



45th SUNCOAST RACEWEEK

Presented by the

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

In cooperation with the

Davis Island Yacht Club & Bradenton Yacht Club

April 19-21, 2024

Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. 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 The management of all races shall be by the race committee, who shall have the authority to decide all matters relating to this series of races.

2 Advertising

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

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Classes will be Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser, Double-Handed. Spinnaker Classes shall hold current ORC and/or WFPHRF certificates. All other classes shall have a current WFPHRF certificate.

3.2 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class to constitute a class. Any class with less than four will be placed in the appropriate ORC or WFPHRF division.

3.3 Skippers in Cruiser Class must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than **1700, Tuesday April 16, 2024 by notifying the Event Chair.**

3.4 All entries must be done on Yacht Scoring.

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

3.6 Waivers must be signed electronically by the skipper and all crew on Yacht Scoring.

3.7 No boats' entry will be final without a completed and signed online (YS) waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an on line (YS) waiver.

3.8 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

4.0 Fees

Entry Fee for Suncoast Raceweek:

\$160-prior to 1700, Saturday March 30, 2024

After March 30, 2024 the Entry Fee is \$180.00

The **final entry deadline is April 16, 2024.** No entries will be accepted after this date.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Registration will be online. If in-person is needed we will notify you.

5.2 Skipper's Meeting, if needed, will take place online. You will be informed as to how, when & where.

5.3 Races:

Friday..... April 19..... Davis Island Yacht Club to Bradenton Yacht Club

Saturday.....April 20..... Bradenton Yacht Club to SPYC Pass-a-Grille Beach Club

Sunday.....April 21..... SPYC Pass-a-Grille Beach Club to Lower Tampa Bay

Friday..... April 26..... Awards TBD

5.4 The first warning signal each day will be 1100.

5.5 Social Events:

Friday, 4/19:

DIYC.....Coffee & Donuts0800
BYC..... After Racing Complimentary Keg of Beer
Bar Service Available
Type of Food TBD

Saturday, 4/20;

BYC.....Coffee.....0800
SPYC PAG BEACH CLUB.....After Racing Complimentary Keg Beer
Bar Service Available
Type of Food TBD

Sunday, 4/21:

SPYC PAG BEACH CLUB.....Coffee.....0800

Friday, 4/26:

Location TBD Bar Service &
Light hors d'oeuvres.....1800
Awards.....1900

6. Registration

Registration will be done online.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available online no later than April 17, 2024

8. Regatta Site

The regatta sites are: Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC), Bradenton Yacht Club (BYC), & St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).

9. Dockage

All of the clubs offer free rafting in their marina to SUNCOAST RACEWEEK participants. First come, first served. Please Call or email the appropriate dock master.

10. Racing Area

10.1 The racing area is in the Gulf of Mexico & Tampa Bay.

10.2 The starting areas will be:

FridayNear the entrance to DIYC
Saturday..... Near Manatee River #2
Sunday Entrance Marker for Pass-a-Grille Channel

11. Courses

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the courses sailed will be point-to-point using government and private fixed marks as shown on the latest edition of NOAA charts #11416 & #11415.

12. Scoring

12.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There are three races scheduled for all classes. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Corrected times will be calculated using WFPHRF Random Leg time on distance and ORC Triple All purpose.

12.3 Spinnaker Class Suncoast Boat of the Year will be dual Scored if entered in both ORC and West Florida PHRF.

13. Alternative Penalties

13.1 Only the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

13.2 A boat that is OCS and who fails to return & start properly will have 30 minutes added to her finish time for Point-to-Point races. This modifies RRS A4.2

14. Radio Communications

A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This includes all cell phone communications. Courtesy announcements of such things as postponements, premature starters, protest deadlines, and other signal displays and notice postings may be announced over VHF channel 63. Such announcements will be strictly a courtesy and used as a means to call attention to the proper notice or display. The failure or inability to receive such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each Class/Division.

16. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

17. Further Information

This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and the St. Petersburg Yacht Ocean Club Racing Challenge.

18. Further Information

18.1 For Accommodations please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - Click drop down menu "Regattas", then Local Accommodations.

18.2 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Regattas, then "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 on site. Other yachts clubs please contact their offices for information concerning food and beverage service.

Contacts for this event are George P. Pennington PRO can reached at epennin09@earthlink.net SPYC Downtown Club Telephone is (727) 822-3873.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ALL NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL GO ON AS PLANNED WHETHER THE RACE FOR THAT DAY IS COMPLETED OR NOT.

****** A 48 HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY IS IN EFFECT.**



St. Petersburg YC Ocean Racing Challenge



West Florida PHRF

Suncoast Boat of the Year Event