

 **STAR** 
2026 NORTH AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP
Davis Islands, Florida
October 25 - 30, 2026

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International Star Class Martina Orsini

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Dear Star Class North American Championship Competitors,

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors, and members of Davis Island Yacht Club, I am thrilled to welcome you to the Star Class North American Championship. We are excited about the opportunity to welcome the world's top Star Class sailors to our club, located in beautiful Tampa, Florida.

"Smooth seas never made a skilled sailor." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

DIYC is widely recognized as a premier sailing venue, with a longstanding tradition of hosting top-tier regattas. Our location offers easy access for international travelers, with Tampa International Airport just minutes away and Orlando's international hub a short drive to the north. Tampa Bay provides an ideal racing environment, and October offers sailors outstanding conditions—typically featuring steady breezes ranging from 10-13 knots, warm temperatures in the mid-70s°F (24-26°C), and mild, predictable weather patterns. While occasional cold fronts may bring a brief wind shift, they tend to stabilize quickly, offering excellent conditions and exciting racing.

Our club has ample space for boat storage and launching. Following major renovations in 2024—including improvements to our pool, patio, fire pit areas, and landscaping—we are proud to provide a welcoming and resilient venue that maintains our Green Marina status.

Beyond the racing, we invite competitors and their families to make this regatta the gateway to an unforgettable Florida adventure. Tampa offers world-class attractions, including Busch Gardens, the Florida Aquarium, the Tampa Bay History Center, and the historic Latin Quarter of Ybor City. The stunning Gulf Coast beaches are just across the bay, and for those looking to extend their trip, Orlando's theme parks, the Kennedy Space Center, and Florida's Space Coast are just a few hours away. To celebrate the local culture, we have planned a Taste of Tampa dinner, showcasing the rich flavors and history of our city.

Davis Island Yacht Club is known as the "Sailingest Club in the South," with a membership entirely composed of passionate sailors. Our unique "Do It Yourself" spirit is evident throughout our club, where members come together to maintain and improve our facilities, fostering a strong sense of camaraderie and pride. This same dedication and enthusiasm will be on full display as we host the Star Class North American Championship, ensuring an unforgettable experience both on and off the water.

We are honored to welcome the Star Class fleet to DIYC in 2026 and look forward to an exceptional championship event.

Warm regards,

Claude Bonanni
Regatta Chair
Davis Island Yacht Club

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Welcome to DIYC



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Dear Skippers and Crew,

We're delighted to welcome you to Davis Island Yacht Club and the Star Class North American Championship. Our members and staff are proud to host the world's top A-Cat sailors here in beautiful Tampa, Florida, and we hope you'll feel right at home during your stay.

Seating in the bar and dining areas is first-come, first-served, with reservations only needed for Friday dinners and special events. All purchases at the bar, dining room, and ship's store must be paid by credit card. Dining and bar hours are posted at the Club and on our website for your convenience.

We maintain a relaxed, sailor-friendly atmosphere—shirts and shoes are required, and wet bathing suits are not permitted inside the clubhouse. DIYC is a non-smoking club; however, smoking is permitted on the northwest corner of the upper porch.

We kindly ask that you bring your dishes and glassware to the bus station after your meal. Your help in keeping the Club clean is appreciated! DIYC is proud of its Green Marina status—we recycle and encourage you to bring reusable water bottles for you and your crew. Please use recycling containers whenever possible.

Pets are not allowed inside the clubhouse, on porches, or in the pool area unless they are certified service animals. Leashed pets are welcome in the Regatta Bar, on the Point, and around the docks and slips. Please clean up after them and keep them off furniture.

Please also be mindful that manatees occasionally visit our harbor. Support boat operators should stay alert and take care when maneuvering in the basin and surrounding waters. If you have any questions, our staff and volunteers are happy to help. We're thrilled to have you here and look forward to an exceptional week of racing and camaraderie on and off the water.

