



35th Annual SPYC Invitational Pusser's Rum Cup / Ted Irwin Memorial

Notice of Race

March 5, 2016

Sponsored by SPYC and Pusser's Rum Cup
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
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1. Organizing Authority

The St. Petersburg Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority.

1.2 This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ocean Racing Challenge.

1.3. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the current WFPHRF *Class Rules*.

2.2 This is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.

3. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Advertising shall be restricted to ISAF Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

4. Eligibility, Entry and Classes

4.1 The regatta is open to all mono-hull or multi-hull boats that hold a valid and current WFPHRF Certificate with a rating between -100 and 320 and that is self-righting, and has an enclosed cabin and self-bailing cockpit.

4.2 The classes will be Multihull, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, Racer/Cruisers, One-Design (must comply with their class rules, be self-righting, and have an enclosed cabin and self-bailing cockpit)

4.3 All boats shall display the same number on all sails. The Cruising Class shall have a number on at least one sail; in the event two boats have the same number, the race committee may assign a suffix. Failure to display the suffix may result in disqualification. If a problem arises on the course with this suffix, the skipper must identify his vessel when he/she crosses the finish line. Class designations and insignias do not constitute conforming sail numbers.

4.4 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class either one design or PHRF. Any class with less than four may be placed in the appropriate WFPHRF division.

4.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.

4.6 The Cruising Class shall declare their intent to use a Cruising spinnaker by 1700 Thursday, March 3, 2016.

4.7 Eligible boats may enter in advance by completing the Entry Form by the entry deadline in 5.1. To enter electronically, go to www.spyc.org, click on "Sailing" then "Regattas". Scroll down to Pusser's Rum Cup-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. This certificate will apply for the 3 races if you enter all at the same time.

4.8 The yacht must be owned by a member in good standing of a recognized yacht club, sailing club, or organization.

5. Entry Fees-All fees include tax.

5.1 Special Entry Fee combining Pusser's Rum Cup, Suncoast Raceweek, and Crown Cars Regattas: \$260.00 Early Entry Deadline is February 15, 2016.

(\$255.00 For USSA members - [Must enter valid Membership number in online registration form for verification](#)).

\$275.00 For Entry Fees paid from February 16, 2016 thru March 3, 2016 (No reduction for USSA)

Pusser's Rum Cup Entry only:

\$65.00 Early Entry Deadline is February 15, 2016

(\$60.00 For USSA Members-must attach copy of current card)

\$85.00 For Entry Fees paid from February 16, 2016 thru March 3, 2016 (No reduction for USSA)

Entry fees may be paid by check, cash, credit card, SPYC number.

All fees include taxes.

Final entry deadline:

1700 on Thursday, March 3, 2016 No Entries will be accepted after this date and time

5.2 Combined Entry fee for Pusser's Rum Cup, Suncoast Raceweek, and Crown Cars Regatta includes, but is not limited to, Free Beer & Rum Parties, Dinner Tickets, and Event Apparel.

****Pusser' Rum Cup includes Rum Parties-Friday at Registration and Saturday
Plus free Pusser's Hats and 2 dinner tickets****

6. Schedules

Friday	March 04	1700 to 1900 Registration -Regatta Room at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club 1900 - Skipper's Meeting
Saturday	March 05	1100-First Warning Signal 1800-Dinner Buffet-Two tickets included in entry
Sunday	March 06	Make-up Date if no race Saturday 1100-First Warning Signal

6.1 One race is scheduled.

7. Measurements

Each boat shall produce a valid 2016 West Florida PHRF Certificate.

8. Sailing Instructions

The final sailing instructions will be available on Friday, March 4, 2016 at the SPYC Registration desk at 1700. They may be posted on the website earlier as preliminary.

9. Venues

Landside activities will be at the St. Petersburg Yacht, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida. The racing area will be in central Tampa Bay.

10. The Courses

10.1 The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 The courses raced shall be configured for the WPHRF Random Leg Rating. (RLC)

11. Penalty Systems

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (a), (b), (c) will apply.

12. Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. No Race will be excluded.

13. Berthing

Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the SPYC Dockmaster, when arriving for the race and returning after the race is completed. If extended stays are needed either before or after the regatta they must be approved by the SPYC Dockmaster. Phone #727-822-3227 email Dockmaster@spyc.org

14. Radio Communications

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows: Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second and Third place trophies will be given for each division.

16. 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.

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 on site on March 4, 2016.

Contacts for this event are George or Beth Pennington George's Cell # is 727-580-5431 or Beth's cell # 727-992-3344, email for both epennin09@earthlink.net

All Saturday Night Activities will go on as planned whether race is completed Saturday or not. A 48 hour cancellation policy is in effect.

**Pusser's Rum Party Friday at Registration and Saturday Awards Dinner after Racing
All events listed herein are included in the WFPHRF Suncoast Boat of the Year Series**



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