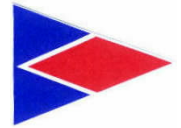




Venice Shark's Tooth Cup

Sailing Instructions

April 8, 2017



1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the US Sailing Prescriptions 2017-2020 and the West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) Class rules as published at www.westfloridaphrf.org, except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions and its appendices.

1.2 The organizing authority is the Venice Sailing Squadron and the Venice Yacht Club.

2. Eligibility

2.1 This regatta is open to any boat that holds a current, valid WFPHRF rating certificate and meets WFPHRF Category 4 safety and crew requirements. Exceptions to the WFPHRF certificate may be made in accordance of the NOR.

2.2 All boats shall carry a workable VHF radio capable of receiving and transmission on channels 16, 68, 69 and 72.

3. Entries

3.1 Entries shall be made in accordance of the NOR.

3.2 Entry deadline is 10:30 AM **April 8, 2017**

4. Notices to Competitors and Signals made Ashore

4.1 Notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Venice Yacht Club.

4.2 Any written changes in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted prior to the competitors meeting.

4.3 Any oral changes in the Sailing Instructions shall be made via VHF Channel 69 prior to the Warning Signal.

4.4 All signals will be made from the signal boat.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Friday, April 7 Registration: 6:30–7:30pm

5.2 Saturday, April 8

Registration 9:00–10:30 am

Skipper's Meeting 11:00am

Warning Signal 12:30pm

(Postponements are Possible)

Free Draft Beer 4:30pm

Tiki Menu 6:00–7:00pm

Awards 6:30pm (approx)

6. Class Flag

6.1 Yellow Flag.

7. Race Area and Courses

7.1 The race area will be in the Gulf of Mexico outside the Venice, FL inlet.

7.2 The possible courses will be described at the Competitors' meeting and a descriptive handout will be distributed.

8. Marks

8.1 The marks will be described at the Competitors' meeting.

9. Check-in

9.1 All boats will check in VHF radio, or by sailing past the stern of the RC signal boat, stating the name of the boat, class and sail number.

10. The Start

10.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC boat or the South Jetty and the starting mark.

10.2 A five-minute sequence will apply to the start of the first boat.

10.3 A boat shall not have her motor running and in gear after she crosses the starting line to start.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting time will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and a5.

10.5 Start time will be calculated using time on distance based on WFPHRF RLC rating.

10.6 The pursuit start time(s) will be distributed at the competitors' meeting.

10.7 Start times will be governed by EDT as displayed on a modern GPS.

11. Individual Recall

11.1 Signal flag "X" will be displayed. Any OCS boat will also be notified via VHF channel 69. Failure of a boat to hear this hail is not grounds for redress.

12. Communication

12.1 Boats are encouraged to monitor **VHF channel 69**. The RC may attempt to give competitors advance warning of upcoming starting sequences or schedules or to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats. This changes RRS 41

12.2 The failure of the RC to make, or failure of any boat to hear transmissions shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 63.1.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the VSS Mark "A" ((27° 06.493'N, 82° 28.699'W).

13.2 Missing Finish Mark or RC Boat. *US Sailing prescribes that, if a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, the finishing line is a line through the remaining mark at a 90° angle to the last leg and of the shortest practicable length. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report to the race committee her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats at the first reasonable opportunity.*

14. Time Limits

14.1 Boats failing to finish within four and one half hours of the starting signal of the first boat to start will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

15. Shorten Course

15.1 In the event of a shortened course, the finish times may be adjusted to properly reflect the effects of the new course length.

16. Retiring

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. Penalty

17.1 A boat may take a **one-turn** penalty as described by Rule 44.2 if she breaks a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31. This changes Rule 44.1.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

18.1 Boats shall report their intent to protest, identify the particular boat and receive

acknowledgement from the RC as soon as possible after finishing.

18.2 Protest forms are available at the bulletin board. Protests shall be delivered there (pinned) within the protest time limit.

18.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the VYC dock.

19. Scoring

19.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except no race will be excluded. This changes Rule A2.

19.2 One race constitutes a regatta.

20. Prizes

20.1 In the event that the race cannot be completed, there WILL NOT be a makeup event and there will be no regatta awards given.

20.2 Prizes will be given for each class based on class size.

21. Disclaimer of Liability

COMPETITORS PARTICIPATE IN THE REGATTA ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. (SEE RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). NEITHER THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY NOR THE RACE COMMITTEE WILL ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH SUSTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH, PRIOR TO, DURING OR AFTER THE REGATTA.

