



2016 Twilight Series
Notice of Race
Organizing Authority: St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)

Rules: The Twilight Series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility:

Open to any self-righting sailboat with an enclosed cabin and self-draining cockpit. Since such divergent boats may be racing they should have, or be eligible for, a current PHRF rating. Boats that have no rating will have one assigned by the Race Committee. PHRF certificates should be delivered or sent to:
Twilight Event Chair, St Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Avenue, St Petersburg, FL 33701

The series is also open to one-designs. Classes of five or more competitors and may be scored as a separate class. Remaining sailors are encouraged to come out, check in with the race committee signal boat, sail the course, and have a good time.

Fees:

There is no entry fee and no entry form required in order to participate, however, competitors that wish to be scored competitively and become eligible for awards will need to pay a one-time \$15 scoring fee for the season.

Schedule: Friday nights – March 25 (tentative kick off), April 15 through August 26. If conditions allow, the races will begin at 18:30 with a warning signal at 18:25. There will be an Awards ceremony at the end of the series, tentatively scheduled for September 2.

Classes: Spinnaker A (PHRF \leq 170) Spinnaker B (PHRF $>$ 170), Non-Spinnaker and Cruising. A class for Sonars and other one-designs may be formed if there is a minimum of five entries.

Venue: Tampa Bay, east of downtown

Courses: Will be displayed on a board on Race Committee boat. Government marks G1, G3, "big J" and "little J" may be used as well as temporary drop marks.

Penalty System. RRS 44.2 is modified to **one** tack and **one** gybe.

Sailing Instructions: Available in March at www.spyc.org,

Radio Communication. At 1700 hours the race committee will be on Channel 63. Weather conditions, course selection, count-down and infractions will be broadcast.

Scoring: The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This changes Appendix A2.

The series may also be unofficially scored using Percentage Point System, though these scores will not count. This will be done for their entertainment value only. (The score depends on the number of boats sailing in that class and the finish position of the competitor within the class. If there are 10 boats of a class sailing in the race and the competitor places first the score is 100. If the competitor finishes 10th the score is 10, if disqualified the score is 0.) A boat must compete in 50% of the total number of races in the season to qualify for an award. A "series" score is the average of the scores of the best "number" of races, where "number" is the number of races *needed* to qualify. Corrected times will be calculated using the Time on Time method.

Awards: There will be an awards ceremony at the end of the series. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, and possibly 2nd and 3rd place in each of the following classes: Spinnaker A, Spinnaker B, Non Spinnaker and Cruising

The Cutty Sark Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the 1st place boat in each class.

The Ed Sherman Trophy will be presented to the eligible Sonar winner.

The Nancy Ammon will be awarded to a racing Captain *worthy of note*. Race Committee would appreciate recommendations for this award.