



2026 Spring Couples' Race

The organizing authority is the Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

April 25, 2026

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Bring your partner and come for a sail around Hillsborough Bay!

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and WFPHRF Class Rules. Appendix V2 (Post-race Penalties) will apply.
- 1.2 Boats not having a valid West Florida PHRF Certificate should contact the Fleet Captain or the Club Measurer.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The race is open to Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker boats in Davis Island Yacht Club's fleet.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may register at the Clubhouse between 1200-1245.

3 SCHEDULE

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| 1200-1245 | Registration in-person at Clubhouse. |
| 1300 | Course description and starting times distributed. |
| 1400 | Base Starting Time, all Divisions |

4 VENUE AND COURSE

- 4.1 The racing area will be Hillsborough Bay; [a chart is available on the Club's website](#).
- 4.2 Race will be "Pursuit" format, using DIYC and government marks. Individual starting times will be assigned using WFPHRF RLC ratings.
- 4.3 The marks of the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be specified on a hand-out after registration.
- 4.4 The starting and finishing lines will be between the staffs on the sides of the basin entrance.
- 4.5 Boats still racing more than 3 hours after the Base Starting Time will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A5.

5 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 5.1 All Divisions will use the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3.
- 5.2 The 30% Penalty Taken After a Race of RRS V2 will apply.

6 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL

- 7.1 Any competitor registered in any DIYC organized event who throws any refuse overboard, including but not limited to aluminum cans, plastic items, bottles, etc., is subject to being disqualified by the race committee, without filing a protest. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 7.2 DIYC asks all boats to recycle and consider use of reusable bottles or paper alternatives rather than single use plastics. Green recycling containers are easily accessible onsite and refilling stations are available by the pool bathhouse.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairs: Francine Messano (famessano@yahoo.com) &
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Mark Letter	Approximate Position Description	Always Rounding Mark?	Approximate Lat./Lon.
Alpha	Yellow Buoy 200°T, 0.29 nm from entrance to Basin	No	27°54.22' N 82°27.28' W
Bravo	Tall Range	Yes	27°53.86' N 82°26.63' W
Charlie	Yellow Buoy 268°T, 0.15nm from G "25" Cut C channel	Yes	27°52.83' N 82°26.68' W
Echo	Yellow Buoy 094°T, 1.39nm from Ballast Point Breakwater	Yes	27°53.29' N 82°27.17' W
Foxtrot	Yellow Buoy 005°T, 0.2nm from Long Shoal mark G"1"	Yes	27°52.67' N 82°27.58' W
Golf	Yellow Buoy 129°T, 0.5nm from Ballast Point Pier	Yes	27°52.98' N 82°28.32' W
Hotel	Yellow Buoy 069°T, 0.9nm from Ballast Point Pier. <i>Note: On legs using both "A" and "G" as the ends, this mark is a passing mark. Otherwise, it is a rounding mark.</i>	See Note	27°53.60' N 82°27.80' W
India	Yellow Buoy, proximity of Bayshore Blvd, 2 miles North of Ballast Point due east of the Academy of the Holy Names.	Yes	27°54.72' N 82°29.10' W
Juliet	Alafia Range Mark – QR 18ft	Yes	27°50.67' N 82°26.87' W