

75th Annual St. Petersburg
Winter Lightning Championship
March 18-22, 2023
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2021-2024) and the Document Governing All Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships.
- 1.3 RRS 44.2 shall apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.
- 1.4 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 will be deleted.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 shall be replaced by-“If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instruction shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA that conform to class rules.
- 2.2 The skipper and crew must be members of the ILCA.
- 2.3 An approved Measurement Certificate must be available to the ILCA Office for each boat entered.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.SPYC.org> (regattas) or Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> . Payments will be through Yacht Scoring. Any questions please contact SPYC Regatta Director Todd Fedyszyn at 727 822-3113 or todd@spyc.org. You may also contact Regatta Chair Karen Park at crewaa@gmail.com
- 2.5 Boats may simultaneously compete in any of the Championship, Masters, and Woody divisions.
- 2.6 Master qualifications: The skipper must be at least 55 years of age as of 12/31/2023 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/2023.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee: \$275.00 per boat if paid on or before March 1, 2023. Entry fees paid March 2 until deadline March 17, 2023 will be \$300.00. Entry fees after the deadline will be \$350.00 and may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.2 Entry Fees include four days of racing, \$15 dollars to the ILCA, trophies, Banquet and the 7% Florida sales tax.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday -March 18

1200-1600

Registration ----- *SP Sailing Center*

Sunday -March 19

0900

Skippers meeting

Sailing Center

1100

Warning, first race of the day

1800

Welcome Mixer

YC Ballroom

Monday- March 20

0900	Briefing	
1100	Warning, first race of the day	
1900	Casual dinner (pay your own way)	The Big Catch, Salt Creek

Tuesday - March 21

0900	Briefing	
1100	Warning, first race of the day	
1800	Banquet Dinner	YC Ballroom

Wednesday- March 22

0900	Briefing	
1100	Warning, first race of the day.	
	No Warning after 1500	
Awards 2 hours after racing	Winter Championship Awards	-----Sailing Center

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available via Yacht Scoring

6. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Avenue SE.

A map of available parking lots downtown will be posted as an NOR addendum.

No vehicle parking is allowed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center or SPYC.

7. VENUE

The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, East of the new St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

8. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.

9.2 Eight races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.3 Only the first two races each day will be scored in the Masters and Woody divisions.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Championship Division, first through third in the Masters Division and first in the Woody Division providing three or more Woody entries are racing. Winter Championship Tampa Bay Mid-Fleet Award and the Colin Park Memorial Trophy awarded to the top placing married couple.

11. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios to receive communications from the Race Committee on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On the Course Side of the starting line) after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for granting redress.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

As a condition of my entry in the Winter Lightning Championship, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing a competitive sport, waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the International Lightning Class Association and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, their respective officers, trustees, contractors, employees and members, and against any and all volunteers which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the regatta and its organizers and sponsors. I further agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I certify that my boat has a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas> for **Club Cards**

Accommodations, Event Schedule; General Information with Tips, Maps & Parking; Racing Area Chart

Yacht Scoring for registration, NOR, and Results <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

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