



2021 Cruising World Rally Race

April 3, 2021

St Petersburg Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing World is the organizing authority (OA) of this event. St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) is the host club and will provide race management.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.

1.3 All boats will be governed by the inland navigational rules of the road.

1.4 Per RRS 42.3 (i), a competitor may use their engine or other method to propel themselves so as to avoid impeding or interfering with commercial vessel traffic, provided that competitor does not gain a significant advantage.

1.5 West Florida PHRF handicaps will apply for all divisions. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruising Class are being offered. In the event that there are insufficient entries for a specific class, received entries will be entered in an existing class and scored using their original class rating including all adjustments.

1.6 In the Cruising Class: Free-flying headsails are permitted and shall be tacked to the deck. Use of dousing sock and tackers is optional. Use of a cruising spinnaker shall be declared by emailing nood@sailingworld.com no later than 1000 on Friday April 2nd, 2021 and will reduce the Non-Spinnaker Offset by 50%.

1.7 [DP] All boats are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Links to these documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13224 as they become available.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13224. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.



3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Initial Warning Signal is scheduled to be made at 1015 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Cruiser Class & Non-Spin Class – Code Flag Foxtrot

Racer Cruiser Class – Yellow Flag

6.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

7 RACING AREA

The diagram contained in Addendum A provides the approximate starting location in Tampa Bay.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Race committee may assign a different course to each class based on the number of entries, on estimated average boat speeds in each class, and weather conditions of the day.

8.3 No later than the warning signal for each class, the race committee signal boat will display the course letter on a course board for the respective class.

9 MARKS

All marks will be Government aids to navigation.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. The starting area is defined as the area extending approximately 150 feet to windward and to leeward of the starting line and 150 feet to either end.

10.3 A boat starting later than eight minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.



10.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF Channel 69.

10.5 The race committee may combine sections for a start.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

12.2 RRS Appendix T - ARBITRATION - will apply.

13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1800. If there is a postponement before the first warning signal, the time limit will be extended by the duration of that postponement, but not to exceed one hour.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protests shall be written on US SAILING protest forms (available at the protest desk in the 1909 Room) and delivered there within one hour of the docking of the race committee finish boat for the division involved.

14.2 The times of protest hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing).

15 SCORING

Boats will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Distance (TOD).

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. A boat may notify the race committee using the designated VHF hailing channel.

17 ADVERTISING

17.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

17.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., boom stickers and/or flags.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to communication technologies.



18.2 The courtesy VHF broadcast channels will be CH 69.

18.3 A boat shall not request redress for errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts. This changes rule 62.1(a).

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be available for pickup Saturday evening till 1930 and again on Sunday in the 1909 room at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

21 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever for editorial, commercial purposes, or to be used in press information.

22 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA and St Petersburg Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22.2 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 destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

22.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

2021 Cruising World Rally – Addendum “A”

Courses and Marks of the Course for Cruiser & Racer/Cruisers

*Note: See latest NOAA Chart and Notice to Mariners for exact locations & descriptions

<u>Marks</u>			<u>Approximate</u>
<u>Mark #</u>	<u>Mark Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Lat/Long</u>
1	Cut ‘J’ Range	Iso 6s 50ft Fl 4s 5m “A” Fl 4s 5m “B”	27 45.0 N 082 34.3 W
2	Cut ‘B’ Range (south corner of measured mile)	Iso 6s 57ft	27 42.0 N 082 34.1 W
3	Cut ‘B’ Range	Q 18ft	27 41.3 N 082 34.7 W
4	Cut ‘C’ Lower Range (NE end of Range)	QR 27ft	27 40.2 N 082 36.3 W
5	Cut ‘C’ Lower Range (SW end of Range)	Iso R6s 56ft	27 39.8 N 082 37.1 W
6	ICW Market “7”	Fl G 6s 16ft 5M “7”	27 43.1 N 082 36.6 W

Courses

All Marks shall be rounded
on the starboard side

Approximate
Rated Distance

<u>A</u>	Start #1 - # 3 - # 5 – Finish # 6	9.84 nm
<u>B</u>	Start #1 - # 3 - # 5 - # 6 - # 3 – Finish # 6	14.86 nm
<u>C</u>	Start #1 - # 3 - # 5 - # 6 - # 4 – Finish # 6	15.68 nm
<u>D</u>	Start #1 - # 3 - # 5 - # 6 - # 3 - # 4 – Finish # 6	17.06 nm