



69th Annual St. Petersburg Winter Lightning Championship



March 17-20, 2016

Organizing Authority and Host: St. Petersburg Yacht Club ("SPYC")

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"). If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

RRS 41 "Outside Help" is changed by SI 18.

RRS Appendix T, Sections A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING), B (POST-RACE PENALTIES) and D (ARBITRATION) will apply. Appendix T, paragraph T1 reads: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee at Registration, which closes at 1700 on Thursday.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the notice board located inside the St. Petersburg Sailing Center ("SPSC"). Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed by 0830 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the racing schedule will be posted on the prior day: on Thursday by 1900, and on Saturday and Sunday by the protest time limit or 1700, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the South side of the SPSC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

1400-1700 Thursday	Registration in SPYC Regatta Room (1 st floor, NE corner)
1730 Thursday	Competitors' Meeting in SPYC Ballroom (2 nd floor, N side)
1000 Friday	Warning Signal for first race; racing continues
1000 Saturday	Warning Signal for next race; racing continues
1000 Sunday	Warning Signal for next race; racing continues
1400 Sunday	No Starting Signal will be made after this time
ASAP Sunday	Awards at SPSC
2100 Sunday	Sailing Center gates closed and locked
0500 Monday	Sailing Center gates opened

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Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. After the first race of the day, the race committee will display flag F for at least five minutes before the first warning signal for any subsequent race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the International Lightning Class insignia on a white field.

7 RACING AREA

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

8 COURSES

The attached diagram shows the course designations, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left. The race committee will post, on the signal boat, the course designation, and the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

9 MARKS

The starting marks will be race committee boats.

Original marks 1, 2G, R and 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

Mark 1A (the offset mark) will be an orange tomato.

New marks (see SI 13) will be green tetrahedrons.

The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a yellow cylinder.

10 CHECKING IN

When a race committee signal boat displays flag L while anchored prior to a warning signal, competitors shall come within hail and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats that fail to check in will be assigned a ten (10) place scoring penalty without a hearing [see RRS 44.3(c)]. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11 STARTING AND FINISHING

The starting line will be between the staffs from which orange flags are displayed on the race committee boats at the ends of the starting line. The race committee will display visual starting sequence signals and make sound signals ONLY from the starboard-end boat. Recall flags will be displayed from both ends of the starting line.

The race committee may set a guide buoy (a small orange tomato) near the middle of the starting line. This buoy is not a mark of the course.

If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

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12 RECALLS

The race committee will, after the starting signal, hail on VHF channel 72 the bow or sail numbers of OCS boats and boats that have not complied with rule 30.1. The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.

14 TIME LIMITS

A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

If no boat that has started rounds the windward mark within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

The time limit is 150 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

Competitors are requested to report their intention to protest to the finish boat as soon as possible after finishing.

Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the SPSC within 45 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be displayed on the notice board. Requests for redress involving OCS scores shall be delivered within 30 minutes of the displaying of OCS information or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

A list of protests received will be displayed on the notice board not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be displayed on the notice board. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b).

Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the SPSC.

Boats are prohibited from protesting under any rule related to advertising, and Sailing Instructions 2 and 10. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision prior to the last day of racing; or,
- (b) no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

On the last day of racing, requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

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16 SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Seven (7) races are scheduled. One completed race shall constitute a series. No race scores will be excluded from a boat's series score unless five (5) or more races are completed.

For purposes of scoring the Masters and Woody divisions, only the first two races each day will be included, and each division will be scored including only boats competing in that division.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the first five (5) boats in the Championship, the first three (3) boats in the Masters class, and the first boat in the Woody class (provided three or more boats are registered in the Woody class).

18 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS (This changes RRS 41.)

The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for **receiving** communications from the race committee on channel 72, and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

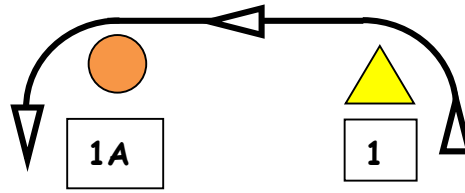
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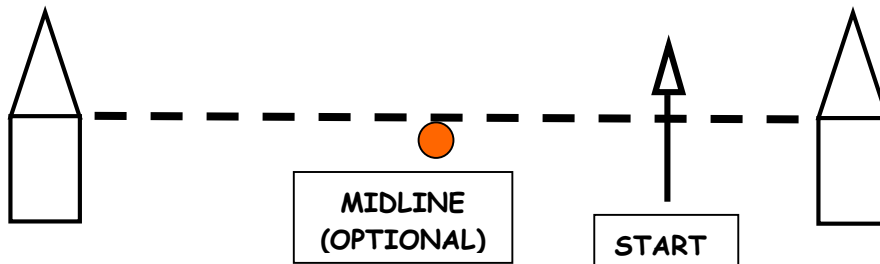
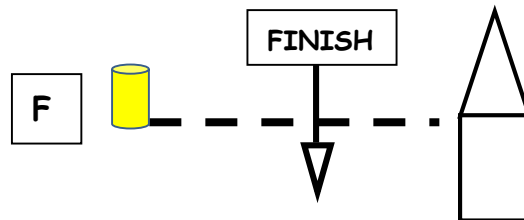
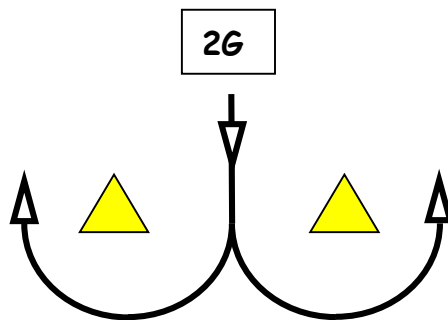
TIDES FOR ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 17-20, 2016

