CONDITIONS FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL

ST. PETERSBURG-HABANA

RACE

Saturday, March 1, 1941

From Municipal Pier, St. Petersburg
down Tampa Bay and the Gulf of
Mexico to Morro Castle, Habana. 284
nautical miles under varied conditions.

Including General Announcement of the
Florida 1941 Ocean Racing Series
QUALIFICATIONS:
Any SEAWORTHY yacht representing a recognized yacht club, which in the opinion of the race committee, is safely outfitted and manned for sea, is welcome. Craft unsuited to offshore conditions do not qualify.

CLASSES:
The fleet shall be divided into the following classes:
1. Cutters and Sloops
2. Yawls and Ketches
3. Schooners

Yawls having mizzen sails of less than 10% of total sail area will race in the Cutter and Sloop class.

RATING:
The Rating Rule of the Cruising Club of America will be used as the basis of handicapping.

Yachts without Cruising Club ratings must be in port at St. Petersburg not later than February 21st, 1941, for measurement. Yachts should have the designer’s or builder’s certificate showing displacement, outside ballast, maximum draft of hull and size and weight of centerboard, if any.

RULES and RESTRICTIONS:
No yacht shall start without full equipment required by law, plus: A jacket type life preserver for every man aboard; six rocket or distress flares; electric torch or searchlight; U. S. (yacht) and Cuban ensigns; quarantine flag (“Q” of the International Code); General Chart No. 1113 (Habana to Tampa Bay); Coast Chart 1252 (Sand Key to Rebecca Shoal); Harbor Chart 585 (Dry Tortugas).

Right of way shall be governed by the racing rules of the North American Yacht Racing Union.

Regulation sailing lights shall be displayed at night. Day or night distinguishing signals shall be displayed to any approaching Coast Guard vessel.

All yacht captains must report to the committee and announce their craft ready for inspection, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club not later than noon, February 27.

Although no yacht shall be propelled except by the wind on her sails, motors will not be sealed, this being a gentleman’s race.

Time Limit: Midnight, Thursday, March 6. Yachts certain not to finish by that time are urged to disqualify and motor to Habana in time for festivities there.

A protest, if any, shall be filed in writing with the general chairman, or the Habana chairman of the committee within 12 hours after protesting yacht has crossed the finish line.

The penalty for a foul shall be the addition of one hour to the handicap of yacht committing said foul, unless, in the opinion of the Committee, the foul is of such serious nature as to warrant disqualification.

The St. Petersburg-Habana Race Committee shall have full charge of the entire party and its decision shall be final.

CAPTAIN’S MEETINGS:
Skippers of all yachts are requested to meet at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club promptly at 9 o’clock on the mornings of Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1, to receive final information, instructions and to arrange clearance. Captions should bring to these meetings their yachts’ papers and memoranda of the full names, nationality, birthplace, name and address of nearest kin, age, height, weight, color of eyes and hair of each man aboard.

THE START:
The starting line on Tampa Bay, between the outer end of the Recreation Pier, St. Petersburg, and a committee boat (probably U. S. C. G.) moored due east of the pier, shall be crossed on the southerly course.

Saturday, March 1, 1941—12 Noon, Eastern Standard Time.
11:50 A. M.—Warning Signal (Blue flag, blast of whistle).
11:55 A. M.—Preparatory Signal (White flag, blast of whistle).
12:00 Noon—Starting Signal (Red flag, gun).
Recall Signal—Yellow flag, whistle blast for each yacht recalled.

Any postponement of the start shall be for 30 minute intervals and shall be announced by yellow and red flags flown from some halyard.

THE COURSE:
From the starting line, to flashing buoy, “No. 3” (not the flashing bell buoy offshore), off Southwest Pass, Tampa Bay entrance; thence around said buoy, (leaving buoy on port hand, at any distance); thence to Habana Harbor, (leaving Rebecca Shoal light on port hand at any distance.)

