

73rd Annual St. Petersburg  
Winter Lightning Championship  
March 20-24, 2021  
NOTICE OF RACE

**SPYC COVID-19 Policies**

All CDC, State of Florida, County and City of St Pete guidelines/restrictions will be strictly followed along with the SPYC/SPSC Covid rules and regulations.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME. If cancellation becomes necessary, entry fee will be refunded.**

All persons on SPYC/SPSC property shall wear a mask/face covering at all times while on site. This includes the parking lot, breezeways, classrooms, restrooms and docks.

Temperature checks may be performed on all persons entering all SPYC facility.

It is critical to be mindful of how you feel, and, particularly when ANY of the potential COVID-19 symptoms are present, to please stay home.

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Due to the current restrictions for large gatherings due to Covid-19, we are going to forgo the traditional banquet.

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**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024) and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships.
- 1.3 RRS 44.2 shall apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.
- 1.4 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 will be deleted.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 shall be replaced by-“If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instruction shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to the first 35 entrants with online entry **beginning at 1000 hours on February 1<sup>st</sup>**. A wait list will be formed after that.
- 2.2 The skipper and crew must be members of the ILCA.
- 2.3 An approved Measurement Certificate must be available to the ILCA Office for each boat entered.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.SPYC.org> (regattas) or Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> . Payments will be through Yacht Scoring. Any questions please contact SPYC Regatta Director Todd Fedyszyn at 727/822-3113 or [todd@spyc.org](mailto:todd@spyc.org). You may also contact Regatta Chair Karen Park at 727/244-2582 or [crewaa@gmail.com](mailto:crewaa@gmail.com).
- 2.5 No boats entry will be final without a completed and signed online [YS] waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an online [YS] waiver. The skipper shall inform the OA &/or PRO of same prior to the first warning that day.
- 2.6 Boats may simultaneously compete in any of the Championship, Masters, and Woody divisions.

2.7 Master qualifications: The skipper must be at least 55 years of age as of 12/31/2021 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/2021.

2.8 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

### 3. FEES

3.1 Entry fee: \$125.00 per boat.

3.2 Entry Fees include four days of racing, \$15 dollars to the ILCA, trophies, and the 7% Florida sales tax.

### 4. SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday- March 17

1800

Competitors' Meeting via ZOOM, daily briefings at SC each morning of sailing

#### Saturday -March 20

1200-1600

Registration ----- *SP Sailing Center*

#### Sunday -March 21

1000

Warning, first race of the day

#### Monday- March 22

1000

Warning, first race of the day

#### Tuesday - March 23

1000

Warning, first race of the day

#### Wednesday – March 24

First Warning-----1000

No Warning after 1500

Awards 2 hours after racing

Winter Championship Awards -----Sailing Center

### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

### 6. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.

**No vehicle parking is allowed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center or SPYC.**

### 7. VENUE

The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, East of the new St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

### 8. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

### 9. SCORING

9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.

9.2 Ten races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.3 Only the first two races each day will be scored in the Masters and Woody divisions

### 10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Championship division, first through third in the Masters division and first in the Woody division providing three or more Woody entries are racing. Winter Championship Tampa Bay MidFleet Award and the Colin Park Memorial Trophy awarded to the top placing married couple.

### 11. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

**11.1** The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios to receive communications from the Race Committee on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On the Course Side of the starting line) after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for granting redress.

**11.2** Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing instructions. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

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

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

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND PERSONAL CONDUCT**

**12.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**12.2** 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 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.

*As a condition of my entry in the Winter Lightning Championship, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing a competitive sport, waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the Lightning Class Association and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, their respective officers, trustees, contractors, employees and members, and against any and all volunteers which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the regatta and its organizers and sponsors. I further agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I certify that my boat has a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.*

## **13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS**

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas> for Club Cards

**Accommodations, Event Schedule; General Information with Tips, Maps & Parking; Racing Area Chart**

**Yacht Scoring for registration, NOR, and Results** <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

**FOR HELP Contact:**

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*By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.*