



The Pennington Cup

St. Petersburg Beach @ PAG
2301 Pass-A-Grille Way
St. Pete Beach Florida 33706

Notice of Race

March 4, 2023

WFPHRF Boat of the Year and SPORC Event

The Organizing Authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg, FL

Amendment 1 **NOR 3.2 has been deleted**

1. Rules

1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in 2021-2024 *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the current WFPHRF *Class Rules*. 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 is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Advertising shall be restricted to ISAF Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

3. Eligibility & Entry

3.1 Classes will be Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising and One Design. All classes must hold current WFPHRF Certificates with -100 to 320 ratings. See www.westfloridaphrf.org

3.2 Deleted

3.3 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class either One Design, PHRF or ORC. Any class with less than 4 will be placed in appropriate PHRF division.

3.4 Skippers in Cruising Class must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700 Thursday, March 2, 2023.

3.5 All entries must be done on Yacht Scoring.

3.1 Each entry must include a complete and accurate list of all crew participating in this event.

3.2 Waivers must be signed electronically by the skipper and all crew participating in this event.

3.3 A boat's entry will not be final without a completed and signed online (YS) waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that substitute crew member must complete and sign an on line (YS) waiver.

3.4 No boat will scored without completing all entry requirements.

4. Entry Fees - All fees include tax.

\$80.00 prior to February 18, 2023 for USSA Member with copy of card.

\$85.00 prior to February 18, 2023 for NON-USSA members.

\$85.00 AFTER February 18 until March 2, 2023 by 1700. **No Reduction for USSA Members**

4.1 Deadline for entries is **1700 Thursday, March 2, 2023**. Entries after that date may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with a reasonable explanation and will pay an entry fee of **\$115**.

4.2 A 48 hr. cancellation policy is in effect.

4.3 Entry fee includes two tickets for the Saturday After-Race party.

4.4 Boats that entered and withdraw in writing prior to **Wednesday, March 1, 2023** will receive a refund of their entry fee less an Administrative fee of \$25.00

5. Schedules

5.1 Friday, March 3 – Registration will be done electronically unless there is a need for an in person meeting.

5.2 Competitors meeting, if needed, will take place electronically.

5.3 Saturday, March 4 0800 – Complimentary Continental Breakfast.

5.4 First Warning will be at 1100 Saturday, March 4, 2023.

5.5 After race beverages, food and Awards starting at 1800.

5.6 Sunday March 5, 2023 Make-Up date with First Warning signal at 1000.

5.7 One race is scheduled for all Classes.

6. The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC website and on Yacht Scoring by Friday, March 3, 2023.

7. Venues

Landside activities will be at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club @ PAGYC, 2301 Pass-A-Grille Way. The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico between Pass-a-Grille Entrance Marker “PG” and the John’s Pass Entrance Marker “JP” and not more than 5 miles west of the coastline. If weather conditions do not permit safe passage through the PAG channel, there will be an Alternate course designated in the Sailing Instructions.

8. The Courses

8.1 The courses may be a combination of drop marks and/or government marks as described in the Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The courses raced shall be configured for the WFPHRF and ORC Radom Leg Rating (RLC).

9. Penalty Systems

9.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (a), (b), (c) will apply.

9.2 Competitors must complete the Alternative Penalty Acknowledgement form and turn it in prior to the end of the protest period as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. Scoring – The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply using the WFPHRF and ORC rating for RLC, except no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

11. Berthing

Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the SPYC@PAG Dockmaster, when arriving for the race and returning after the race has been completed. Phone # 727-822-3227 email Dockmaster@spyc.org

12. Radio Communications

12.1 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 cell phones.

12.2 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 63 for courtesy communications from/to regatta participants.

12.3 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee Signal Boat as soon as possible on Channel 63 or 16.

12.4 The Official Bulletin board will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access YS to receive all communications posted.

12.5 The Race Committee may use RRS90.2(C) to make changes to the NOR and/or the SIs on the water.

13. Awards

Awards will be given as follows: Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second and Third Place awards will be given for each division. The Perpetual Pennington Cup trophy will awarded to the overall winner in each of the Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser and Cruising classes.

14. Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

14.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3: Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Sponsors, the race committee, officers and Board of Directors of SPYC and all those involved in these organizations will not

accept any responsibility for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after this regatta.

14.2 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 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 disqualification on the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

15. Further Information - This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ocean Racing Challenge (SPORC).

Additional Information – SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity obtain a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard credit card. This can be done online www.spyc.org. On the Home page, go to “Regattas”, click on “Guest Card” Fill out the information and “Submit”. The club requests this be done 48 hrs in advance of Friday, March 3, 2023. Guests Cards can be picked up at Pass-a-Grille.

Contacts for this event will be Event Chair Selga Sakss, selga.sakss@verizon.net, 727-320-5177 and PRO George Pennington, epennin09@earthlink.net, 727-580-5431.

Beach club location @PAG Call 727-360-1646



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