Warm regards,

Sandra Soto-Cintron
General Manager - Davis Island Yacht Club

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Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 25

0900-1800 Check-in, Inspection of Boat, Team Weigh-In

Monday, October 26

0900 - 1300 Check-in, Inspection of Boat, Team Weigh-In

1400 Practice Race

1900 Opening Ceremony

Dinner Out - Kitchen Closed on Mondays

Tuesday, October 27

0830 - 1000 Continental Breakfast

0900 Competitors' Briefing

1100 First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)

After Racing Debrief with Snacks & Pub Grub menu available

Wednesday, October 28

0830 - 1000 Breakfast Buffet

0900 Competitors' Briefing

1100 First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)

After Racing Debrief with Snacks & Pub Grub menu available

Thursday, October 29

0830 - 1000 Continental Breakfast

0900 Competitors' Briefing

1100 First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)

After Racing Debrief with Snacks

1900 Taste of Tampa Dinner at the Club

Friday, October 30

0830 - 1000 Breakfast Buffet

0900 Competitors' Briefing

1100 First Warning Signal (2 races scheduled)

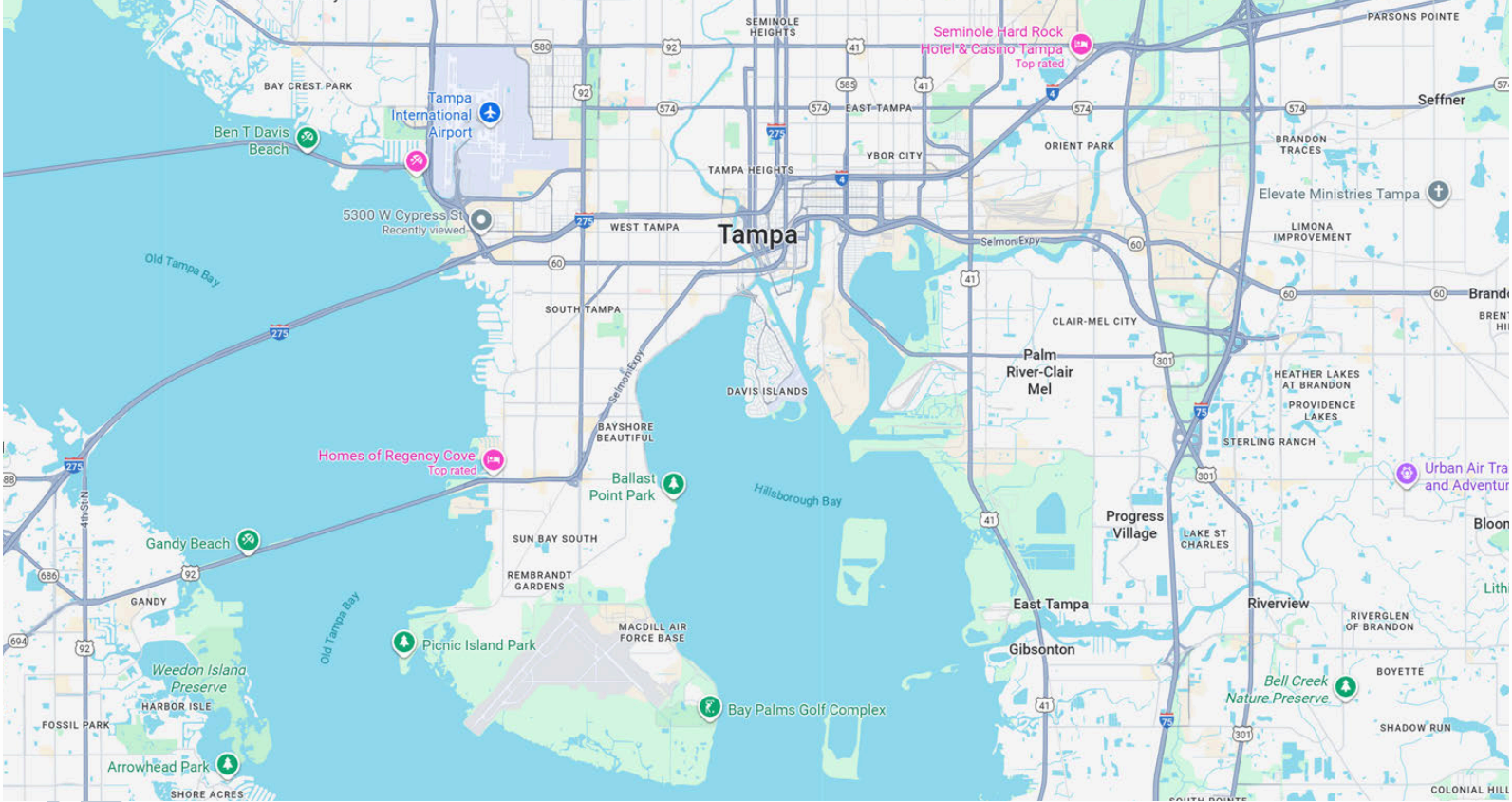
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After Race Awards Ceremony

