



2023 Twilight Series

Organizing Authority:

St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)

Notice of Race

Rules: The Twilight Series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility:

Open to any self-righting sailboat with an enclosed cabin and self-draining cockpit.

Since such divergent boats may be competing they should have, or be eligible for, a current RLC PHRF rating.

Boats that have no rating will have one assigned by the Race Committee(RC).

PHRF certificates, and any queries, should be sent to;

Twilight Event Chair, St Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue, St Petersburg, FL 33701 (or email Twilight-Sailing@spyc.org)

The series is also open to one-designs. Those that can supply five or more competitors may be scored as a separate class.

Competitors in the SPYC J70s and Sonars are encouraged to participate.

A fleet J70 with Club-supplied sails will compete in their own class and have their own start. J70s with other sails will compete in Spinnaker Class A, with an assigned PHRF rating of 111.

Sonars with spinnakers have an assigned PHRF rating of 177, non-spinnakers have 203.

The remaining sailors are encouraged to come out, check in with the race committee signal boat, sail the course and have a good time.

Fees:

No entry fee and no entry form are required. Competitors that wish to be scored during the series will need to register in the yachtscore program at www.yachtscore.org "2023 Twilight Series", and remit \$15 for the season.

SPECIAL NOTE TO SPYC SONAR and J70 competitors: For Sail Number please enter "SONAR" or "J70" or non-spin "SONARNS" or "J70NS". Yacht Name should be unique, such as your full name.

Schedule:

Friday nights – March 17 through August 25. If conditions allow, the first race will begin at 18:30 with a warning signal at 18:25. There may be as many as three starts. The order of starts will be based on weather conditions, participants and course lengths. The order will be posted on a white board and announced on channel "63."

Class Flags

Spinnaker Class, Twilight Flag

Non-Spinnaker Class and Cruisers, Yellow Flag

J70 Class, J70 Class Flag

Classes: Spinnaker A (PHRF<=115) Spinnaker B (PHRF>115), Non-Spinnaker, Cruising and one-design.

Venue: Tampa Bay, east of downtown

Courses: Order of starts and courses will be displayed on a board on Race Committee boat. Government marks G1, G3, "S", "big J" and "little J" may be used.

Penalty System. RRS 44.2 is modified to **one** tack and **one** gybe satisfying the rule.

Sailing Instructions: www.spyc.org or www.yachtscore.com "2023 Twilight Series"

Radio Communication. RC will be on Channel 63(US) at 1700. Weather conditions, course selection, count-down and infractions will be broadcast.

Scoring: A boat must compete in 50% of the total number of races in the season to qualify for an award. A “series” score is the total of the scores in the best “number” of races, where “number” is the number of races *needed* to qualify. Corrected times will be calculated using the Time on Time method.

Awards: There will be a fun event at the end of the series, tentatively early September.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class:

spinnaker A, spinnaker B, non-spinnaker, cruising and J70, if the class qualifies.

The Cutty Sark Perpetual Trophy will be updated with a plaque listing the 1st place boat in each class.

The Ed Sherman Trophy will recognize a Sonar winner.

The Nancy Ammon will be awarded to a participant *worthy of note*. Race Committee would appreciate recommendations for this recognition.

The J70 Perpetual Trophy will be updated with the seasons fastest J70 skipper.