



HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES ST PETERSBURG

including:

L30 North American Championship

Melges 24 Midwinter Championship & North American Sailing Series Qualifier

S2 7.9 Midwinter Championship

Sonar Midwinter Championship

Windmill Midwinter Championship

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

February 14 - 16, 2025

St. Petersburg, FL

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is Sailing World in cooperation with the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions: (a) [DP] For the J70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

1.3 The ORC Rules (found at www.orc.org/rules) will apply for ORC classes.

1.4 The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5, Section B and 63.1(b) shall not apply.

1.5 RRS Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is biodegradable), will be in effect.

1.6 [DP] Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than Wednesday, February 12th.

2.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board [ONB] is online at:

https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16895

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. Some classes may request an exemption from this requirement.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all



boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The following boats are eligible to enter: a) member of a one-design class association whose class is invited and is in good standing with their class, b) boats that meet criteria established by the class coordinator for a level class, c) ORC (3-day buoy), d) PHRF (random leg). A minimum of eight boats is required for a class to remain eligible for one-design, level, or rated class. There is a possibility that classes with fewer than 10 boats registered may be started together but scored separately. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. To enter the event, the helmsman of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association. Boats that do not meet this requirement are not entitled to request redress. This changes RRS 63.2(a) and 76.3.

4.2 Invited one-design classes include: A-Cat, J/70, J/24, J/88, J/105, J/111, L30, Lightning, Melges 15, Melges 24, S2 7.9, Sonar, Windmill and WETA. Invited rated classes (3-day buoy: ORC or level. PHRF for the Saturday and Sunday distance racing division. If a class is not listed, please email regattas@sailingworld.com to propose inclusion in the event.

4.3 ORC Spinnaker Class is open to any boat of 20 feet LOA or greater that holds a valid ORC certificate from last year - 2024. A boat sailing under ORC shall be assigned to a division and class according to its rating and at the discretion of the organizing authority. All decisions of the OA regarding section assignments shall be final.

4.4 The Owner and/or Skipper of an eligible one design class must be a current valid member of their one design class. The OA encourages all Owners, Skippers, and Crew to be a current member of their National Governing Body (US Sailing for USA members; to join visit: www.ussailing.org).

4.5 The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 20 feet LOA or greater that holds a current valid WFPHRF Certificate.

4.6 Eligible boats may enter at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16895> to complete the regatta's online entry.

4.7 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than February 1, 2025. New and incomplete entries after February 1 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

4.8 A representative of each eligible boat shall register with Sailing World Race management in person at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club before racing starts. All skipper and crew waivers must be completed before registration.

4.9 Online waiver of liability: As part of the entry process on YachtScoring, all skippers and crew must complete the waiver of liability to be a valid entry.

After you have completed your entry application on YachtScoring, please go to the "OWNER'S CORNER" Section and then "My Crew List" and input or select your crew names. If your crew changes before the regatta, please edit your crew list online the same way. Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.

4.10 In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.

4.11 For Entries to be considered valid, all registration items must be completed including but not limited to online crew waiver submission, paid fees, rating certificates submitted, etc. All incomplete registrations will be considered withdrawn from the regatta if incomplete on or after 1900 on Thursday, February 13, 2025.



REGISTRATION DETAIL	DATE
Entry Open for All Classes	November 24, 2024
Deadline for Early Entry Discount - All Classes	By 2359hrs on January 15, 2025
Deadline for Class Formation (8 paid entries)	By 2359hrs on February 1, 2025
Online Entry Closes	At 2359hrs on February 12
Registration - All competitors (Buoy & Distance)	1630 - 1830 on February 13 1630 - 1830 on February 14 0730 - 0830 on Friday 15

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be based on the LOA as follows:

LOA	Early Entry Fee	Entry Fee after 1/15/25
up to 19'	\$200	\$280
20' - 25'	\$250	\$325
26' - 29'	\$285	\$350
30' and over	\$300	\$375
Distance Race (Saturday & Sunday)	\$200	\$275

5.2 The entry fee includes: docking and use of facilities at St. Petersburg Yacht Club from Thursday, February 15 - Sunday, February 18, and race management. To request docking, please contact SPYC. Space is limited, please make your reservation in advance. Refer to 13.1.