Haul-out and De-rig

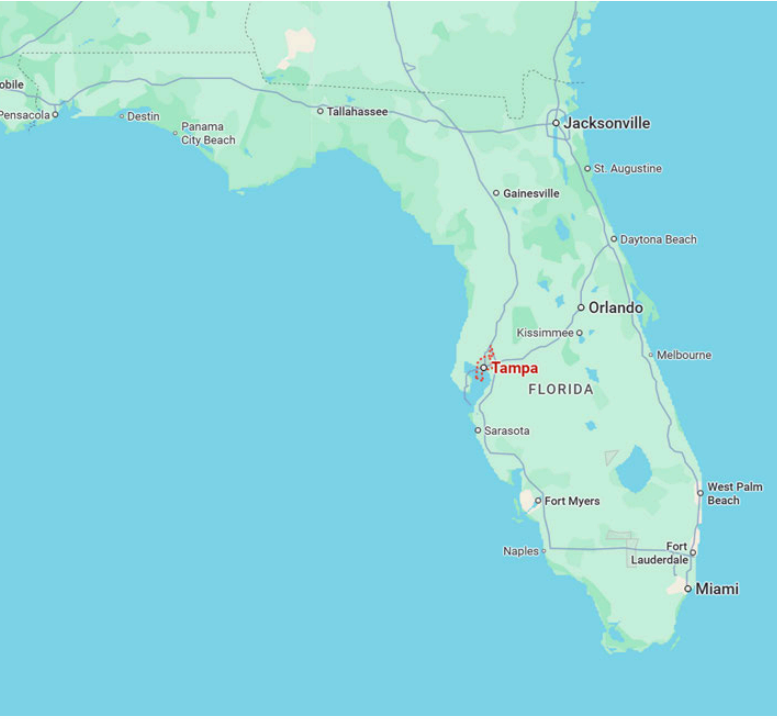
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Location

Tampa, Florida, is located on the Gulf Coast in the southeastern United States. Known for its vibrant waterfront, Tampa boasts a rich maritime history and a dynamic blend of cultures, reflected in its diverse culinary scene. While fresh seafood is a staple, the city is also known for its Cuban influence, particularly the famous Cuban sandwich. With a population of nearly 400,000, Tampa offers a mix of urban energy and coastal charm.



Davis Island Yacht Club is nestled on Davis Islands, just minutes from downtown Tampa. The club is a hub for sailing enthusiasts, offering a welcoming community and stunning views of Hillsborough Bay. Davis Islands itself has a relaxed, small-town feel, making it a favorite spot for boaters, cyclists, and those looking to escape the city's hustle while still being close to all Tampa has to offer.

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The Tampa Bay area is packed with attractions for every kind of traveler. From stunning beaches to thrilling theme parks, there's always something to explore.

Explore the Best of Tampa Bay and Beyond



Tampa: A Blend of Adventure & Culture

In Tampa, visit Busch Gardens, a world-class theme park featuring thrilling roller coasters and up-close animal encounters. For marine life enthusiasts, the Florida Aquarium offers hands-on experiences and a massive coral reef exhibit, while ZooTampa at Lowry Park is home to exotic animals and interactive wildlife experiences. For a taste of Tampa's culture, explore the Tampa Riverwalk, a scenic waterfront path connecting top attractions like the Glazer Children's Museum, the Tampa Museum of Art, and the lively bars and restaurants at Armature Works. History lovers can visit Ybor City, Tampa's historic Cuban district, where you can tour a cigar factory, enjoy authentic Cuban cuisine, or ride the vintage streetcar to downtown. Sports fans can catch a Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game at Amalie Arena, a Buccaneers football game at Raymond James Stadium, or a Rays baseball game just across the bay in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg: Arts, Beaches & Outdoor Fun

St. Pete offers the world-famous Dalí Museum, the scenic St. Pete Pier, and top-rated beaches like Clearwater Beach and Fort De Soto for sun, sand, and relaxation.

