



The Pennington Cup

St Petersburg Yacht Club @ PAG

2301 Pass-A-Grille Way

St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706

March 9, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority for this regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the current *WFPHRF Class Rules*. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

1.2 This race is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.

1.3 This regatta is an Official St. Petersburg Yacht Club Boat of the Year, Suncoast Boat of the Year and S.P.O.R.C. event.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 The Official Notice Board will be the Yacht Scoring Website for this event. If appropriate, copies of amendments may be placed on a supplementary Notice Board located at the Pass-a-grille SPYC Location. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

2.2 Protest/Jury Notices, including the schedule of protests and requests for redress, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

2.3 The Race Committee may make Broadcasts ashore on the designated channels before, during, or after racing for Safety and Race Committee Communications to competitors. The timing, order of the broadcast, or the failure of competitors to hear the broadcast, will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 60.19(b).

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0815 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at SPYC at Pass-A-Grille.

4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes." This changes Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Race

5.1 Saturday - March 9, 2024 1100 First Warning signal

5.2 One Race is scheduled for all Classes. One race constitutes a regatta.

6. Classes and Class Flags

Spinnaker	White
Racer/Cruiser & Non-Spinnaker	Yellow
Cruiser	Purple

7. Racing and Starting Areas

7.1 The racing area is in the Gulf of Mexico between John's Pass and Pass-a-Grille.

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8. Marks

8.1 The Starting and Finishing mark for all classes will be the Pass-a-Grille Entrance Mark, North Channel, MO (A) 16 ft 5m "PG".

8.2 All other marks are as described in Appendix B.

9. Courses

9.1 Courses for all Classes are as described in Appendix B.

9.3 The course for each class will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat.

10. Checking In

Before the start of the first race, each boat shall check in with the signal boat via VHF Channel 63, or by passing by the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing the sail number. Only the race committee may protest a boat under this rule.

11. The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay well clear of the starting area during other classes starting sequences.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

11.4 Order of Starts

First Start	Spinnaker
Second Start	Cruiser

12. Recalls

12.1 After the starting signal, the race committee will attempt to hail, on VHF channel 63, the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 or 30.1. The delay of such a hail, or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1

(a).

12.2 If the race committee signals a general recall, the division that has been recalled shall start AFTER all other divisions have started. If more than one division has a general recall, then each recalled division shall restart in their respective starting position AFTER all other divisions have started. This changes RRS 29.2.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finish line will be between the staff from which a Blue flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the finish mark.

14. Penalty Systems

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (a), (b), (c) will apply when a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2. A boat may not take a Two-Turn penalty. The One-turn will apply when a boat may have broken RRS 31.

An Alternative Acknowledgement form will be available at the Protest Desk for those who have taken a penalty.

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15. Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for all boats is 1730. Boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

15.2 If there is a postponement, the time limit will not be extended.

16. Retiring

Any boat retiring from the race shall inform a race committee boat (VHF channel 63) or the SPYC at Pass-a-Grille (727-360-1646) as soon as possible.

17. Protests

17.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee on the finishing boat immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee within 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat for that class docks at Pass-a-Grille.

17.3 Protest forms will be available on or near the supplementary notice board.

17.4 No later than 15 minutes after the end of protest time, a schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

18. Communications

18.1 The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 63 during the starts and VHF Channel 16 and VHF 63 during the race.

18.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 18.1.

18.3 The competitors' channel will be VHF Channel 63.

18.4 There will be courtesy announcements on VHF Channel 63 during the start. Nothing said over VHF Channel 63 for courtesy reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.

18.5 The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access Y.S. to receive all communications posted.

18.7 The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2[C] to make changes to NOR and /or SI's on the water.

19. Scoring and Prizes

19.1 Corrected times will be based on the WFPHRF handicap systems: Random Leg Rating (RLC) for all Classes.

19.2 Spinnaker Classes will be scored ORC Triple All Purpose for SPYC BOTY and WFPHRF Class RLC for Suncoast BOTY.

19.3 Competitors will be dual scored if entered in both ORC and WFPHRF.

19.4 Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers (based on corrected times) in each class with at least four entries. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

20. Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

20.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

20.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to

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comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

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APPENDIX B

MARKS & COURSES

MARK DESCRIPTIONS

"JP" Mark	Government Fixed Mark	John's Pass Entrance Mark MO (A) 16ft 6M "JP"	
"PG" Mark	Government Fixed Mark	Pass-a-grille Entrance Mark North Channel MO (A) 16 ft 5M "PG"	
"BP" Mark	Yellow Tet Dropped Mark	Vicinity of Blind Pass -one- mile southwesterly Approximate coordinates	N27'43.94" W82'46.13"
"EG" Mark	Government Fixed Mark	Egmont Channel Lighted Bouy Red "12" FL R6s	N27' 36.30" W82' 50.43"
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"A" Mark	Green Tet Dropped Mark	1.5 NM West of BP Mark Approximate Coordinates	N27'44.03" W82'47.95"
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"C" Mark	Orange Tet Dropped Mark	3.0 NM West of "BP" Mark Approximate Coordinates	N27'44.09" W82'49.59"
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COURSES

NOTE: "P" means Round mark to Port

"S" means Round mark to Starboard

COURSE "A"

START

BP-P

JP-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 12.6

COURSE "B"

START

JP-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 12.6

COURSE "C"

START

BP-P

JP-S

BP-S

A-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 16.6

COURSE "D"

START

BP-P

EG-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 18.1

COURSE "G"

START

EG-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 18.1

COURSE "H"

START

C-S

JP-S

BP-S

C-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 18.4

COURSE "J"

START

BP-P

JP-S

BP-S

C-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 19.0

COURSE "K"

START

JP-S

BP-S

PG-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 19.4

COURSE "M"

START

JP-S

BP-S

A-S

JP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 20.1

COURSE "N"

START

EG-S

JP-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 23.0

COURSE "P"

START

BP-P

JP-P

EG-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 23.0

COURSE "R"

START

JP-S

A-P

EG-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 23.2

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COURSE "T"

START

JP-S

BP-S

A-P

EG-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 25.4

COURSE "U"

START

EG-S

A-S

BP-P

JP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 25.4
