

1. **Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **Entries**
 - 2.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority. There will be Four classes: PHRF spinnaker, PHRF non-spinnaker, PHRF Racer/Cruiser, and PHRF Cruising. Depending on number of entries, these four classes may be divided into two or more divisions. Class divisions shall be solely the responsibility of the Race Committee and their decision shall be final.
 - 2.2 All yachts may use any sails legal under the rules of West Florida PHRF. Whisker poles shall be subject to the constraints of the rules of West Florida PHRF. Racer/Cruisers and PHRF Cruising must declare their spinnaker choice prior to the competitor's meeting.
 - 2.3 Unless approved in writing by the Race Officer, a yacht shall carry the same number of the mainsail, spinnaker and overlapping headsails having a luff perpendicular exceeding 130% of the foretriangle. In the event of there being entries with duplicate sail numbers, a letter will be assigned and shall be affixed by the Skipper ahead of the existing sail number on both sides of all sails defined above.
3. **Notice of Competitors**

Announcements, notices and race results will be posted on the official notice board(s) located:
5/19DIYC Notice Board
5/22Bonita Bills Notice Board
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
5. **Signals**
 - 5.1 Signals will be displayed from the R/C Signal Boat.
 - 5.2 Code flag 'AP' with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means 'The race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after 'AP' is lowered.'
 - 5.3 All signals will be announced over VHF channel 78 immediately after display.
6. **Schedule of Events**
 - 6.1 Skipper's meeting will be in the Regatta Room of Davis Island Yacht Club at 1900, May 19, 2010.
 - 6.2 Race will begin on 5/22 at 1200.
Awards Party.....Bonita Bills Waterfront Cafe, Ft. Myers Beach, 5/20 1200
7. **Class Flags**

YellowPHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Racer/Cruiser, PHRF Non-Spinnaker & PHRF Cruising
8. **Racing Area**

The racing area is Tampa Bay and Gulf of Mexico. The starting area will be in the vicinity of Big J SE of St. Petersburg Pier
9. **Marks & Courses**

See Attached Appendix A for Marks and Courses.
10. **The Tampa Ship Channel**

The Tampa Ship Channel is a major, high-traffic, shipping lane. No participant of this event is to impede the progress of any vessel restricted to this channel or any other channel in the sailing waters. If the Race Committee receives a report that any such vessel has been impeded by any competitor in this event, they may call a hearing to ascertain the facts and issue such penalty as is appropriate, including but not limited to, a time penalty or disqualification. This modifies RRS 60.2.
11. **The Start**
 - 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 in the following order:
Yellow.....PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Racer/Cruiser, PHRF Non-Spinnaker & PHRF Cruising
 - 11.2 Should the wind conditions necessitate a postponement prior to the start, the R/C may move the starting area farther up the course by displaying code flag "L" and motoring towards the next mark. In this case, the starting mark will be either a mark of the course, a nearby government aid, or an inflatable buoy. Should the R/C pass a mark of the course, that mark is then eliminated from the course.
 - 11.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.
 - 11.4 The starting area is defined as an area extending ½ the length of the starting line behind it, in front of it, and at both ends.
 - 11.5 Clearance marks may be set off the stern of the race committee boat. Yachts shall neither touch nor pass between those marks and the race committee boat.

- 12. Recalls**
12.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will endeavor to announce recalls on VHF Channel 78 but failure to make or receive such transmission shall not be grounds for redress. A premature starter who fails to return shall have 30 minutes added to her finish time. This modifies RRS A4.2.
- 13. Change of Course after the Start**
Except for shortening the course, there will be no change of course after the start.
- 14. The Finish**
14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark. Competitors shall notify the Race Committee of their finish over VHF Channel 78 within 15 minutes of their anticipated finish.
14.2 If the Race Committee is not on station, The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 shall apply. Skippers taking their own time shall deliver a signed note of their finishing time to the Race Committee immediately upon docking. Such finishing times will be posted as soon as possible. Such posting will constitute the beginning of the time limit allowed for redress under RRS 62.2 for that boat.
- 15. Alternative Penalties**
Only the scoring penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 16. Protests**
16.1 A yacht intending to protest SHALL REPORT IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINISHING TO A MEMBER OF THE RACE COMMITTEE on the far side of the committee boat from the finish line, clearly identifying the infringing yacht and await acknowledgment. This changes RRS 61.
16.2 A yacht acknowledging an infringement and having complied with RRS 44.3, shall report in the same manner as in 16.1 above clearly identifying the yacht infringed against and await acknowledgment.
16.3 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and lodged with the Race Committee at Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café no later than 1200 on May 22.
16.4 All protests will be heard on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 starting at 1900 in the Regatta Room on the first deck of Davis Island Yacht Club.
16.5 The schedule of protest hearings to be heard on Tuesday night will be posted on the DIYC website.
- 17. Scoring**
17.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
17.2 Corrected times will be calculated by the PHRF time-on-distance method. Rated distance is 122 miles.
- 17. Prizes**
17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each each division.
17.2 The Ft. Myers Perpetual Trophy shall be awarded to the overall winner of the PHRF Spinnaker Class.
- 18. Retiring Yachts**
Retiring yachts are requested to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. VHF Channel 78 will always be available for such communications.
- 19. Courtesy Announcements**
Courtesy announcements of such things as postponements, premature starters, protest deadlines, and other signal displays and notice postings may be announced over VHF channel 78. Such announcements will be strictly a courtesy and used as means to call attention to the proper notice or display. The failure or inability to receive or the failure to transmit such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.
- 20. Disclaimer Of Liability**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision of Race. The organizing authority will not accept the liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.