PRIZES:
Trophies will be presented yachts, placing first, second and third in each class. A special trophy to winner of the fleet as a whole and to the first yacht to cross the finish line.
ST. PETERSBURG-HABANA RACE HISTORY:

1930—Well remembered is that first race, when the lads lost sleep setting and resetting light sails above eleven rolling craft. A mild norther on the Gulf and a fresh northeast Trade over the Stream, normal currents, combined to afford a quick passage and lucky landfalls. Haligonian established a record of 41 hours 42 minutes which was not lowered until 1937.

2nd—SUNSHINE, H. S. Denniston, Mobile Y. C., Ala.

Class B 1st—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.
2nd—PIECES OF EIGHT, F. G. Wagner, St. Petersburg Y. C., Fla.

1931—The second race was the dramatic incident. Disregarding the Weather Bureau’s advice to postpone, eight yachts started in blustery weather on Tampa Bay to meet light airs and calms on the Gulf followed by a westerly gale and breaking seas in the Stream. Although lucky old Sunshine finished in 62 hours 40 minutes, several of the slower craft were scattered to the four corners of the chart while spray flew over Morro Castle and Habana’s waterfront. And did press correspondents go to work!


Class B 1st—GAMECOCK, Wm. B. Allen, Miami Beach Y. C., Fla.
2nd—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.

1932—Again Haligonian led the fleet, numbering nine this year, for days against light southerly airs, but she caught a soft spot in the rear of the Stream 20 miles off Habana, drifted far to eastward, and a freshening southwest breeze brought Windjammer down to complete the course in 99 hours.

2nd—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.

Class B 1st—GAMECOCK, Wm. B. Allen, Miami Beach Y. C., Fla.
2nd—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.

1933—Halfway down the course, a fleet of eleven encountered a belt of severe squalls which took toll of canvas and spars and cast one craft her rudder. Below the reefs a southwest breeze suited Haligonian and she once more finished first, completing the course in 90 hours 58 minutes.

Class A 1st—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.
2nd—MARMION, Hugh M. Matheson, Biscayne Bay Y. C., Fla.

Class B 1st—GAMECOCK, Wm. B. Allen, Miami Beach Y. C., Fla.
2nd—LANAKAJ, Dr. A. C. Howe, Brooklyn Y. C., N.Y.

1934—With a light sail run down the Gulf and a fresh S. E. breeze in the Straits, big, bronze Azora led the fleet of 15, finishing in 52 hours 9 minutes.

Class A 1st—HALIGONIAN, Houston Wall, Tampa Y. C., Fla.

Class B 1st—LANAKAJ, Dr. A. C. Howe, C. C. of A.
2nd—LITTLE DIPPER, Wally Bishop, St. Petersburg Y. C., Fla.

1935—A large fleet of 21 started with bare steerage way; many craft encountered hours of calm at Southwest Pass a long period of breathless slick north of the reefs and a shorter calm off Cuban coast. Although glistening Vamorine finished in 58 hours 53 minutes, slower craft were towed in, a week after the start, one “short of water and food, out of likker, luck and patience!”

Class A 1st—VAMARIE, Vadim Mokaroff, C. C. of A.
2nd—AWEIGH, L. M. Balileire, Gibson Island Y. C.
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Class B 1st—GAMECOCK, Wm. B. Allen,
Biscayne Bay Y. C., Fla.
2nd—ALOHA, C. S. Parke,
Pass-a-Grille Y. C., Fla.

1936—Against light southerly airs Starlight led 20 other craft
to within 30 miles of Habana when the trade wind
freshened and Vomorie stepped up to a 12 knot pace to take
the lead and finish in 82 hours and 54 minutes.

Class A 1st—VENTURER, Ed Spence,
Clearwater Y. C., Fla.
2nd—VAMARIE, Vadim Makaroff,
C. C. of A.

Class B 1st—BABE, H. M. Matheson,
Biscayne Bay Y. C., Fla.
2nd—STARLIGHT, A. B. Fay,
Yale C. Y. C.

Fleet as One Class—BABE.

1937—Haligonian’s long standing record of 41 hours 42 minutes
for the course was lowered by the cutter Sirocco to 39
hours 26 minutes. A fresh stern breeze carried the slowest of
a fleet of 10 starters to Habana in less than 50 hours.

