

2018

Valentine's Day Laser Regatta

Organizing Authority: ST PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB

11 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg, Florida

February 3-4, 2018

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Appendix P, Immediate Penalties for Breaking Rules 42, will apply.
- 1.3 Rule 61 will be changed to require a competitor to inform the race committee finish boat of their intention to protest, including the sail number of the protested boat, immediately after finishing.
- 1.3 As allowed by RRS88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply.
- 1.4 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (Sis), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Laser Standard, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 competitors.
- 3.2 A minimum of 5 boats are required to constitute a fleet.
- 3.3 This event is open to all Laser Sailors.
- 3.4 Competitors must choose their fleet before the close of registration January 31st, 2018.

4. FEES AND ADVANCED ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry fees include two days of racing, trophies, two breakfasts, two lunches, one dinner and 7% Florida Sales Tax. Online registration is available at www.spyc.org.
- 4.2 For sailors who register online on or before January 24th, 2018, the entry fee is **US \$95**. For sailors registering online from January 25th until the close of registration on January 31st at 5:00 PM, the entry fee is **US \$120**. **THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.**

4.3 Eligible sailors must enter by using the online registration at www.spyc.org and turning the medical forms in at regatta check in.

5. SCHEDULE

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| Friday, Feb 2nd | 1600 – 1900 | Check in, St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC) |
| Saturday, Feb 3rd | 0730 – 0830 | Check in and Sailors' Breakfast (SPSC) |
| | 0915 | Skippers' meeting |
| | 1030 | First warning of the day |
| | | Lunch on the water |
| | 1830 | Dinner hosted at St. Petersburg Yacht Club |
| Sunday, Feb 4th | 0700 – 0800 | Sailors' Breakfast (SPSC) |
| | 0930 | First warning of the day |
| | | Lunch on the water |
| | 1400 | No warning signal after this time |
| | After racing | Awards Ceremony at SPSC |

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available online as well as at regatta check in.

7. VENUE

7.1 Boats will be launched from the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demen's Landing.

7.2 The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, east of the shipping channel.

8. COURSES

Courses will be Windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used, except that no score will be excluded unless five or more races have been completed. This changes RRS A2.

10. SAFETY

10.1 All competitors are required to wear US Coast Guard Approved lifejackets from dock to dock except, temporarily, when adding or removing clothing.

10.2 Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety of all sailors under the age of 18.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

11.1 All support boats, including coach boats, must register with the organizing authority.

11.2 Coaches may be required to display a coach flag while on the water. Other registered boats may be required to display a yellow flag. The organizing authority will supply these flags at check in.

12. LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC and all those involved in any of 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 the regatta.

12.2 Competitors must sign a liability waiver.

12.3 Parents/guardians of competitors under 18 must also sign their child's liability waiver.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be given based on the number of sailors in each fleet. There will also be a trophy given to the top female in the Radial and 4.7 classes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please call the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Race Directors office at (727) 896-8101 or e-mail: VdayRegatta@gmail.com.

LASER CHARTERS

Sturgis Boat Works, www.optimistusa.com/charters.asp or e-mail: mwake@optimistusa.com, or contact Matt Wake, Telephone 508-778-9187

Tackleshack Watersports, www.tshack.com, or contact Andy Levine at 1 800 537 6099

Sailfit Laser Charter's, www.sailfit.com, or contact Kurt Taulbee at 1866 Sailfit.

LODGING

Please check the St. Petersburg Yacht Club web site, <http://www.spyc.org/club/scripts/public/public.asp?NS=PUBLIC> for hotel and motel accommodations within walking distance of the Club and Sailing Center.

POWERBOAT RENTALS

Tierra Verde Boat Rentals, www.tvboatrentals.com, Tel. 727-867-0077 Reduced rates if you mention it is for the Valentine's Day Regatta.