



56TH ANNUAL GASPARILLA REGATTA SPONSORED BY MOUNT GAY RUM

Tampa Sailing Squadron
February 5, 2022
Apollo Beach, USA

Notice of Race (NoR)

RULES

The event is governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, copies of which can be found [here](#).

COMMUNICATION

On the water, the race committee will monitor a VHF channel to be stated in the SI.

[DP] While racing, except in emergency, boats shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

This event is open to all boats with or without valid WFPHRF certificates.

Those with valid certificates will be entered into the appropriate class below, based on certificate endorsements:

Spinnaker
Non-spinnaker
Racer-cruiser
Cruiser (spin or non-spin)
Doublehand
Singlehand

Those without valid certificates will be entered into the class Mother Load and will be assigned handicap ratings by the Organizing Authority.

Classes may be combined or sub-divided based on participation.

To enter a boat, log on to www.yachtscoring.com and select 2022 February 5th TSS Gasparilla Regatta. Onsite entries are not available.

FEES

Entry fees include [2] Saturday dinner tickets, [2] Saturday party wristbands, [1] event shirt, and up to [4] Mount Gay Rum Caps (number may be adjusted based on participation and crew numbers).

\$65 prior to Monday, January 31, 2022

\$70 after that

\$15 each additional party ticket

\$10 each additional dinner ticket

\$18 each additional shirt

Entered boats that withdraw on or prior to January 28, 2022, will receive a refund of their entryfee, less a \$25 administrative charge. Boats withdrawing after that will not be eligible for refund, if the event takes place.

CREW LIMITATIONS

Entrants in the Double Hand Class are limited to two people on board. Entrants into the Single Hand Class are limited to one person aboard.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Registration opens, online only, at www.yachtscoring.com.

Monday, January 31, 2022

Monday, January 31, 2022, will be GO/NO-GO decision day based on any changes in the COVID restrictions which would impede or prevent the event. If that happens, all entrants will receive a refund of their fees, less a \$25 administrative charge.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Registration closes.

Friday, February 4, 2022

1600+ Arrival at docks, if needed

1600 to 1930 Check-in on line and in person.

1800+ Burgers and hot dogs available for purchase. Live Music and Beer Garden

1930 – Competitors Meeting. In person with Zoom available (link to be made available beforehand).

Saturday, February 5, 2022

0800 to 0930 Breakfast served.

1055 First racing WARNING signal Racer Cruisers

1100 Racer Cruisers

1125 First racing WARNING signal all other classes

1130 First racing all other classes

Number of Races:

Class	Number Pennant	Races per Day Scheduled	Races per Day Maximum
Spin	5	3	5
Non-spin	6	3	5
Mother Load	1	1	1
Cruiser	2	1	1
Racer-cruiser	3	1	1
Doublehand	4	1	1
Singlehand	4	1	1

1600 No more warning signals will be made.

1730 Band plays, dinner is served, and TSS Mount Gay Gasparilla Regatta party begins.

Sunday, October 3, 2021

“Rain day” for racing, if needed. Same start times.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SI will be available by Friday, January 28, 2022, at www.yachtscoring.com and www.sail-tss.org and on the official regatta bulletin board at TSS adjacent to the flagpole.

VENUE

Tampa Bay, primarily between Apollo Beach and the boundary shipping channels on the north and west sides of the bay. Start/finish area approximately 2.0 nm off TSS, on east side of bay.

COURSES

The Short Course (SC) is a Windward/Leeward course on drop marks. Distance between 0.5 and 2.0 nm depending on wind.

The Long Course (LC) is a Random Leg course with a windward (0.25 nm) first leg. Total course length will be approximately 5, 10, 15, or 20 nm, depending on wind conditions.

Each course will have its own starting area and Race Committee. When checking in on the water, boats should make sure they are at the right starting area for their Class.

Singlehand, Doublehand, Mother Load, and Cruisers will sail the Long Course with a pursuit start and should stay well clear of the immediate starting area until 5 minutes or less before they are timed to start.

Racer-Cruisers and will sail the Long Course with a flag start.

Spin and Non-spin will sail the Short Course (W/L) with a flag start.

OA may shift one or more Classes over to pursuit starts too if needed in response to conditions.

SCORING

A boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores.

[1] race is required to constitute a regatta in each Class.

PENALTY SYSTEM

For Mother Load, Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Double Hands, and Single Hands, all TURNS penalties are replaced with a Scoring Penalty of 20%. This changes RRS Rule 44.1.

Spin and Non-Spin remain unchanged.

To accept a penalty, boats must promptly display a yellow flag and call the Race Committee's attention to it upon finishing.

BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places.

RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma,

hypothermia or other causes, including potential exposure to infectious disease, notably Covid-19.

PRIZES

Racing trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placement in each Class.
Bottles of Mount Gay XO to the 1st place winners in each Class.

End of NoR

NOTES

The annotation [DP] appears before some elements both in the above NoR and in the ensuing SI. It means Discretionary Penalty. The NoR and SI are considered *Rules* by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* which means that infraction of any element of either must result in Disqualification, DSQ. However, with elements annotated [DP], the Protest Committee may assign a penalty less than DSQ.

Tampa Sailing Squadron is a private, member-owned sailing club located in Apollo Beach, Florida. Members enjoy many activities such as club racing, regattas, cruising and many other social events. The club is proud to host a vibrant and active Youth Sailing Program and Sea Scout Program, who are always interested in donations and support. For questions regarding Youth Sailing, please contact info@TSSYouthSailing.org or call 813-642-4035. For questions regarding Sea Scout Ship 185, please contact SSS185BSA@Gmail.com.