

71st Annual St. Petersburg
Winter Lightning Championship
March 23-26, 2018
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RR 2017-2020) and the "Document Governing all Sanctioned Lightning Class Championships".
- 1.3 PROPULSION. Modifying rule 42.3(c), "Except on a beat to windward, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the front of a wave) or planning is possible, the boat's crew may pull any sail using the sheet only, (not the guy) in order to initiate surfing or planning but each sail may be pulled in only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used." This Class Rule changes RRS 42, and shall be included in the Notice of Race for informational purposes only.
- 1.4 The two turns penalty as provided in RRS Rule 44 will apply with the additional provision that when an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one full turn instead of two. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall include this provision. This changes RRS 44.
- 1.5 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.
- 1.6 Rule 63.7 shall be replaced by-"If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instruction shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 RRS 41 Outside Help is modified with the addition of "(e) an ILCA and OA approved and designated coach boat is allowed on the course and to primarily coach boats that are identified by a backstay streamer. No boat breaks a rule if they receive unsolicited input from the ILCA coach. The ILCA coach is designated by this rule to coach all boats and individual team coaches are not authorized by this change. This change also modifies Document Governing Article VIII - Racing Conditions, Section Support Boats."

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA that conform to class rules.
- 2.2 The skipper and crew must be members of the ILCA.
- 2.3 An approved Measurement Certificate must be on file at the ILCA Office for each boat entered.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.SPYC.org> (regattas) or Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com> . Payments will be through Yacht Scoring. Any questions please contact SPYC Regatta Director Todd Fedyszyn at 727 822 3113 or todd@spyc.org. You may also call contact Regatta Chair Kathy Ahern at ahern.jka@gmail.com or 727-521-2607. Refunds, minus service will be allowed only until March 5, 2018.
- 2.5 Boats may simultaneously compete in any of the Championship, Masters, and Woody divisions.
- 2.6 Master qualifications: The skipper must be at least 55 years of age as of 12/31/18 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/18.

3. FEES

Registration fees: \$250.00 per boat; \$15 of which goes to the ILCA. A \$20 discount will apply for paid entries **before** March 1, 2018. Fees include three tickets for Friday's Welcome Party and Sunday's

Banquet, ILCA regatta dues, trophies, and the 7% Florida sales tax.
 Extra Welcome Party tickets for Friday (\$20) and Banquet tickets for Sunday (\$35) are available online when registering.

4. SCHEDULE

Friday -March 23

1400-1700	Registration -----	Regatta Room
1730	Competitors' Meeting -----	Ballroom
1800	Possible ILCA Meeting -----	Ballroom
1830	St. Petersburg Welcome Party -----	Waterfront Room

Saturday -March 24

1000 Warning, first race of the day

Sunday- March 25

1000 Warning, first race of the day
 1800 Lightning Happy Hour and Dinner Reception ---**Ballroom**

Monday - March 26

1000 Warning, first race of the day
 1500 No starts after 1500
 1600 (ASAP) Winter Championship Awards ----- SPYC Sailing Center

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

6. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Avenue SE.

No vehicle parking is allowed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center.

7. VENUE

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

8. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

- 9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.
- 9.2 Seven races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. When 1 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst race.
- 9.3 Only the first two races each day will be scored in the Masters and Woody divisions

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Championship division, first through third in the Masters division and first in the Woody division providing three or more Woody entries are racing.

11. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios to receive communications from the Race Committee on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to

use VHF radio to identify OCS (On the Course Side of the starting line) after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for granting redress

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

As a condition of my entry in the Winter Lightning Championship, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing a competitive sport, waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the Lightning Class Association and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, their respective officers, trustees, contractors, employees and members, and against any and all volunteers which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the regatta and its organizers and sponsors. I further agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I certify that my boat has a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas> for: **Registration and Club Cards**

Accommodations, Event Schedule; General Information with Tips, Maps & Parking; Racing Area Chart

Yacht Scoring for NOR, and Results <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

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