



NOTICE OF RACE

Northern Gulf Feeder Race
October 26th – 28th, 2023

In any rule governing the Regatta: the notation **[NP]** means that any infraction to the *rule* will not be grounds for protest by a boat (*Changes rule RRS 60.1 (a)*) and the notation **[SP]** Denotes a rule which a penalty may be applied by the RC without a hearing (*Changes rule RRS 63.1, A4 and A5*).

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Pensacola Yacht Club The hosts for this event are Pensacola Yacht Club and St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and
 - 1.1.1 The Equipment Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.1.2 From sunset to sunrise^(*), RRS Part 2 is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

() For the purposes of this rule, 'sunset' is defined as the end of nautical twilight fixed at 20:40 (CT) and "sunrise" is defined as the beginning of nautical twilight fixed at 05:09 (CT) the next day to prevent confusion with regional times differences.*
 - 1.1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022-2023 Category 2 that can be found at: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSEOffshoreSpecialRegulations20222023v2-\[27823\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WSEOffshoreSpecialRegulations20222023v2-[27823].pdf), except:
 - Each boat shall have sufficient fuel on board, at the start, for running 150 miles.
 - All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 9, 16, 63, 68, 69, 71, 72, & 77
 - AIS Transponders are not required but highly recommended.
 - SPOT or Garmin/In Reach trackers are required with each yacht providing a "shared URL" to the Race Committee
 - Every vessel entered shall carry the appropriate paper nautical charts.
 - Each Person in Charge shall declare his or her boat's eligibility and shall affirm that the boat complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.
 - 1.1.4 For Monohulls, the US Sailing Monohull Coastal that can be found at: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Coastal.pdf>
 - 1.1.5 For Multihulls, the US Sailing Multihull Coastal that can be found at: https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Multihull_SER_2023.0-Coastal.pdf
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3. A boat may request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made. (*This changes RRS 41*)
- 1.4. Rule 41(c) is changed as follows:

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.



By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

- 1.5. If there is a conflict between Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes RRS 63.7)

2. SAFETY AND LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

- 2.1. Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions." A combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:
- 2.1.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
 - 2.1.2. When alone on deck
 - 2.1.3. When reefed
 - 2.1.4. When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
 - 2.1.5. When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile
- 2.2. First Aid Training
- 2.2.1. At least one member of the boat's crew shall hold an in-date certificate of a First Aid Training Course. The course shall comply with OSR 6.05.2 and have been completed within three years of the start of the race. The qualifications of Doctors, Paramedics or similarly trained medical professionals will be accepted, provided they are familiar with the topics in OSR Appendix H.
 - 2.2.2. It is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard.
- 2.3. Crew training.
- 2.3.1. Two persons on board shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate except for a Double Handed entry; in which case one person is required to hold a current World Sailing Hands on Safety At Sea Certificate.
- 2.4. All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:
- 2.4.1. In addition to the stated methods of meeting 2.2.1 Stability within the current Monohull SER Ocean U.S. Sailing document, boats may also satisfy their stability requirement for this race by complying with the following:
Boats shall have at least one of the following, or be a true sistership of a boat that does:
 - a) A minimum ORC Stability Index of 115
 - b) A minimum ORR Stability Limit of 115
 - c) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28
 - d) A minimum IRC STIX of 32
 - e) Meet the requirements of ISO 12217-2A
 - 2.4.2. Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped and MMSI registered VHF radios are required per SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2.)
 - 2.4.3. An operational AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting throughout the race.
 - 2.4.4. SER 3.39 Life Raft is modified to include: the life raft is required to have a canopy, but does not need to have an insulated floor. It shall contain at a minimum a 24 hr. pack (ISO 9650 Pack 2) or the Pack 2 equipment specified in WS Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2 contained in a grab bag that has inherent floatation. It may be stowed in a valise in an immediately accessible location beside the companionway provided that it does not weigh more than 88lb.
 - 2.4.5. Two SOLAS smoke flares shall be carried on board.
 - 2.4.6. SER 13.16.1 is modified to include that a boat shall carry a 406MHz EPIRB that is water and manually activated and is registered to the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.
 - 2.4.7. Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows: A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in



feet (1.81 times the square root of the waterline in meters) with sufficient fuel to provide range under power for 120 miles.

2.4.8. The following additional safety requirements apply to Doublehanded classes.

2.4.8.1. The VHF/FM transceiver required by SNOR 8.1.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.

2.4.8.2. Each crew shall carry a Personal AIS MOB locator beacon whilst wearing their lifejacket. A lifejacket which shall be worn at all times. The Personal AIS MOB beacon may be considered to be a substitution for a personal EPIRB beacon.

2.4.8.3. Both crew members shall have attended a half-day, one-day, or two-day U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or hold a valid U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Certificate, or have attended other courses as accepted by U.S. Sailing or another national authority. One crewmember shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.

