



ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB
Western Hemisphere and Orient Qualifier
Florida State Snipe Championship
November 20-22, 2015
St. Petersburg, FL
NOTICE OF RACE

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Snipe Fleet 801 are the Organizing Authorities.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 – 2016) (RRS) and Snipe Class Rules (SCR).
- 1.2 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these Classes.
- 1.3 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

The regatta is classified as Category “C”.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to SCIRA registered boats and Class Member skippers and crews who are in good standing with SCIRA for the current year and are able to present a current Class Membership Card or its SCIRA-issued equivalent. Sailors will be allowed to apply to join SCIRA as part of registration and become eligible.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees.
- 3.3 The Entry deadline is 1700 November 18, 2015. Entries will not be accepted after the entry deadline.
- 3.4 A 48 Hour Cancellation Policy from the Entry Deadline is in effect.
- 3.5 The entry fee shall be:
 - US \$200 for entries received and fees paid on or before 1700 November 12, 2015.
 - US \$225 for entries received and fees paid **after** 1700 November 12, 2015 and **before** 1700 November 18, 2015. All prices are inclusive.
 - **Entry fees include:**
 - Dockage from start of registration until the end of the regatta
 - One practice day
 - 3 regatta race days
 - Invitation for up 2 people for Dinner Saturday Evening and for any other additional events (See schedule)

4. SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 19

Arrival and check in
Practice
1700-1830 Registration
1700-1900 Social at Tiki Bar and Pool, (SPYC)

Friday, November 20

0800-1000 Rigging and launching boats
08:30 Competitor's Meeting (SPSC Classroom)
1100 First Warning Signal
1700-1900 Social at Tiki Bar and Pool, (SPYC)

Saturday, November 21

1000 First Warning Signal
1800 Dinner location to be announced.

Sunday, November 22

1000 First Warning Signal
There will be no warning after 1500
After Racing: Awards (SPSC Classroom)

5. MEASUREMENT

All boats are required to have a current Class decal properly displayed.
All boats and sails subject to weighing and inspection.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and may be online.

7. VENUE

7.1 The Venue is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC).

7.2 The racing area will be Tampa Bay.

8. COURSES

The courses shall be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except that no score will be excluded unless four (4) or more races are completed. This changes Appendix A2.

9.2 Eight races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a Regatta.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the top three places.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 63 for **courtesy** communications from/to regatta participants, this will include hailing OCS vessels at the start. Nothing said over VHF Channel 63 for **courtesy** reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.

11.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 11.1.

11.3 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 63 and 16 after the start.



12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact:

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14. CLUB CARD AND ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

A. Guest Cards

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 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 48 hours in advance of the event.
3. Everyone may pick up their cards at the Front Desk upon arrival.

B. Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC:

1. Go to the SPYC website at www.spyc.org.
2. Click on Sailing, then regattas scroll down to the bottom of the page, click on Hotels.