Beyond Tampa Bay: Orlando & The Space Coast

Orlando's top attractions include Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, and SeaWorld. On the Space Coast, visit the Kennedy Space Center, watch rocket launches, or relax at Cocoa Beach.

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When DP Davis developed Davis Islands, he formed a Davis Islands Yacht Club with Ceasar Irsch, his "Director of Activities" as Commodore. For several years (1925 & 1926) they sponsored a regatta for power boats, one class of which was known as The Tampa Babies – mahogany "725 Cubic inch runabouts". Apparently, the Club ceased to function when the land bust occurred, but the idea didn't die.

History of the Sailingest Club in the South

In the early 1930's, the sailors in Tampa had developed a sailboat class known as the "Tampa Bay 16-Footer". There were no restrictions as to equipment, sails, hiking boards, etc., except that the boat could not exceed 16 feet. The sailboat became one of the first class boats raced in Tampa Bay and resulted in some of the keenest competition in our history. This group of sailors called themselves the Tampa Sailing Squadron.

In 1933 the group was chartered as The Tampa Sailing Squadron and by a coin toss, Bobbie C. Davis was "elected" the first Commodore. One of its early locations was the caretaker's cottage behind the Davis Island Tennis Court.

In 1935 the Sailing Squadron moved to Marjory Park and on August 15, 1941, it changed its name to Davis Island Yacht Club. In 1935 the Club began the sponsorship of the first long distance coastal sailing race on the West Coast of Florida, the "Egmont Key Race". It has been run annually since 1935 except for the war years.

In 1942 the Club ceased to function actively as all the members had answered the call of their country to serve in World War II and the Clubhouse was leased to the Coast Guard. It was approximately 1946 before the Club began to function again.

In the mid 1940's, Davis Island Yacht Club undertook the sponsorship of two major regattas-the Gasparilla Regatta and the Thanksgiving Regatta and today the Thanksgiving Regatta is one of the largest class regattas sponsored on the West Coast of Florida. In 1947, Lightning Fleet #164 constructed some docks in the Seaplane Basin and they were the first docks for sailing located there. In the late 1940's DIYC had obtained some lots from the city on the end of Davis Island to eventually build a clubhouse on the location.

In 1955, after much negotiation with the City of Tampa, including legislation in Tallahassee in order for the land and water surrounding it be available for sailing activities, they traded those lots for a lease from the City of Tampa for the strip of land on the south end of the Seaplane Basin for a club house. After a bond issue to fund the construction, the Clubhouse was completed in 1956 on the southern tip of Davis Islands.



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In 1960, after a second bond issue and retirement of the first bond issue, more construction was planned. The facilities at DIYC underwent a major expansion adding the present swimming pool, seawall and the initial docks at the Club as well as enlarging the kitchen facilities. Since then porches were added, the bar was expanded, the docks and dry slips were expanded, and two hoists were added, one with a floating dock. Over time, the Club's lease with the city was renegotiated and it now extends to 2041.

In the late 1980's and beyond, DIYC began hosting some new sailing events. In 1989, the Old Shoe Regatta began, a single-handed, no-class regatta. DIYC began hosting the Morgan Invasion in 2006, a regatta organized around boats designed by Charley Morgan. 2010 saw both the first Hangover Bowl, a regatta scheduled for January 1st, and the resurrection of the Tampa to Ft. Myers distance race. In 2013, DIYC hosted the first Hospice Cup in conjunction with the 28th Annual Morgan Invasion and raised \$100,000 in 2024.

In 2002 it became apparent that the existing Clubhouse would have to be replaced. As a result, a Building Committee was formed, plans were drawn up and financing was obtained. The existing Clubhouse was torn down in October 2003, a triple-wide trailer was moved in for temporary quarters and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was held on November 7, 2003. On October 22, 2004 the new Clubhouse was dedicated.



