



St. Petersburg-Habana Race-February 24-March 3, 2018

Notice of Race

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority,
St. Petersburg, Florida USA

Hosted by the Club Nautico - Hemingway International Yacht Club de Cuba, Havana, Cuba

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The following rules will also apply:
- a. IRC 2018 Rating Systems Rule
 - b. West Florida PHRF Handicap Rule
 - c. ORC 2018 Rule
 - d. Equipment Rules of Sailing.
 - e. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. (IRPCAS)
Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from **1800 to 0630 local time.**
 - f. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 Category 2, except as amended below.
 - Each boat shall have sufficient fuel on board, at the start, for running 100 miles.
 - All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 9, 16, 63A, 68, 71, 72, & 77.
 - AIS Transponders are not required but highly recommended.
 - Life Rafts do not require a canopy or an insulated floor.
 - Every vessel entered shall carry the appropriate nautical charts.
 - Each skipper or owner shall declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.
- 1.3 U. S. Sailing National authority prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 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
- 1.6 The organizing committee may perform random inspections for compliance of the equipment.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
Advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race is open to boats at least 30 feet in length, with a current West Florida PHRF up to a rating of 270 (WFPHRF), IRC, or ORC Club Rating. Four or more entries in each rating system will constitute a rating class.
The skipper shall be a current member of a yacht club or sailing organization, and the boat shall have a crew of at least four persons.
The skipper and navigator shall be Group 1 competitors as defined in World Sailing 22.2.1.
- 3.2 The skipper is the person in charge of the boat and crew while the boat is racing. Unless otherwise designated on the entry form, the owner will be considered the skipper.
- 3.3 The skipper or designee shall complete and submit to us the Cuban and United States documentation forms for his/her boat and crew prior to a deadline of 2300 Friday, January 13, 2018. (Only one person from each boat shall send in completed documents. If the skipper will not be handling this we need to be informed by email who the designee will be.)
- 3.4 A valid e-mail address is required for entry.
- 3.5 Entries will be limited to 80 boats. Those who sign up after the 80 Boat limit has been reached will be put on the waitlist, and will be moved up to active status in order of date and time when entry was received. As openings become available you will be notified. The Waitlist will be maintained until January 13, 2018.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1 There will be six classes of boats: There must be a minimum of four boats per Class.
PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF Cruising, PHRF Multihull, ORC, IRC.
- 4.2 Classes may be divided into two or more divisions. If a class does not have enough entrants, these boats will be placed in the appropriate Class/Division by the organizing authority.
- 4.3 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.
- 4.4 All Cruiser entrants shall declare their intent to use a cruising-spinnaker by midnight, Thursday, February 20, 2018 by emailing to the scorer at epennin09@earthlink.net

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry fees schedule is as follows:

\$850 for the Vessel and Skipper

\$260 for each crew member

5.2 Vessel and Skipper fee includes Cuban Visa Fee, Cruising Permit, and Health Insurance; 2 Parties at SPYC, 2 Parties at Club Nautico, Transponder rental fee, Six Regatta Shirts, One Year Honorary Membership to the Hemingway International Yacht Club, and Entry for the Morro Castle of Havana Regatta.

5.3 Crew Fee includes Cuban Visa Fee, Health Insurance, and the 4 parties above.

5.4 The Final entry deadline for all fees (Skipper, Vessel, and Crew) is Monday November 13, 2017. **The Skipper or designee shall make only one payment for Vessel, Skipper and, all Crew members. Complimentary Shirt Sizes must be entered on the entry form at the time of payment.** Extra Regatta shirts may be ordered through the Coral Reef Apparel link on the SPYC/Yacht Scoring websites. (Announcement will be made when this Link goes live)

5.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Online Entry Form through the St. Petersburg Yacht Club website www.spyc.org and emailing a current & proper Rating Certificate to the scorer at epennin09@earthlink.net.

5.6 **The Deadline for all Entries and Fees is Midnight, Monday, November 13, 2017. Entries will not be accepted after this date.**

5.7 Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing prior to 2300 December 3, 2017, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$100.00 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 December 3, 2017 and before 2300 February 1, 2018 will receive a refund less a \$400 processing fee. After February 1, 2018. No refunds will be given.

6. DOCKAGE

6.1 At SPYC: All reservations for dockage before the event shall be made with the SPYC Dockmaster (727- 822-3227) or e-mail to dockmaster@spyc.org **Reservations shall be made by Monday, November 13, 2017**

6.2 Habana Cuba, Hemingway Marina dockage assignments will be done by the hosting committee and their dockmaster at their prevailing rates.

