

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES

ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB - ST. PETERSBURG, FL | FEBRUARY 16-18, 2024

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA) FOR THIS REGATTA IS SAILING WORLD IN COOPERATION WITH THE ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB (SPYC). THIS IS A US SAILING SANCTIONED EVENT.

## 1. RULES

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** For the J70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) [DP] and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

**1.3** The ORC Rules ([www.orc.org](http://www.orc.org)) for ORC classes.

**1.4** The WPHRF Rules for PHRF classes.

**1.5** The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

**1.6** RRS Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is biodegradable), will be in effect.

## 2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

**3.1** The Official Notice Board [ONB] is online at [www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16265](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16265)

**3.2** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. This may change a class rule.

**3.3** VHF channels are as follows: Division A: **68**; Division B: **69**; Division C: **72**; Division D: **05**; Distance Race Division: **63**.

**3.4** The race committee may report times and visual signals displayed by the race committee, over VHF. Errors or omissions on the part of the race committee broadcasts will not be

grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**3.5** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. [DP]

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be flown from the yardarm at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center. Flag AP (Answering Pennant), with two sounds (one sound when lowered) means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the harbor area." The first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

**4.2** When the AP is flown with a division flag, the AP applies only to that division. When no division flag is flown the AP applies to all divisions.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

**5.1** Except for A-Cats and Lightning classes on Friday, the first warning signal for the 3-day Buoy races is scheduled for 1000 each day. There will be no warning signal after 1430 on Sunday.

**5.2** No Warning Signal for the A-Cats or the Lightning Class will be made prior to 1200 on Friday February 16. This change only applies to A-Cats and Lightning classes racing on Friday.

**5.3** The first warning signals for the 2-day Distance Races on Saturday & Sunday will be 1030.

**5.4** The race committee intends to run as many Buoy races as viable each day.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

Division flags are as follows:

- Division A - Pink with an 'A'
- Division B - Blue with a 'B'
- Division C - Purple with a 'C'
- Division D - Green with a 'D'

Distance Racing Sat & Sun only:

- PHRF Spinnaker - White
- PHRF Racer Cruiser - Purple
- PHRF Cruising - Yellow

## 7. COURSES

**7.1** Windward/Leeward and Triangle Course diagrams will be posted.

**7.2** The course number, approximate compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first windward mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat for each division. Except when passing through a gate, all rounding marks shall be passed to port. There may be two windward marks, long and short, on some courses.

**7.3** An offset mark, Mark 1a will be placed approximately 75 yards from mark 1 perpendicular to the course axis (see the course diagrams). If no offset mark is in place, the single windward mark will be rounded to port.

**7.4** The leeward mark will be a gate. In the event where there is only one leeward mark, it shall be rounded to port.

**7.5** Courses and marks for the 2-day Distance Races will be posted. The starting area will be in the vicinity of the St Petersburg Pier.

## 8. MARKS

**8.1** The starting marks will be race committee boats at each end of the starting line. If the port-end line race committee boat is not in place, it will be replaced with an inflatable buoy.

**8.2** For Division A, original turning marks will be an orange tetrahedron with a small orange ball as the windward offset. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. Change marks will be yellow

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tetrahedrons.

**8.3** For Division B there will be two windward marks, original long windward mark and offset will be red Helly Hansen tomatoes. The original short windward mark (shape & color to be announced) will not have an offset. The original leeward marks will be orange tetrahedrons. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. Change marks will be yellow tetrahedrons with the offset of a small orange ball.

**8.4** For Division C, original windward mark and offset will be red Helly Hansen tetrahedrons and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The starting mark may be an orange tomato. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. Change marks will be green tetrahedrons with the offset a small orange ball.

**8.5** For Division D, original windward mark will be an orange Marlow tetrahedron with a small orange ball as the windward offset. The original leeward marks will be green tetrahedrons. The starting mark may be an orange ball. The finishing mark will be a yellow inflatable mark. Change marks will be green tetrahedrons with the offset of a small orange ball.

**8.6** When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

## 9. THE START

**9.1** A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, and A5.1.

**9.2** The race committee will attempt to broadcast any boat recalled. Failure to hear, timing of the broadcast, order of the broadcast are not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

## 10. CHANGE OF THE FIRST LEG OF THE COURSE (DURING A STARTING SEQUENCE)

The race committee may signal a change of the first leg of the course for a class as follows: At the preparatory signal, flag C will be displayed on the signal boat with repetitive sound signals, and will remain displayed until the starting signal.

## 11. THE FINISH

**11.1** The 3-day Buoy racing finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark. For Courses "3", "5" and "7," the finish line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark. For Courses "4", "6", and "T", the finish line will be placed on the side at the RC signal boat opposite that of the starting mark.

**11.2** The finish line for the 2-day Distance Races will be posted In Addendum A.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

**12.1** For the Melges 24, S2 7.9, and A Cat classes, ONLY, US Sailing Prescription V1 (PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT) will apply.

**12.2** RRS Appendix T (ARBITRATION) will apply.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

**13.1** The Time Limit for the first boat to sail a windward/ leeward course in accordance with RRS 28.1 is 2.5 hours.

Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring). This changes RRS 35.

**13.2** The Time Limit for the first boat to finish the Distance Races is 1500 hours. Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes of the first boat in that Division will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring).

## 14. HEARING REQUESTS

**14.1** Protests and requests for redress, shall be written on US SAILING protest forms (available at the protest desk in the Regatta Room or online) and delivered there within one hour of the docking of the race committee finish boat for the division involved. This modifies RRS 62.3.

**14.2** The times of hearings and the parties involved will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing).

## 15. SCORING

**15.1** One race will constitute a series.

**15.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

**15.3** Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, and A5.

**15.5** ORC classes will be scored using the TOT 5-Band windspeed ratings.

**15.6** PHRF classes In the Distance Races will be scored using WFPHRF ratings.

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Boats retiring from a race shall inform the race committee before leaving the racing area. [DP]

## 17. PRIZES

**17.1** Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

**17.2** Each class winner is eligible for the 2024 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship scheduled for October 2024 in the British Virgin Islands. The designated Challenger will be drawn at the

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conclusion of the event from the class winners.

**17.3** Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) in a one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

**16.4** Each Class participating in three or more events may compete for the SWRS Class Championship. To be scored in the overall SWRS Class Championship,

- a)** Competitors must register, pay and compete in a minimum of three events,
- b)** The same boat must be used in all qualifying events,
- c)** The helmsperson must be the same in all qualifying events,
- d)** A boat's series score will be the total of her finishing positions in her three best qualifying events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best qualifying events shall be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

## 18. PHOTOGRAPHY AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

## 19. ENVIRONMENTAL

All SWRS events serve as collection points for sails and lines to repurpose. Bring your old lines and sails to the regatta to upcycle and give new purpose; The St. Petersburg Sailing Center will serve as the collection point at this event.

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, utilizing bike-shares, and limit provisioning your boat with single-use plastics.