



70th Annual St. Petersburg  
Winter Lightning Championship  
March 18-21, 2017  
**NOTICE OF RACE**



**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RR 2017-2020).
- 1.3 RRS 44.2 shall apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty (see RRS 31.2) with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.
- 1.4 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 shall be replaced by-“If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instruction shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA that conform to class rules.
- 2.2 The skipper and crew must be members of the ILCA.
- 2.3 An approved Measurement Certificate must be available to the ILCA Office for each boat entered.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.SPYC.org> (regattas) or Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> . Payments will be through Yacht Scoring. Any questions please contact SPYC Regatta Director Todd Fedyszyn at 727 896 8101 or [todd@spyc.org](mailto:todd@spyc.org). You may also call contact Regatta Chair Kathy Ahern at [ahern.jka@gmail.com](mailto:ahern.jka@gmail.com) or 727-521-2607.
- 2.5 Boats may simultaneously compete in any of the Championship, Masters, and Woody divisions.
- 2.6 Master qualifications: The skipper must be at least 55 years of age as of 12/31/17 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/17.

**3. FEES**

Registration fees: \$250.00 per boat; \$15 of which goes to the ILCA. A \$20 discount will apply for paid entries **before** March 1, 2017. Fees include three tickets for Saturday’s Welcome Party and Tuesday’s Banquet, ILCA regatta dues, trophies, and the 7% Florida sales tax. Extra Welcome Party tickets for Saturday (\$20) and Banquet tickets for Tuesday (\$35) are available on line when registering.

**4. SCHEDULE**

**Saturday-March 18**

1400-1700	Registration -----	<b>Regatta Room</b>
1730	Competitors’ Meeting -----	<b>Ballroom</b>
1800	Possible ILCA Meeting -----	<b>Ballroom</b>
1830	St. Petersburg Welcome Party -----	<b>Waterfront Room</b>

**Sunday-March 19**

1000 Warning, first race of the day

**Monday- March 20**

1000 Warning, first race of the day

**Tuesday- March 21**

1000	Warning, first race of the day	
1500	No starts after 1500	
1800	70 <sup>th</sup> Annual SPYC Dinner Reception	
	Winter Championship Awards -----	<b>Ballroom</b>

## 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

## 6. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.

**No vehicle parking is allowed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center.**

## 7. VENUE

The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, East of the former St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

## 8. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

## 9. SCORING

**9.1** The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.

**9.2** Seven races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

**9.3** Only the first two races each day will be scored in the Masters and Woody divisions

## 10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Championship division, first through third in the Masters division and first in the Woody division providing three or more Woody entries are racing.

## 11. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios to receive communications from the Race Committee on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On the Course Side of the starting line) after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for granting redress

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

*As a condition of my entry in the Winter Lightning Championship, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing a competitive sport, waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the Lightning Class Association and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, their respective officers, trustees, contractors, employees and members, and against any and all volunteers which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the regatta and its organizers and sponsors. I further agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I certify that my boat has a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.*

*By entering the Championships competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.*

## 13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas> for: **Registration and Club Cards Accommodations, Event Schedule; General Information with Tips, Maps & Parking; Racing Area Chart, Yacht Scoring for NOR, and Results** <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

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