



40th SUNCOAST RACEWEEK

Presented by the

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

In cooperation with the

Davis Island Yacht Club & Bradenton Yacht Club

April 12-15, 2018

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 This event is open to any WFPHRF Category three (3) sailing yacht that has a self-bailing cockpit and proof of a current West Florida PHRF certificate (rating not more than 245 sec/mile for spinnaker, racer cruiser, non-spinnaker and 290 sec/mile for cruiser, and a minimum length of 21 feet).

3.2 There will be four classes: PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Racer Cruiser, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and PHRF Cruising. Depending on the number of entries, these four classes may be divided into two or more divisions. Class divisions shall be solely the responsibility of the Race Committee and their decision shall be final.

3.3 All yachts shall be equipped to conform to USCG rules.

3.4 Unless approved in writing by the Race Officer, a yacht shall carry the same number on the mainsail and spinnaker. In the event of there being entries with duplicate sail numbers, a letter may be assigned and shall be affixed by the Skipper ahead of the existing sail number on both sides of all sails defined above. Only the RC may protest a competitor under this section.

3.5 Eligible boats may enter in advance by completing the Entry Form by the entry deadline April 10, 2018 by 1700. To enter electronically, go to www.spyc.org, click on "Sailing" then "Regattas". Scroll down to Crown Cars listed with Pusser's Rum Cup and Suncoast Raceweek-click on the link. You will arrive at the Yacht Scoring Page, Click on Online Entry Form/Application. You must enter your WFPHRF Certificate ID number on the right hand side of the application.

3.6 A skipper in Cruiser Class must declare his intent to use his cruising chute rating no later than 1700 Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

4.0 Fees

Entry Fee for Suncoast Raceweek only, includes Coupons for Shirts (Tax Included):

Prior to 1700, Saturday, March 31, 2018...\$160.00 (US Sailing member \$155.00)

After March 31, 2018 the Entry Fee is \$180.00 (No discount)

The final entry deadline is April 10, 2018. No entries will be accepted after this date.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Registration at DIYC.....Thursday, April 12..... 1700-1900

5.2 Skipper's Meeting at DIYC....Thursday, April 12..... 1900s

5.3 Races:

Friday..... April 13..... Davis Island to St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown

Saturday.....April 14..... St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown to Bradenton Yacht Club

1/17/18

Sunday.....April 15..... Bradenton Yacht Club to Lower Tampa Bay

Friday..... April 20..... Awards at St. Petersburg Yacht Club

5.4 The first warning signal each day will be 1000.

5.5 Social Events:

Thursday, 4/12:

DIYC.....Registration.....1700

Friday, 4/13:

DIYC.....Coffee & Donuts0700

SPYC.....After Racing Complimentary Keg of Beer

Regatta Dinner (includes 2 complimentary dinner tickets per boat)

Bar Service Available

Saturday, 4/14;

SPYC.....Coffee.....0700

BYC.....After Racing Complimentary Keg Beer

Regatta Meal (includes 2 complimentary dinner tickets per boat)

Bar Service Available

Sunday, 4/15:

BYC.....Coffee.....0700

Friday, 4/20:

SPYC DowntownBar Service &

Light hors d'oeuvres.....1800

Awards.....1900

6. Registration

A representative of each yacht whose entry has been accepted shall register with the Registration Committee on Thursday, April 12, 2018, between 1700 & 1900 at the DIYC.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at the time of registration. (They also may be available on the SPYC website after 4/1/18.)

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 dock master dockmaster@spyc.org phone 727-822-3227 to make reservations.

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 G "3" Fl G 4s ESE of the St. Petersburg Pier

SundayNear Manatee River #2

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 time-on-distance.

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 division. In addition, the Bonanni Trophy will be awarded to the top finishing Spinnaker yacht.

16. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, 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.

17. Further Information

17.1 For Accommodations please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - Click drop down menu "Sailing," then "Regattas" and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "For Hotel Accommodations."

17.2 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Sailing" and then "SPYC 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.

Contacts for this event are George P. Pennington PRO, Beth Pennington Event Chair both can be 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



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