



42nd SUNCOAST RACEWEEK

Presented by the

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

In cooperation with the

Davis Island Yacht Club & Bradenton Yacht Club

April 10-11, 2021

Notice of Race

SPYC COVID-19 Policies

All CDC, State of Florida, County and City of St Pete guidelines/restrictions will be strictly followed along with the SPYC/SPSC Covid rules and regulations.

DUE TO COVID-19, THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME. If cancellation becomes necessary, entry fee will be refunded.

All persons on SPYC/SPSC property shall wear a mask/face covering at all times while on site. This includes the parking lot, breezeways, classrooms, restrooms and docks.

Temperature checks may be performed on all persons entering all SPYC facility.

It is critical to be mindful of how you feel, and, particularly when ANY of the potential COVID-19 symptoms are present, to please stay home.

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 7, 2021 by 1700. To enter electronically, go to www.spyc.org, click on "Regattas". 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 Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

3.7 No boats entry will be final without a completed and signed online [YS] waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an on line [YS] waiver. The skipper shall inform the OA &/or PRO of same prior to the first warning that day.

3.8 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

4.0 Fees

Entry Fee for Suncoast Raceweek includes beverage tickets for Saturday Evening
Entry fees is \$160.00 (US Sailing member \$155.00) Prior to 1700, Sunday, March 28, 2021

After March 28, 2021 the Entry Fee is \$180.00 (No discount)

The final entry deadline is April 7, 2021. No entries will be accepted after this date.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Registration at DIYC will be electronically online. If in-person is needed we will notify you.

5.2 Skipper's Meeting, if needed, will take place electronically. You will be informed as to how, when & where.

5.3 Races:

Saturday..... April 10..... Davis Island to St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown

Sunday.....April 11..... St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown around government marks in Tampa Bay

5.4 The first warning signals each day will be 1000.

5.5 Social Events:

Saturday, 4/10:

DIYC.....Coffee & Donuts0700

SPYC.....After Racing Complimentary Beverages Tickets honored on 1909 Patio with Bar Service & Light H'ors d'oeuvres.

Sunday, 4/11:

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

Awards..... Location and method of awarding trophies to be determined.

6. Registration will be done electronically online.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available online no later than April 7, 2021.

8. Regatta Site

The regatta sites are: Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC) & 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 Tampa Bay.

10.2 The starting areas will be:

SaturdayNear the entrance to DIYC

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

11. Courses

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.

12.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 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. Communications

14.1 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.

14.2 The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access Y.S. to receive all communications posted.

14.3. The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2[C] to make changes to NOR and /or SI's on the water.

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 and Personal Conduct

16.1 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.

16.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

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 "Regattas", then Local Accommodations.

17.2 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Regattas, then "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 on site. Other yachts clubs please contact their offices for information concerning food and beverage service.

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.