7. SCHEDULE

USA

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Events

Saturday, February 24th

10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration & Seminars
6:30 pm	Skippers Meeting
7:00 pm	Competitors & Dignitaries Dinner

Sunday, February 25th

6:30 pm	Weather & Start Update Meeting
7:00 pm	Skipper & Crew Party

Monday, February 26th

7:00 am	Coffee & Danish will be available at the Marina for Participants
10:00am	Race Start Time to Habana

Cuba

Hemingway International Yacht Club Events

Tuesday/Wednesday, February 27th -28th

All Day	Vessels arriving at Marina Hemingway, Cuba
---------	--

Thursday, March 1st

7:00pm	Welcome Party at Hemingway International Yacht Club de Cuba
--------	---

Friday, March 2nd

5:00pm	Captain's Meeting for Torreon de la Chorrera Regatta & Nautical Parade
6:00pm	Happy Hour (Free Drinks)

Saturday, March 3rd

11:00am	Nautical Parade to Torreon de la Chorrera (Morro Castle) Start of Torreon de la Chorrera Race at Havana Harbor Entrance
---------	--

8:00pm	Dinner & Awards Ceremony of St. Petersburg – Habana and Torreon de la Chorrera Regattas
--------	---

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary sailing Instructions when available may be posted on the Yacht Scoring website. Final sailing instructions will be available at registration.

9. THE COURSE

- * From the starting line, which will be approximately one-mile ESE of the Harbor Entrance, then proceed southerly to the "C" Cut Lower Range tower (Iso R 6s 56ft (N 27° 39.81' W 82° 37.18') leaving it to starboard;
- * southwesterly, through the three center span piers and associated fenders of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge;
- * out Southwest Pass, leaving flashing buoy "1" (FL 2.5 sec) bell to port;
- * South – leaving Rebecca Shoal R "4" Fl R 6s to Port Approximately 24°34.44 N - 082°35.28 W
- * to the finish line off Hemingway Marina.

9.2 The course will not be shortened **after** the start and the finish line will not be moved. This changes RRS 32.1 and 32.2.

9.3 The location of the finish line will be within ½ mile of this position: N 23° 05.3" – W 82° 30.5".

9.4 Cuban authorities require all boats, which are planning to enter Cuba, to cross the finish line in order to record their time of entry into the country, even if they have withdrawn from the race.

9.5 The rated distance for this race will be 284 nautical miles. This distance is not subject to protests or requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be the number of places nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered in a class, or in a division if the class has been divided.

10.2 Penalties for breaches of sailing instructions other than RRS Part 2 or IRPCAS Rules, the ORC rules, the WFPHRF Handicap Rules, the IRC Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Offshore Special Regulations may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DP.

11. SAFETY

11.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit. The Skipper of the boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear, and must ensure all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that all aboard know where it is kept and how it is used. The skipper shall be in compliance with 2016-2017 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 accept as amended in this Notice of Race (See NOR #1).

11.2 It is strongly recommended that at least one person has completed the **USSA Course "Safety At Sea Seminar."**

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 All boats shall carry transponders. The rental fee for the transponders is included in the entry fee. Information about the transponders will be sent to each skipper. The Regatta organizer will provide an agreement form for the transponders, where by the skipper agrees to be responsible for the replacement cost of the transponder should they lose, damage, or not return the transponder in the manner described in the agreement. This agreement will state skipper name, vessel name, final date of return, and current credit card information.

12.2 From the time of their preparatory signal until they have finished or withdrawn from the race, competitors may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from a publicized source available to all competitors free of charge. This restriction also applies to boat-to-boat transmissions for routing purposes.

12.3 General use of the Internet and publicly available web sites to obtain weather and Gulf of Mexico current information including National Weather Service data is permitted. Weather routing data developed specifically for the race may not be received while racing.

12.4 **Protests** alleging infringement of Notice of Race Part 12 shall only be initiated by the race committee. This changes RRS 60.1.

13. Scoring

Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply, except that no score will be excluded. This Changes Appendix A2. Corrected times will be based on the boat's rating and using a course distance of 284 nautical miles.

14. Trophies:

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the organizing authority.

15. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

16. Additional information: To obtain general information about the St. Petersburg Yacht Club go to www.spyc.org.

To obtain specific information regarding the regatta contact George or Beth Pennington Chairman at epennin09@earthlink.net

Very Important US Coast Guard Information & Other Information

All documents and directions that you will need for the United States and Cuba Governments will be in Document Section on the Yacht Scoring Page.

Note: For those who enter the St. Petersburg-Habana and the Regata del Sol al Sol 50th Anniversary Race to Mexico will receive a discount for the Mexico Race.

General Information:

1. SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard credit card. This can be done online (www.spyc.org) for registered participants only. On the Home page click on the menu item "Sailing". Scroll down and click on "SPYC Guest Card". Fill out the information and click "Submit".
2. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit this form 48 hours in advance of February 24, 2018.
3. Everyone may pick up their cards at the Front Desk upon arrival.
4. For Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC go to the SPYC website at www.spyc.org. Click on Sailing then Regattas and Scroll to Bottom, and then click on Accommodations for the area where you wish to stay.