2.4.8.4. Each boat shall have a permanently mounted magnetic compass independent of the boat's electrical system suitable for steering at sea (this changes SER 3.19.1).

2.4.8.5. The mainsail shall have reef points capable of reducing at least 20% of the sail's area.

2.5. Each boat shall carry non-electronic charts appropriate for the race area, including NOAA chart numbers 11415, 11420, 11434, 11450, 11469, and 11470.

2.6. Multihull Division boats are required to carry life rafts. An immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements is also recommended.

3. ADVERTISING

3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The regatta is open to all boats holding a valid and current ORC Rating or ORR Certificate. Eligible Classes are Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer-Cruiser, Cruising, Multi-Hull and Double-Handed.

4.2. Four (4) or more boats are required to constitute a Class or a Division within a Class. If there are not enough for a Class or Division, the OA will place the boats in the appropriate ORC or ORR Division.

4.3. Eligible boats shall enter by completing online registration at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16236>, no later than October 15th, 2023. The OA reserves the right to accept entries after this date. You must enter your ORC Reference or ORR Certificate ID number on the right hand side of the application.

4.4. Each boat shall identify the Person in Charge of the boat during the registration process. The Person in Charge may be the owner, skipper or a crew member and has to be onboard at all times while racing.

4.5. Depending upon the number of entries, classes may be divided in two or more divisions. The final decisions for eligibility and class divisions shall be solely the responsibility of the OA.

4.6. The Person in Charge in Cruising Class must declare his intent to use his cruising chute rating no later than 1700 Sunday, October 15th, 2023.

4.7. The boat must be owned by a member in good standing of a recognized yacht club, sailing club, or organization.

4.8. No boat's entry will be final without a completed and signed online (YS) waiver for each participating crew member. If there is crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an online (YS) waiver. The Person in Charge shall inform the OA and/or the PRO at least 90 minutes before the warning signal.

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

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1. The Entry Fee will be:

a) **\$400** for entries received by **September 1st, 2023.**



- b) **\$450** for entries received **after September 1st until October 15th, 2023**
- c) **\$500** for entries accepted by the OA **after October 15th, 2023**

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. The program is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME(s)	EVENT
Wednesday	Oct. 25 th , 2023	1630 – 1830 1830	Registration at Pensacola Yacht Club Mandatory Skipper's / Person in Charge / Owners Meeting
Thursday	Oct. 26 th , 2023	0955	First Warning Signal
Saturday	Oct. 28 th , 2023	1700 1800 1900	Awards party at St. Petersburg Yacht Club Cocktails Buffet Awards

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Current ORC or ORR Certificate.
- 7.2. All boats shall display the same number on all sails. The Cruising Class shall have a sail number on at least one sail. In the event two boats have the same number, the race committee may assign a suffix. Failure to display the suffix may result in disqualification. If a problem arises on the course with this suffix, the skipper must identify his boat at the finish line. Class designations and insignias do not constitute conforming sail numbers.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on line at www.YachtScoring.com no later than 1400 Monday October 24th.

9. COURSE

- 9.1. The race shall be from Pensacola to the entrance of the South West Channel of Tampa Bay entrance.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply using the ORC and ORR Rating.
- 10.2. No score will be excluded.

11. BERTHING

- 11.1. Boats will be assigned dockage at PYC and surrounding marinas as applicable. Contact Greg Spitzer PYC Dockmaster at dockmaster@pycfl.com. Phone# 850-232-5191. Owners, Skippers, and Person in Charge are advised to be ready to provide details about their boat's requirements IE: Draft, beam, vertical clearance, overall length, etc.
- 11.2. Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the St. Petersburg YC Dockmaster, when arriving after the race. Phone # 727-822-3227 email Dockmaster@spyc.org

12. 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 cellular telephones.
- 12.2. The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access Y.S. to receive all communications posted. PYC would like to see this event remain Paperless. All communications and documentation will be done electronically



13. PRIZES

13.1 Classes may be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. Trophies will be given according to the number of entries in each Class/Division.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND PERSONAL CONDUCT

14.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race and to Special Regulation 1.02.0 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...". The OA 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.

14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

14.3. The Person in Charge 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 Storm Triesail Club, Pensacola Yacht Club and the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, hosts, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Information regarding hotel accommodations in Pensacola is forthcoming.

For Accommodations, please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org – Go to "Sailing," then "Regattas" and scroll to the bottom of the page "For Hotel Accommodations."

PYC will be accepting cash and credit cards for payments. **No Guest cards will be issued and no club reciprocal charges will be available.**

Guest Cards for SPYC are available on the club website under "Sailing" and then "SPYC Guest Card." Fill out your information and your card will be available at the front desk upon your arrival. SPYC requests that you do this at least 48 hours before the Registration.

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