



2023 A-CLASS CATAMARAN ADMIRAL'S CUP AND NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority (OA): Davis Island Yacht Club
On behalf of US A-Class Association
March 23 through March 31, 2023
Tampa FL

Notice of Race

1. RULES

The events are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix T (Arbitration) and the IACA Championship Rules unless modified herein or in the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the online Official Notice Board by Tuesday, March 21, 2023.
- 2.2 The online Official Notice Board is at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15587> for the Admiral's Cup and <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15588> for the North American Championship.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all boats of the IACA. Competitors must be current members of the IACA and shall have their entry endorsed by their respective class association.
- 3.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15587> for either or both events. You need only this one site to register for both events.
- 3.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.4 Entries received after March 17, 2023, will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA after explanation by the competitor of extenuating circumstances to be considered.

4. FEES IN USD

4.1

Event	Through Feb. 1	Feb. 2 through Mar. 17	Refund before Feb. 20	Refund Feb. 21 through Mar. 17	Refund after Mar. 17
Both events	\$376.25 (\$350 + sales tax)	\$430.00 (\$400 + sales tax)	90%	50%	None
N. Americans only	\$268.75 (\$250 + sales tax)	\$301.00 (\$280 + sales tax)	90%	50%	None
Admiral's Cup only	\$188.13 (\$175 + sales tax)	\$215.00 (\$200 + sales tax)	90%	50%	None

- 4.2 The refund request must be in writing with its receipt acknowledged by the OA.
- 4.3 A social fee of \$112.88 USD (\$105.00 plus sales tax) may be purchased by non-competitors and includes use of Club facilities, two dinners (one on site, the other at a local restaurant). Keg beer and snacks after

races during debriefings, and meetings. Coffee and snacks in the mornings of March 25 through March 31.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

Date	Time	
Thursday, March 23	0900-1600	Early Arrivals Check-in for Admiral's Cup Measurement of boats that do not have valid certificates by appointment only.
Friday, March 24	0900-1700	Measurement for boats that do not have valid certificates by appointment only.
	1030	Skippers Meeting Admiral's Cup
Saturday, March 25	0900-1600	Measurement of boats that do not have valid certificates by appointment only.
	1700-2000	Dinner at Davis Island Yacht Club
Sunday, March 26	0900-1600	Arrivals. Measurement by appointment only.
	1400	No warning signal after 1400
	1500-1800	Check-in for North American Championship
	1800	Awards, hors d'oeuvres, and Skippers Meeting for North Americans
Monday, March 27		Club closed for food. Free evening.
Tuesday, March 28	1800	A-Cat Class Meeting
Wednesday, March 29	1830	Dinner, location TBA
Thursday, March 30		Free evening
Friday, March 31	1630	Awards and hors d'oeuvres

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is at 1100 each day, except for Friday, March 24 when the scheduled time is 1300.
- 5.3 It is the intent of the OA that there will be a lay day from racing between March 27 and March 31 for the North American Championship.
- 5.3 Seven (7) races are scheduled for the Admiral's Cup event. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.4 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the North American Championship. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.5 No more than three (3) races are scheduled each day unless the event is behind schedule or poor weather is forecast in which case a fourth race may be run.

6. EQUIPMENT

- 6.2 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate including sails, platform, and mast, no later than Sunday, March 26.
- 6.3 A limited number of fundamental measurements may be available on an appointment basis only. Contact the Class measurers via the Class website prior to arriving.
- 6.4 There is no restriction on the use of electronic compasses, GPS, and other speed or location displaying devices.
- 6.5 Competitors may use alternate equipment for the Admiral's Cup.

7. VENUE AND COURSES

- 7.2 The venue is a Davis Island Yacht Club and Hillsborough Bay south of Davis Islands.
- 7.3 The courses will be windward-leeward with a windward offset and leeward gate.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 8.3 RRS 64.2 is changed such that a lesser penalty than DSQ (which may include no penalty) may be given at the discretion of the protest committee for an infringement of rules other than rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

9. SCORING

- 9.2 The Open and Classic Fleets will share the same start and course. Each race will be scored as three Division, Open, Classic, and Overall.
- 9.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores.
- 9.4 When from five (5) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.5 When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

10. PRIZES

- 10.2 Trophies will be awarded 1st thru 5th in the Open and Classic fleets, and the perpetual North American Champion trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Overall fleet.
- 10.3 The Craig Yandow perpetual trophy will be awarded to the top Classic finisher.

11. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 The organizing authority or any race official will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, disease, illness, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. BERTHING

- 12.2 Boats' storage and beach launching will be at Davis Island Yacht Club.
- 12.3 A detailed map of the host site facilities and designating thereon the specific areas for storage, launching, and return landing of boats will be available online prior to the event.
- 12.4 Access to Davis Island Yacht Club prior to March 22 must be given permission from the OA.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.
- 13.3 Each competitor shall provide proof of insurance upon registration at the event site.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact: O. H. Rodgers at ohrodgers@gmail.com or 813-785-8020