In 2005, construction on the Tiki Bar and the Regatta Room was completed. The Regatta room is used as a classroom, for regatta registration and as a meeting room. The Tiki Bar was removed after a few years and construction on the Regatta Bar and Pavilion area was completed in 2013. The extension for the bottom land lease on the DIYC property was signed in 2007 and a scoring hut was built out on the point. In 2015, a ramp for dinghy sailing on the Point was built and the floating docks were expanded and refurbished. Then in 2016, 8 slips on 'B' dock and 20 slips on 'C' dock were added along with power pods for electric and water.

DIYC member Jeff Linton received the 2007 US Sailing Rolex Yachtsman of the Year Award after winning the Lightning World Championship as well as other prestigious competitions. In 2011, The National Sailing Hall of Fame was formed with DIYC as one of the founding members.

In 2014, the first club launch Guardian was decommissioned and replaced with an Island Hopper 30 pilot house, Guardian II. The transom from Guardian, was mounted on the side of the clubhouse in December 2016 where the Tiki Bar stood. It is dedicated to the members that built her and the do-it-yourself spirit of the club.

When You Arrive

Vehicle Parking

During the regatta, vehicles must be parked outside the Club gates. Temporary access is permitted during launching prep (for bow numbers, decals, and mast setup) and during haul-out.



Boat & Trailer Storage

Boat and trailer storage will be available on Club grounds. The number of available slips is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Details on slip registration and assignment will be posted on Yacht Scoring. Boats may arrive beginning Oct 19 and must depart no later than Oct 31. Additional logistics and instructions will be shared as they become available.

Trailer Storage

Trailer parking locations will be assigned prior to your arrival. Please follow volunteer directions when positioning trailers on site.

Launching

Competitors will have access to the **two hoists** on site. Hoists may not be used for washing or waxing.

Registration & Race Headquarters

Registration and race logistics will be located in the Regatta Room on the ground level facing the Bay.

Communication

Join the WhatsApp group to stay updated throughout the event. Unofficial but helpful announcements will be shared here. Use the QR code or [link](#) provided to join.



Volunteers

Our volunteers will be available to assist both on and off the water—helping with parking, bow numbers, decals, launching, and general logistics.

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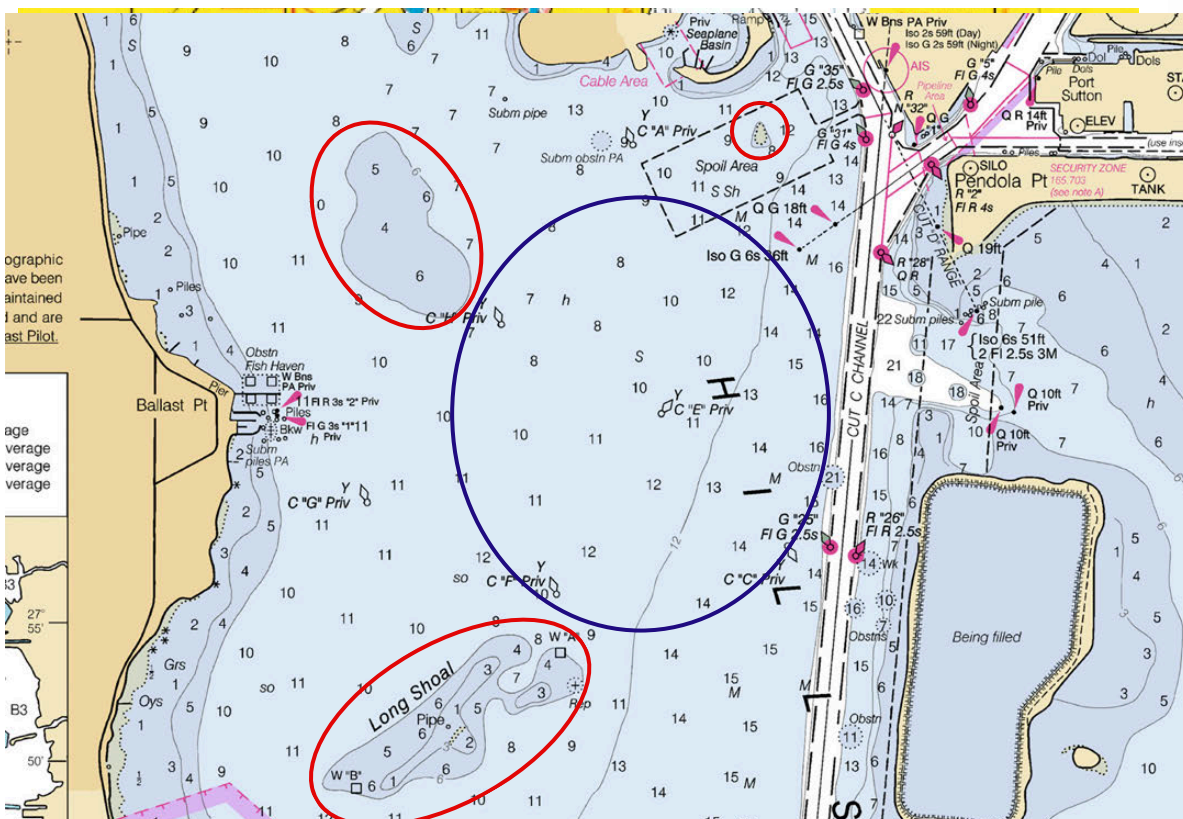
Boat Parking & Sailing Area

