will be available for purchase at the event. The Venice Yacht Club requires cash or check payment for purchases. It is the policy of the Yacht Club that food and beverage cannot be brought into the clubhouse, Tiki Bar or pool area.
6. **REGISTRATION.** Each boat owner or his representative shall attend one of the two Registrations held at the Venice Yacht Club from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM on Friday, April 6th or from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 7th. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration. Starting times will be distributed at the Competitor's meeting.
7. **COMPETITORS' MEETING.** Competitors' meetings will be held at the Venice Yacht Club on Saturday, April 7th at 11:00 AM.

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**8. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

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| Fri, April 6 | 3:00 PM (approx.)<br>5:30 PM to 8:00 PM<br>6:30 PM to 7:30 PM                | Feeder race from Sarasota Big Pass<br>Free beer. Meal & drink ticket sales<br>Registration  |
| Sat, April 7 | 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM<br>11:00 AM<br>12:30 PM<br>4:30 PM<br>5:00 PM to 7:30 PM | Registration - continued<br>Competitors Meeting<br>Warning Signal for the first race<br>Free beer following race<br>Meal and drink ticket sales<br>Awards following posting of scores |

**9. RACING AREA.** In the Gulf of Mexico outside the Venice Inlet.

**10. SCHEDULE OF RACE.** Two Pursuit Races (reverse handicap race) are scheduled. The warning signal for the first boat to start (boat with the highest handicap) for the first race is scheduled for 12:30 P.M.

**11. COURSES.** The Course will be appropriate for the predicted winds. All classes will sail the same course.

**12. FEEDER RACE.** A separate feeder race from Big Pass is anticipated for Friday, April 6th. Details will soon be contained in a Nautical Trader Shark Feeding Frenzy Race NOR at the Green Flash Sailing website:

<http://www.greenflashsailing.com/>

**13. SCORING.** Scoring shall be in accordance with Appendix A, except no races will be discarded. The Low Point Scoring System will apply. One race will constitute a regatta. A yacht's RLC rating will be used. In the event that no race can be completed, there will be no make up event and no regatta awards given.

**14. PRIZES.** Trophies will be awarded to the top boats in each class based on the number of boats entered in each class. The awards will be made approximately 30 minutes following the posting of the scores.

**15. DOCKING.** Venice Yacht Club will provide limited first-come, first served complimentary dockage available by contacting the VSS Dock Master at 941-483-3625, [vydockmaster@veniceyachtclub.com](mailto:vydockmaster@veniceyachtclub.com). Many slips will be available for Friday and Saturday evening but you must call well in advance. Electrical hookups are available for a fee. Additional dockage available free of charge at Higel Park, adjoining the Yacht Club, but there are no electrical hook-ups available. Dockage may also be available at the Crow's Nest Marina at a cost.

**16. CLUB POLICY.** Please observe the policy of the Venice Yacht Club that food or drinks of any kind shall not be brought into the Clubhouse or Pool area from boats or cars.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION.** For further information, please contact Bill Gately, (617) 240-2223, [wgately237@aol.com](mailto:wgately237@aol.com) OR John Lynch; (941) 539-5623 or [venicesailor@comcast.net](mailto:venicesailor@comcast.net)

ENTRY FORM

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**Venice Sailing Squadron and Venice Yacht Club**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Ph: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Beam: \_\_\_\_\_ Draft: \_\_\_\_\_ Hull Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS:** Spinnaker\_\_\_\_ Non-spinnaker\_\_\_\_ Racer Cruiser \_\_\_\_ Cruiser\_\_\_\_ Pocket Cruiser\_\_\_\_  
Multi-hull \_\_\_\_\_

Racer Cruisers/Cruisers/Pocket Cruisers: Spinnaker choice declaration must be made to the Race Committee prior to the boat's start.

Yacht Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: **\$ 35.00.** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee includes Saturday night festivities at the Yacht Club Tiki Bar, including free beer, appetizers and Saturday morning continental breakfast. Alternative drinks (soda, wine and cocktails) will be available for purchase Saturday afternoon as well as a Tiki Bar meal menu.

Make checks payable to: **Venice Yacht Club, Inc.**

Mail by April 2, 2018 or deliver before or at Registration. (Include entry form, **WFPHRF** certificate & check). Mail or deliver to: **Fleet Captain – Sail, Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice, FL 34285.**

**Conditions of Entry**

As a condition of my entry, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, I agree to hold harmless the Venice Sailing Squadron, the Venice Yacht Club, the Race Committee, the officers, directors, and the employees from which any and all damages, losses, claims, suits, actions, expenses or liabilities which directly or indirectly arise from my participation in this regatta. I agree that my crew and my guests are my responsibility and we will abide by the rules and regulations of the Venice Yacht Club. I further agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by other rules that govern this event. I agree that the West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate filed with this entry is a true copy of my valid Rating Certificate and that no changes have been made to my yacht that would affect her rating.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Skipper/Owner/Charterer)**