5.3 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the OA. To withdraw your entry for a refund less admin fee, please email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than February 7, 2025. In the event that the regatta is canceled all entry fees will be credited in full.

5.4 The Regattas Socials are open to sailors, members, and guests for special events on Thursday - Sunday. The Regatta Social Pass fee is inclusive of Lite Fare on Friday, Dinner Buffet on Saturday, soft drinks and sponsored beverages. Social passes may be purchased in advance on the race website and include bar, catering, staff costs, taxes and gratuity.



6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

6.3 At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's bow.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 A Competitors' Welcome will be held at 1830 on February 13, 2025 at SPYC.

7.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 each day except that the first warning signal for the Lightning Classes will be made at 1200 on Friday, February 14, 2025. This change only applies to Lightning racing on Friday. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday.

7.3 The race committee intends to run as many races as viable each day.

8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

8.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

8.2 Neither the OA nor the SPYC shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.

9. VENUE

Racing areas will be in Tampa Bay, East of the St. Petersburg harbor entrance. The Distance Racing area will be in Tampa Bay and adjacent waters.

10. COURSES

The number of racing areas, specific locations, and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION, will apply.

11.2 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

12. SCORING

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races with no race scores excluded. One race will constitute a series. Scoring in ORC classes will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. BERTHING/HAUL OUT

13.1 All visiting boats and trailers must obtain docking information and trailer tags from the SPYC Waterfront Director. All visiting boats using SPYC facilities for launching, docking, etc. must email dockmaster@spyc.org for a reservation. Docking fees at SPYC are included in the entry fee and confirmed upon the completion of registration (waivers, fees).

13.2 Registered boats participating in the regatta may be moored at the SPYC or the SPYC



Sailing Center, as assigned by the SPYC Dockmaster, February 13-16, 2025.

13.3 [DP] Once launched, boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the OA. Lightnings, and boats stored on local beaches are exempt from these haul-out restrictions.

13.4 For boats below 6,000 pounds intending to launch from the SPYC Sailing Center, the majority of launching will take place on Thursday, February 13th and nearly all the boats haul out after racing on Sunday, February 16th. Anyone who is able to launch earlier in the week, or haul on Monday is strongly encouraged to do so to avoid long lines. Boats exceeding 6,000 pounds and/or draft of 7 feet or more may contact _____, for launch and haul out services.

13.5 The Lightning Fleet will launch at the Sailing Center prior to the start of the day's racing and will haul at the conclusion of racing each day. These fleets may arrive at the Sailing Center on Thursday, February 13th, and must vacate the Center by Monday, February 17th.

13.6 The A-Cat, Melges 15, Windmill & Weta fleets will be stored and launched at Elva Rouse Park (901 North Shore Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701) for the duration of the regatta. These fleets may arrive at Elva Rouse Park on Wednesday, February 12th, and must vacate the park on Sunday, February 16th. It is the intent of the OA for the Boat Park to be monitored by overnight security, and is included in the entry fee. Please note, vehicles are not allowed on parkland grass and overnight RV parking and/or camping is not permitted.

13.7 Event Dockage: The SPYC docks and services are new and the layout should be reviewed in advance. Familiarize yourself by referring to dockage maps for the division of fleets. Competitor dockage will be distributed between the St. Petersburg Sailing Center and the SPYC docks. Refer to "Docking, Launch & Haul Out Logistics" on the Notice Board.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and SPYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

14.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

16. PRIZES



16.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

16.2 Each qualifying class winner is eligible for the 2025 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship held in the British Virgin Islands in October 2025. The designated Challenger will be drawn from the class winners at the conclusion of the event

16.3 Class Trophy: Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the **Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- (i) The same boat must be used in all three events
- (ii) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- (iii) A boat's series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat's finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

16.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top **Youth Team** (under 21 years of age), and top **Mixed Plus Team** (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

17. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL

The Regatta Series is continuing to work with Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana to maintain Silver Level certified Clean Regatta. Please bring your reusable water bottles, consider car-pooling, and provision your boat with limited no single-use plastics. Visit www.sailorsforthesea.org to learn more.

19. REGATTA CONTACT

For further information please contact:

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