



2024 Twilight Series

**Organizing Authority:**

**St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)**

**Fridays, March 15, 2024 – August 30, 2024**

## 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 her own class and have her 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, 203.

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

### **Fees:**

No entry fee or form is required. Competitors that wish to be scored during the series will need to register in the yachtscoring program at [www.yachtscoring.org](http://www.yachtscoring.org) "2024 Twilight Series", and remit \$25 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 15 through August 30. If conditions allow, the first race will begin at 1830 with a warning signal at 1825. 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](http://www.spyc.org) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) "2024 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.