

2016
Valentine's Day Laser Regatta
&
Florida State Laser Champs

Organizing Authority: ST PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB

11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, Florida
February 5-7, 2016

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42, will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 61 will be changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of their intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 boats are required to constitute a fleet.
- 3.3 This an open event to all Laser Sailors.
- 3.4 Competitors must choose their fleet before the close of registration February 3rd, 2016.

4. FEES AND ADVANCED ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry fees include two days of racing, trophies, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner and 7% Florida Sales Tax. Online registration is available at www.spyc.org.

4.2 For sailors who register online on or before January 27th, 2016, the entry fee is **US \$90**. For sailors registering online from January 28th until the close of registration on February 3rd at 5:00 PM, the entry fee is **US \$115**. **THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.**

4.3 Eligible sailors must enter by using the online registration at www.spyc.org and mailing the medical forms to: St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, attn: Valentine's Day Regatta.

5. SCHEDULE

Friday, Feb 5th	1600 – 1900	Check in, St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC)
Saturday, Feb 6th	0730 – 0830	Check in and Sailors' Breakfast (SPSC)
	0915	Skippers' meeting
	1030	First warning of the day
		Lunch on the water
	1830	Dinner hosted at St. Petersburg Yacht Club
Sunday, Feb 7th	0700 - 0800	Sailors' Breakfast (SPSC)
	0930	First warning of the day
		Lunch on the water
	1400	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards Ceremony at SPSC

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7. VENUE

7.1 Boats will be launched from the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demen's Landing.

7.2 The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, east of The St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

8. COURSES

Courses will be Windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used, except that no score will be excluded unless five or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

10. SAFETY

10.1 All competitors are required to wear US Coast Guard Approved lifejackets from dock to dock except, temporarily, when adding or removing clothing.

10.2 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of all sailors under the age of 18.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 All support boats, including coach boats, must register with the organizing authority.

11.2 Coaches may be required to display a coach flag while on the water. Other registered boats may be required to display a yellow flag. The organizing authority will supply these flags at check in.

12. LIABILITY

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

12.2 Competitors must sign a liability waiver.

12.3 Parents/guardians of competitors under 18 must also sign their child's liability waiver.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given based on the number of sailors in each fleet. There will also be a trophy given to the top female in the Radial and 4.7 classes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please call the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Coaches' office at (727) 896-8101

or e-mail: VdayRegatta@gmail.com.

LASER CHARTERS

Sturgis Boat Works, www.optimistusa.com/charters.asp or e-mail: mwake@optimistusa.com, or contact

Matt Wake, Telephone 508-778-9187

Tackleshack Watersports, www.tshack.com, or contact Andy Levine at 1 800 537 6099

Sailfit Laser Charter's, www.sailfit.com, or contact Kurt Taulbee at 1 866 sailfit.

LODGING

Please check the St. Petersburg Yacht Club web site,

<http://www.spyc.org/club/scripts/public/public.asp?NS=PUBLIC> for hotel and motel

accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

POWERBOAT RENTALS

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, www.tvboatrentals.com, Tel. 727-867-0077 Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta.