



West Florida PHRF

Notice of Race SPYC Fall Bay Race/ Ted Irwin Memorial Regatta

October 8-9, 2021

WFPHRF Boat of the Year and SPORC Event
The Organizing Authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St.
Petersburg, FL

**The Organizing Authority is compliant with all Federal, State,
Local Government and St. Petersburg Yacht Club regulations**

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed as defined by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 In accordance with the WFPHRF Rules, this shall be a Race Category 4 event.
- 1.3 This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ocean Racing Challenge.
- 1.4 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 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 and Entry

- 3.1 Classes will be Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser, One Design, Double-Handed and Irwin Class. All Classes, **except Spinnaker Class** must hold current WFPHRF certificates with -100 to 320. See www.westfloridaphrf.org
- 3.2 **Spinnaker Class boats must have a current ORC certification.**
- 3.3 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class either one design or PHRF. Any class with less than four will be placed in the appropriate WFPHRF division.
- 3.4 Skippers in Cruiser Class must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700, Thursday, October 7, 2021.
- 3.5 All entries must be done on Yacht Scoring.
- 3.6 Each entry must include a complete and accurate list of all crew participating in this event.
- 3.7 Waivers must be signed electronically by the skipper and all crew on Yacht Scoring.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

4 Fees

- 4.1 USSA Member Entry received with copy of card and paid prior to 1700 September 23, 2021 – \$60.00 (Tax included)
- 4.2 Non USSA Members Entry received and paid prior to 1700 September 23, 2021 – \$65.00 (Tax included)
- 4.3 Deadline for entries is **1700 Wed October 6, 2021**. Entries after 1700 Wednesday, October 6, 2021 **MAY BE** accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with an explanation of why and will pay an additional (non-refundable) late fee of **\$50.00**.
- 4.4 All Entries received and paid after 1700 September 23, 2021 until 1700 October 6, 2021 - \$95.00 (Tax included). **NO REDUCTION FOR USSA MEMBERS ON LATE ENTRY.**
- 4.5 Should Covid-19 circumstances require that the event be cancelled, notification will be provided on Yacht Scoring two weeks prior – September 23, 2021.
- 4.6 Entry fee includes two tickets to the Saturday After- Race dinner.

4.7 Boats that entered and withdraw in writing prior to **Wednesday, October 6, 2021** will receive a refund of their entry fee less an Administrative fee of \$25.00

5 Schedule

5.1 Registration will take place at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Friday, October 8, 2021 from 1700-1900.

5.2 Skippers' meeting will take place immediately following the close of registration.

5.3 If circumstances do not allow for a safe registration and skippers' meeting, all competitors will be notified two weeks prior- Friday, September 25, 2021 and will, instead, be provided information for an electronic/ zoom meeting.

5.4 Landside activities will be at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida.

5.5 Race Schedule: The Race Committee will attempt to have three (3) or more races on Saturday, October 9, 2021 for the Spinnaker Classes including One-Design. All Other Classes will have one (1 race). One Race shall constitute a regatta.

5.6 First Warning will be @ 1100 Saturday, October 9, 2021.

5.7 October 9, 2021- Complimentary Beer, Dinner and Awards Ceremony will be held as soon as practical after racing activities.

6 Sailing Instructions.

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC website and on Yacht Scoring by Friday, October 8, 2021

6.2 The location of the race area will be in Tampa Bay.

7 Courses

7.1 Spinnaker Classes will do a Windward/Leeward course.

7.2 All other classes will do a Random Leg Scoring (RLC) Government Marks Course.

7.3 The courses to be sailed will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

8 Penalty Systems

8.1 The scoring penalty, RRS Rule 44.3, (a), (b), (c), will apply.

8.2 Competitors must complete the Alternative Penalty Acknowledgement Form and turn it in prior to the end of the 30 minute protest period.

9 Scoring

9.1 The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except no race will be excluded.

9.2 The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all classes **except Spinnaker**.

9.3 The ORC Certification will be used for the Spinnaker classes.

10 Berthing

Vessels are to berth in the area assigned by the SPYC Harbormaster when arriving for the regatta and returning after the race is completed. Docking arrangements at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club must be made in advance by contacting the Dockmaster at 727-822-3227. Skippers may be allowed to bring their vessels into the marina on the Sunday before the regatta. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are a must. Parking - Parking in the SPYC garage is prohibited unless you are a member. Parking is available at the city parking lot south of the club. As previously mentioned, masks must be worn while on the docks and all skippers and all crew must adhere to all Federal, State, Local and SPYC regulations.

11 Radio Communications

11.1 Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

11.2 The Official Bulletin board will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access YS to receive all communications posted.

11.3 The Race Committee may use RRS90.2(C) to make changes to the NOR and/or the SIs on the water.

12 Awards

Awards will be given as follows. Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second and Third place awards will be given for each division in the Fall Bay Race. Other special awards will be given out as deemed by the organizing authority and the Ted Irwin Memorial Organizers.

13 Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

13.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 "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.

13.2 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.

14 Further Information

Please contact George P. Pennington, PRO at epennin09@earthlink.net or Event Chair Selga Sakss at selga.sakss@verizon.net. Future posting are also available on the SPYC website.

Additional 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. On the Home page go to "Regattas, scroll down and click on "SPYC Guest Card". Fill out the information and "Submit".
2. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit 48 hrs. in advance of October 9, 2021.
3. Cards can be picked up at the Front Desk upon arrival.
4. For Hotel accommodations near SPYC, go to the SPYC website www.spyc.org. From the home page go to Regattas and then Local Accommodations.