



70th Annual St. Petersburg Winter Lightning Championship



March 18-21, 2017

Organizing Authority and Host: St. Petersburg Yacht Club ("SPYC")

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"). If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

RRS 41 "Outside Help" and RRS 62.1 "Redress" are changed by SI 18 and 19.

RRS 44.1 will apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty (see RRS 44.2) with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.

The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

RRS Appendix T, ARBITRATION, will apply. This Appendix includes POST-RACE PENALTIES.

2 ENTRIES

Eligible competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form and paying the entry fee at Registration, which closes at 1700 on Saturday.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board which will be located on the regatta website at www.yachtscoring.com.

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed by 0830 on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the racing schedule will be displayed on the prior day: on Saturday by 1900, and on Sunday and Monday by the protest time limit or 1700, whichever is later.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the South side of the SPSC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE

1400-1700 Saturday	Registration in SPYC Regatta Room (1 st floor, NE corner)
1730 Saturday	Competitors' Meeting in SPYC Ballroom (2 nd floor, N side)
1000 Sunday	Warning Signal for first race; racing continues
1000 Monday	Warning Signal for next race; racing continues
1000 Tuesday	Warning Signal for next race; racing continues
1500 Tuesday	No Starting Signal will be made after this time

Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. After the first race of the day, the race committee will display flag F for at least five minutes before the first warning signal for any subsequent race.

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6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the International Lightning Class insignia on a white field.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, East of the site of the former St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

8 COURSES

The attached diagram shows the course designations, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left. The race committee will post, on the signal boat, the course designation, and the approximate distance and magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

9 MARKS

The starting marks will be race committee boats.

Original marks 1, 2G, R and 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

Mark 1A (the offset mark) will be an orange tomato.

New marks (see SI 13) will be green tetrahedrons.

The finishing marks will be a race committee boat and a yellow cylinder.

10 CHECKING IN

When a race committee signal boat displays flag L while anchored prior to a warning signal, competitors shall come within hail and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats that fail to check in will be assigned a ten (10) place scoring penalty for that race without a hearing [see RRS 44.3(c)]. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11 STARTING AND FINISHING

The starting line will be between the staffs from which orange flags are displayed on the race committee boats at the ends of the starting line. The race committee will display visual signals and make sound signals ONLY from the starboard-end boat.

The finishing line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

12 RECALLS

The race committee will, after the starting signal, hail on VHF channel 72 the bow or sail numbers of OCS boats and boats that have not complied with rule 30.1. The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

When, in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

The race committee may adjust the angle of a gate without making any signals.

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14 TIME LIMITS

A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

If no boat that has started rounds the windward mark within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

The time limit is 150 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS REQUESTS

Competitors are requested to report their intention to protest to the finish boat as soon as possible after finishing.

Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the SPSC within 45 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be displayed on the notice board. Requests for redress involving OCS scores shall be delivered within 30 minutes of the displaying of OCS information or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

A list of protests received will be displayed on the notice board not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.

Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be displayed on the notice board. This display constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b).

Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the SPSC.

Boats are prohibited from protesting under any rule related to advertising, and Sailing Instructions 2 and 10. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision prior to the last day of racing; or,
- (b) no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

On the last day of racing, requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within thirty minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Nine (9) races are scheduled. One completed race shall constitute a series. No race scores will be excluded from a boat's series score unless five (5) or more races are completed.

For purposes of scoring the Masters and Woody divisions, only the first two races each day will be included, and each division will be scored including only boats competing in that division.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the first five (5) boats in the Championship, the first three (3) boats in the Masters class, and the first boat in the Woody class (provided three or more boats are registered in the Woody class).

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18 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The use of hand-held VHF radios while racing is permitted, but only for **receiving** communications from the race committee on channel 72, and in emergencies. The failure to receive such communications shall not be grounds for granting redress.

Other use of any electronic communication device, including cellular telephones, while racing is prohibited.

19 COACHING and OFFICIAL BOATS

No boat breaks RRS 41 by receiving unsolicited help from the ILCA approved coach while racing. Individual team coaches are not authorized by this rule.

RRS 62.1 is changed by adding: A competitor may not base a request for redress on a claim that an action by an official boat was improper. The protest committee may initiate consideration of redress regarding an action of an official boat only if it believes that such action may have significantly interfered with a competing boat.

TIDES FOR ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 18-21, 2017

	<u>LOW</u>		<u>HIGH</u>		<u>LOW</u>		<u>HIGH</u>	
SAT	0039	0.0	0706	+1.2	1126	+0.8	1746	+2.0
SUN	0142	0.0	0845	+1.1	1149	+1.0	1829	+1.9
MON	0256	0.0	1924	+1.9				
TUE	0410	0.0	2039	+1.8				

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