	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>	<u>LOW</u>	<u>HIGH</u>
THUR	0521 -0.2	1341 +1.2	1540 +1.2	2207 +1.9
FRI	0621 -0.2	1352 +1.3	1719 +1.1	2331 +1.8
SAT	0707 -0.2	1408 +1.4	1827 +0.9	
SUN	0742 -0.2	1424 +1.5	1918 +0.7	

WINDWARD-LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



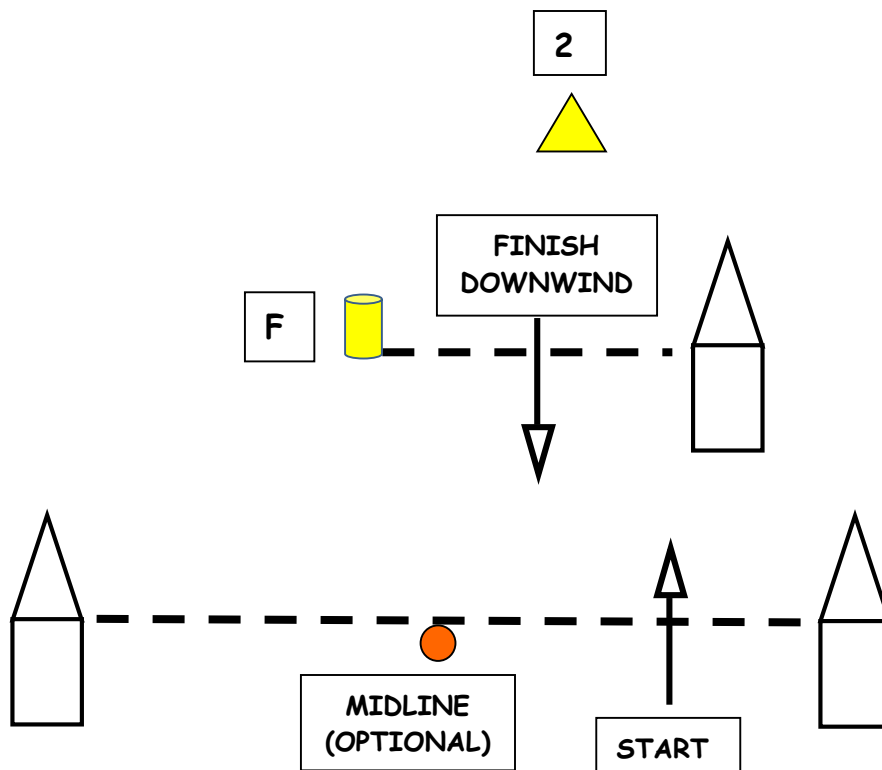
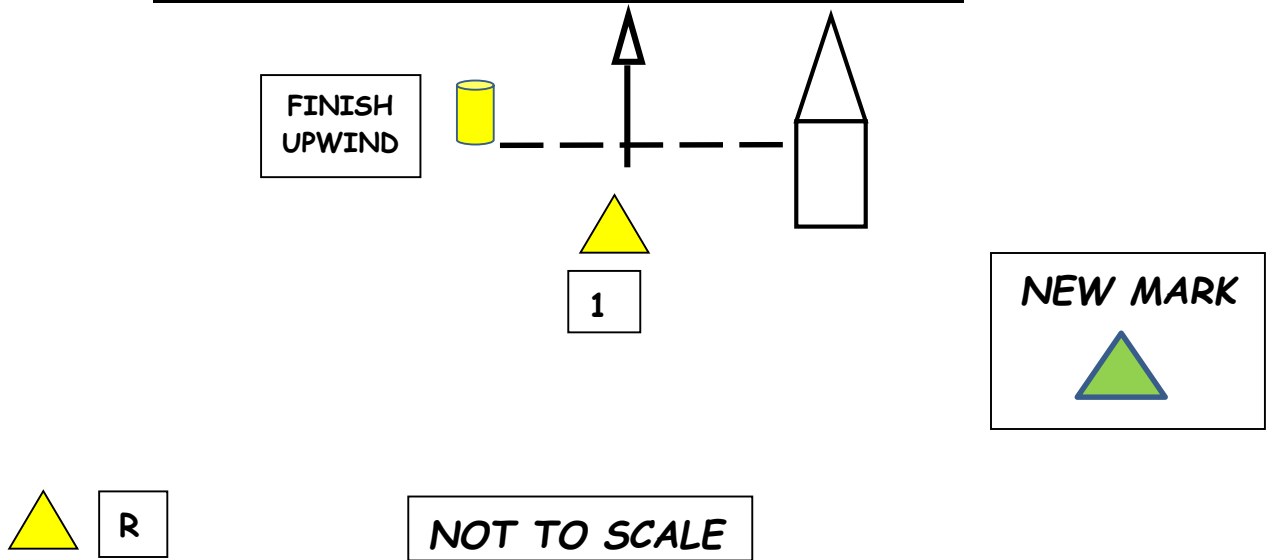
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COURSE 4: START-1(port)-1A(port)-2G-1(port)-1A(port)-FINISH

COURSE 6: START-1(port)-1A(port)-2G-1(port)-1A(port)-2G-1(port)-1A(port)-FINISH

TRIANGLE COURSE DIAGRAM



COURSE 5R: START-1(port)-R(port)-2(port)-1(port)-FINISH (downwind)
 COURSE 6R: START-1(port)-R(port)-2(port)-1(port)-2(port)-FINISH (upwind)