



St. Petersburg Yacht Club

2023 Twilight Series

Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)
most Fridays, March 17 – August 25

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the *rules* in the current ***Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)***.
1.2 **RRS 44.2** is modified to: one tack and one gybe satisfies the rule.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC) and in www.YachtScoring.com, at “2023 Twilight Series”

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board and in “YachtScoring” by 0800 on race day.
3.2 On the water changes will be communicated via VHF or loud hailing. All affected competitors must acknowledge the change.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at SPSC.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Friday nights – March 17 through August 25.
5.2 A party and awards, at SPYC, early September.
5.3 Race Committee (RC) will be at SPSC and begin monitoring and broadcasting on VHF Channel 63 at 1700.
5.4 The goal for the first warning signal is 1825. There will be one race and a maximum of three starts.

CLASS

J70 Class
Spinnaker Classes
Non-spinnaker & Cruising Classes

FLAGS

“J 70” flag
“TWILIGHT SERIES” flag
yellow

6. CLASSES

Spinnaker A (PHRF \leq 115),
Spinnaker B (PHRF $>$ 115),
Non-spinnaker,
Cruisers J70s.

Other one-design classes will be recognized if there are at least five boats.

7. RACING AREA

Races will be held east of the Municipal Pier on Tampa Bay.

8. COURSES and MARKS

8.1 The start will be between the RC boat and an orange mark or a designated Government mark.

8.2 There may be one or two courses, depending on the number of boats in each of the classes.

8.3 Course(s) and order of starts will be broadcast and designated on a white board on the RC boat.

8.4 Government Marks, "G1", "G3", Little "J" (25') and Big "J"(58') will often be used.

8.5 The finish will be between an RC boat flying a blue flag (or an "S" flag) and an orange mark or a designated government mark.

9. THE START

Each competitor must check in with the RC boat: declaring boat name, skipper name, Class, and, if not on record with RC, West Florida PHRF "RLC" rating.

10. TIME LIMIT

RC will attempt to finish the last boat. After dark, unfinished boats should record their own time and report to RC (via VHF or phone). Boats that finish 30 minutes after the first boat in their class will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A5.2.

11. PROTESTS

The protesting boat shall fly a red flag and notify the boat(s) being protested. RRS 61.1 is modified to require that the protesting boat also notify RC on the water at the finish. Protests must be filed within thirty minutes of the RC boat docking. The protest hearing will be held as soon as practical.

12. SCORING

12.1 Only boats that have registered at www.yachtscoring.com will be included in the series scores. West Florida PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used. Eligible boats need to compete in 50% of completed races. This changes A2 and A4.

12.2 J70s and other one-Design classes will be scored by their order of finishing. Sonars are assigned an artificial rating and will be scored within their class and/or as One-Design.

13. AWARDS

13.1 The "Cutty Sark" Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the names of the overall winners in each of the basic classes. Keeper trophies may be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each class.

13.2 The "Ed Sherman" Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the Sonar winner.

13.3 The "Nancy Ammon" Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to a racer "worthy of note". Competitors are urged to make recommendations.

13.4 J70 winning sailors that satisfy minimum participation requirements will also receive recognition on a perpetual trophy.