Parking at the Club is limited. On-site trailer parking will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with additional vehicles required to park outside the Club gates. Competitors and guests with handicap permits may park at the Clubhouse. Golf carts will assist with transporting you and your gear to your boat. Support boats may be launched at the public ramp just outside the Club grounds.

Regatta Site and Parking Plan



Approximate Racing Area (in BLUE circle)



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Launching



Competitors will launch their boats using the two hoists available at the Club. Hoists must be operated by an experienced person, and no work may be done while a boat is suspended. We recommend applying bow numbers while your boat is still on the trailer. Boats may be launched and left on the floating dock overnight throughout the regatta or, if space allows, moved back to the assigned storage area on shore. Wash-down stations will be available during haul-outs.

Depending on the number of boats entered, it may not be possible for all boats to be hauled out each day. If necessary, an odd- and even-day rotation for haul-out and on-shore storage will be implemented. While we understand and share the preference for boats to come out of the water daily, this rotation may be required to safely accommodate all competitors. Details will be communicated prior to the start of racing.

Volunteers will be available to assist with parking throughout the regatta, to assist with launching on the first day of racing, and to assist with haul-out on the final day of the regatta.



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Principal Race Officer Paul Leonard



Certifications

- US Sailing Regional Race Officer
- US Sailing Club Judge

Principal Race Officer Experience

International Star Class

- 2002 Star Championship of the Western Hemisphere, Tampa FL

World Championships

- 2002 International Fireball Class: PRO International Week, DRO Worlds Week, Tampa. FL

North American Championships

- 2025 Wetas, Lake Waccamaw, NC
- 2021 Waszps, Tampa, FL

National Championships

- 2023 Tanzer 16s, Lake Waccamaw, NC
- 2023, 2024, 2025 Isotopes, Lake Waccamaw, NC

Southeastern Regional Events

- 2021 to present - Semiannual multiclass Portsmouth regattas, Lake Waccamaw NC
- 2024 Multiclass Sailboards "Fall Classic", Lake Lanier, GA
- 2022 Thistles "Old Goat", Lake Lanier, GA
- 2024 Catalinas "Punchbowl", Lake Martin, AL
- Various - Annual PHRF Regattas, Apollo Beach, FL
- 2021 to Present - the bulk of Davis Island Yacht Club's Boat Of The Year PHRF program, Tampa, FL

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Medical Facilities and Safety

Tampa General Hospital

Tampa General Hospital is a private not-for-profit hospital and one of the most comprehensive medical facilities in West Central Florida serving a dozen counties with a population in excess of 4 million. As one of the largest hospitals in Florida, TGH is only a 5-minute drive away from DIYC.