Class A 1st—WINsome Too, Harkness Edwards
N. Y. Y. C.
2nd—WEST WIND, Kenneth Cowan,
St. Petersburg Y. C., Fla.

Class B 1st—BABE, H. M. Matheson,
Biscayne Bay Y. C., Fla.
2nd—SIROCCO, Roger Robinson,
Yale Corinthian Y. C.

Fleet as One Class—BABE.

1938—Starting in a calm, a fleet of 13 beat down Tampa Bay
to encounter fog and variables on the Gulf. Then a
northwest breeze carried them down to the fresh trade winds.
Starlight sailed every inch of the way, winning in her class against
the fleet, finishing in 70 hours 32 minutes.

Sloops-Cutters: 1st—STARLIGHT, Albert B. Fay,
Houston Y. C., Texas
2nd—SONNY, A. E. Pierce,
New York

1939—Leaders of a fleet of 11 engaged in tacking duels against
S. and S. E. breezes. Despite calm at start and windward work all the way, Wokiva covered the course in 47 hours, 13
minutes. Haligonian establishes another record by winning first place
in her class for the fourth time in the history of these races.

Sloops-Cutters 1st—BLITZEN, R. J. Reynolds, Jr.
Sapelo Y. C., Ga.
2nd—STARLIGHT, Albert B. Fay,
Houston Y. C., Texas
3rd—BABE, Francis C. Bidwell,
Pass-a-Grille Y. C., Fla.

Yawls-Ketches 1st—WAKIVA, Harkness Edwards,
N. Y. Y. C., Lexington, Ky.

Schooners 1st—HALIGONIAN, Harry Bureaux,
Trenton, Mich.
2nd—SHELLBACK, R. E. Lee,
Houston Y. C., Texas
3rd—ABENAKI, H. N. Davock,

Fleet as One Class—BLITZEN

1940—After a thrilling start in a fresh westerly breeze this race
developed into a record-breaking battle between the big
yaws. Wokiva forged ahead and led to within hailing distance of the
finish only to make an unfortunate tack in the fluky air beneath “the
rock” and let Good News across first for a new course record of 37
hours, 16 minutes. Wokiva’s time was 37 hours, 19 minutes. Gulf
Stream finished in 39 hours, 3 minutes.
Sloops-Cutters
1st—JAVA HEAD, Bob Bryant, Detroit Y. C.
2nd—POLUX, R. Hernandezena, Habana Y. C.
3rd—BICHO MALO II, Mario Bustamente, MiraMar Y. C., Habana

Yawls-Ketches
1st—GOOD NEWS, Robert Johnson, N. Y. Y. C.
2nd—STORMY WEATHER, Wm. Labrot, Annapolis Y. C.
3rd—WAKIVA, Harkness Edwards, N. Y. Y. C.

Schooners
2nd—GALOCAMM, Al. Gomez Mena, Habana Y. C.
3rd—HALF MOON, Geo. Wallace, Panama City, Fla.

Fleet as One Class—GOOD NEWS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Yachts cruising to St. Petersburg for the race are requested to telegraph their progress to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Any yacht abandoning the race is requested to advise the U. S. Coast Guard or the St. Petersburg Yacht Club at earliest convenience.

Information of social functions, distinguishing signals, ratings and handicaps, etc., will be issued by the race committee.

1941 FLORIDA OCEAN RACING SERIES

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, co-operating with the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, the Miami Yacht Club, the Habana Yacht Club, the Nassau Yacht Club and the Key West Yacht Club, urges yachtsmen to participate in all or part of these races. Point scoring for each race will enable a fleet champion to be named at the conclusion of the series and an appropriate trophy will be awarded. The complete schedule: Feb. 8—Lipton Race, Miami; Feb. 11—Miami-Nassau Race; Feb. —Governor's Cup Race, Nassau; Mar. 1—St. Petersburg-Habana Race; Mar. 7—Habana-Key West Race.

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