Consistently recognized for world-class care, Tampa General Hospital is ranked as the #1 hospital in Tampa Bay by U.S. News & World Report for 2024-25 and is nationally ranked as among the top 50 hospitals in the nation in eight specialties. Additionally, Tampa General was ranked as “high performing,” or among the top 10% of hospitals in the nation, in five more specialties along with 12 procedures and conditions.



We take safety very seriously, and we will have safety personnel on the water and will be working with First Responders throughout the event.

Tampa Fire Station 17 is located on Davis Island and is very close to the water and DIYC. It has multiple forms of rescue vehicles including a rescue boat and marine trained staff.



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Travel Logistics



Air Arrival

The Tampa Bay area is served by Tampa International Airport (TPA), Orlando International Airport (MCO), and St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) for international flights.

- Tampa International Airport (TPA): Offers nonstop international flights to destinations in Europe, Canada, Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, there are direct flights to London and Frankfurt.
- Orlando International Airport (MCO): Approximately 90 minutes from Tampa, MCO provides a broader range of international flights, including multiple direct routes to major European cities such as Dublin, London, Paris, and Madrid.
- St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE): Primarily serves domestic and seasonal international flights, with some service to Canada.



Davis Island Yacht Club



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Sandra Soto-Cintrón



Car Arrival

Exit 1-275 at Ashley Street. Proceed south to Kennedy Boulevard and turn right. Proceed over the bridge to the first traffic light which is Hyde Park Avenue then turn left. Continue straight to the Davis Islands bridge which turns into Davis Boulevard and veer right at the fork onto West Davis Boulevard. Continue to the traffic circle. Yield and continue straight onto Severn Avenue. The Yacht Club is at the terminus of Severn Ave.

Accommodations

Tampa Marriott Water Street
700 S. Florida Ave
(4.0 miles from DIYC)
(813) 221-4900

**JW Marriott Tampa
Water Street**
505 Water Street
(4.0 miles from DIYC)
(813) 221-4950

Hilton Tampa Downtown
211 N. Tampa Street
(4.0 miles from DIYC)
(813) 204-3000

Hotel Tampa Riverwalk
200 N. Ashley Drive
(4.0 miles from DIYC)
(813) 223-2222

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa
Downtown Convention Center**
513 S. Florida Ave
(4.0 miles from DIYC)
(813) 769-8300

ALOFT Tampa Downtown
100 W. Kennedy Blvd.
(4.1 miles from DIYC)
(813) 898-8000

The Westin Tampa
Waterside, FL 33602
725 S. Harbour Island Blvd
(4.2 miles from DIYC)
(813) 229-5000

The Tampa EDITION
Water Street
(4.2 miles from DIYC)
(813) 221-4600

**Residence Inn Tampa
Downtown**
101 E. Tyler Street
(4.3 miles from DIYC)
(813) 221-4224

Hyatt Place/Hyatt House
325 N. Florida Ave
(4.3 miles from DIYC)
(813) 616-1234

**Courtyard By Marriott
Tampa Downtown**
102 E. Cass Street
(4.4 miles from DIYC)
(813) 229-1100

**Le Méridien Tampa,
The Courthouse**
601 N. Florida Ave
(4.5 miles from DIYC)
(813) 221-9555

The Floridan Palace Hotel
905 N. Florida Ave
(4.6 miles from DIYC)
(813) 225-1700

**The Barrymore Hotel
Tampa Riverwalk**
111 W. Fortune Street
(4.7 miles from DIYC)
(813) 223-1351

**Home2 Suites Channel
District**
1155 E. Kennedy Blvd.
(4.8 miles from DIYC)
(813) 525-9900

Prefer a vacation rental? Tampa offers plenty of great options through [Airbnb](#) and [Vrbo](#).

For the easiest access to Davis Island Yacht Club, we recommend staying in or near:

- **Davis Islands** – Closest to the Club, quiet and convenient.
- **Downtown / Channelside** – Steps from the Riverwalk, dining, and nightlife.
- **Hyde Park & Midtown** – Trendy shops, restaurants, and walkable streets.
- **Ybor City** – Historic charm, great food, and lively nightlife.

Wherever you stay, aim for locations within a 10–15 minute drive of the Club for the smoothest commute.

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Where to Eat

Top Steakhouses

Bern's Steak House
1208 S Howard Ave.
813 251-2421

Meat Market Steakhouse
1606 W Snow Ave.
813 280-1113

Malio's Prime Steakhouse
400 N Ashley Dr.
813 223-7746

Charley's Steak House
4444 W Cypress St.
813 353-9706

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
& Wine Bar
4325 W Boy Scout Blvd.
813 286-7487

The Capital Grille
2223 N Westshore Blvd.
813 830-9433

Council Oak Steaks & Seafood
5223 Orient Rd.
813 627-7629

Renzo's Steakhouse
1603 E 8th Ave.
813 251-1771

Hearty Breakfasts

Daily Eats
901 S Howard Ave.
813 868-3335

La Segunda Central Bakery
2512 N 13th St.
813 248-1531

Willa's
1700 W Fig St
813 519-4552

Top Local Flavors

Columbia Restaurant
2117 E 7th Ave.
813 248-2922

Bodega
2307 E 7th Ave.
813 248-9938

Ulele
1810 N Highland Ave.
813 999-4952

Rooster & The Till
6500 N Florida Ave
727 446-4844

Best Rooftop Bars

Azure at The Tampa EDITION
500 Channelside Dr,
813 314-4000

Beacon Rooftop Lounge
510 Water St, 27th floor,
JW Marriott,
813 204-6391

Casa Cami
211 W Ashley Dr, 10th floor,
The Current Hotel
813 999-5188

M.Bird
1910 N Ola Ave above
Armature Works
813 248-1910

EDGE Rooftop Cocktail Lounge
1207 S Howard Ave
Epicurean Hotel
813 769-2626

Luna Lounge at Bulla Gastrobar
803 S Howard Ave, 5th floor
813 831-7937

Davis Islands Eats

220 East
220 E Davis Blvd.
813 251-6400

Oggi Italian
236 E Davis Blvd.
813 252-7778

Islands Pizza Tavern
235 E Davis Blvd.
813 293-4326

Grecian Island Restaurant
223 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-4239

Thai Island
210 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-9898

Margaritas Mexican Restaurant
209 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-3463

Farrell's on the Island
311 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-4910

Spartaco's Kitchen
230 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-4000

DI Coffee Bar
311 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-1359

Bake 'n Babes
231 E Davis Blvd.
813 254-1535

Anchor Bar (Member Owned)
225 E Davis Blvd.
813 251-4384

Molly Malone's Irish Pub
200 E Davis Blvd.
813 251-2379



Boatworks and Services

Local

Doyle Sails Gulf Coast - Josh Wilus
2701 Fairfield Ave S, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
727-853-5334
<https://doylegulfcoast.com/>

North Sails - Brian Malone
1320 20th Street North, Florida, 33713
727-898-1123
<https://www.northsails.com/en-us/pages/sailloft-st-petersburg-florida-us>

Haul Out:
Embree Marine
201 16th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-896-0671
Info@embreemarine.com

Shell Point Marina
3340 W Shell Point Rd, Ruskin, FL 33570
813-645-1313
<https://www.shellpointmarina.com/>

Rigging:
Paradise Mobile Yacht Service
727-327-3334
<https://www.paradiseyachtservice.com/>

The Yacht Rigger
200 14th Ave SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-490-9553
<https://theyachtrigger.com>

Trailers:
TA Mahoney
4990 E Adamo Dr, Tampa, FL 33605
813-241-6500
<https://tamahoney.com/>

Dale Mabry Hitches
5261 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33611
813-839-6244
<https://dalemabryhitch.com/>

Doug Weatherby - Fiberglass Repair
727-433-0999
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STAR NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP A TASTE OF TAMPA

29 OCTOBER DINNER



The culinary history of the Tampa Bay area is a vibrant blend of cultures, shaped by generations of Cuban, Spanish, Italian, Caribbean, and Southern influences. From Ybor City to the waterfront, Tampa's food scene reflects a rich heritage rooted in tradition, community, and bold flavors.

Taste of Tampa celebrates this diverse culinary landscape, bringing together the essence of the Bay in a thoughtfully curated dinner buffet. Guests can expect an immersive dining experience inspired by the region's history and local character—designed to highlight the flavors that make Tampa truly unique.