

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

2021 America's Disabled/Open Regatta

December 3-5, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by the St Petersburg Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.3 This is an International Sonar Class Association (ISCA) Appendix B – Alternative Rules event.
- 1.4 Advertising will be governed by ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code.

2. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it is to take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be the regatta site on yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2 The race office is located at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center.
- 3.3 Sailors are advised to carry a VHF radio and may use it on the designated VHF channel to receive official communications regarding the safety of the fleet or to make transmissions calling for assistance.
- 3.4 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 63 for safety and race committee coordination. This frequency will be constantly monitored by all race committee vessels, in addition to the Safety Coordinator stationed at the Sailing Center, throughout the duration of all races.
- 3.5 While racing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile phones. A GPS tracking device may be carried. The device shall remain sealed at all times, from the time that a boat leaves the dock until it returns. Data provided by the device is not admissible as evidence in a protest or redress hearing.

4. COACHES AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 4.1 Coach and other support boats and personnel shall not interfere with the racing or the conduct of the regatta, and they shall comply with any reasonable request from race officials. Such requests may include rendering assistance to a boat in danger. If the protest committee receives a report alleging a breach of conduct, it may conduct a hearing in accordance with RRS 63. Any competitors associated with the support personnel shall be made parties to that hearing. A breach of this rule may result in a points

penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to any competitors associated with the support personnel in accordance with RRS 64.6.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the St. Petersburg Sailing Center flagstaff.

5.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

6.1

Thursday, December 2	1600 – 1800	Competitor Check-in at SPYC
Friday, December 3	0900	Competitors' Meeting at SPSC
Friday, December 3	1030	Warning Signal, Racing begins
Saturday, December 4	1000	Warning Signal, Racing continues
Sunday, December 5	1000	Warning Signal, Racing continues
Sunday, December 5	ASAP	Awards presentation at SPYC

6.2 Eight races are scheduled; however, no more than three races shall be sailed on any race day. No warning signal will be made after 1400, Sunday, December 5.

6.3 One race will constitute a regatta.

6.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND SPECIAL SIGNALS

7.1 The following class flags shall be used for each class:

- a) pink flag - 2.4mR class
- b) Sonar flag - Sonar class

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be on Tampa Bay, Florida, in the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier.

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The attached course diagram, Addendum 1, describes the course configuration for each class, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The Sonar Class and the 2.4mR Class will share a common start line, finish line and leeward mark. Each class will have its own windward mark.

9.2 One or more course boards will be displayed on the Signal boat, each of which will display the following information: Class, course number and distance to the weather mark in nautical miles from the signal boat. Direction may be displayed on a separate course board. Course board information may be changed any time before the warning signal for a class.

9.3 The Race Committee may shorten the course at a mark of the course, but not to less than 3 legs for any course.

10. MARKS

10.1 The start line mark will be a yellow cylinder. The finish mark will be a yellow tetrahedron. The leeward mark will be a large orange sphere.

10.2 The following marks are rounding marks:

The 2.4mR windward mark will be a large yellow tetrahedron.

The Sonar windward mark will be a large orange sphere.

10.3 The 2.4mR windward change mark will be a large orange tetrahedron.

The Sonar windward change mark will be a large green tetrahedron.

11. CHECKING IN

11.1 Each boat shall check in at the Race Committee Signal boat before the first race of each day sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal boat before the warning signal. Only the race committee may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.3.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 Classes may be started in any order.

12.3 A separate start will be provided to each class for each race.

12.4 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.6 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.7 Boats failing to start within four (4) minutes of their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

13.1 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.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14.2 Flag A displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing, means "No more racing today."

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Penalties, if any, will be imposed pursuant to RRS 44.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 1 hour.

16.2 Boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat to finish and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE

shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.3 Boats may be finished in place, if their finishing position can be correctly determined, or if a boat agrees to be finished in place. Her finish will be after all boats in her class who finish within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 RRS 61.1 is changed by adding the requirement for a boat intending to protest to notify the Race Committee finish boat of the sail number(s) of the boats(s) she is intending to protest.

17.2 Hearing request time will begin at the time the Race Committee signal boat docks, and end 1 hour later. Docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This changes RRS 61.3.

17.3 Hearing request forms are available at the St Petersburg Sailing Center. Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee representative there within the protest time.

17.4 Protest notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties or witnesses.

17.5 A request for redress shall be delivered to a protest committee representative within one hour of the race committee signal boat posted docking time or within one hour of the posting of the race committee action form, whichever time is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.6 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 on the previous day; or,

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, as changed below, will apply.

18.2 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score shall be the sum of her score for all races.

19. SAFETY

19.1 A boat retiring from a race shall, when possible, notify a race committee boat before leaving the racing area. When that is not possible, she shall notify Safety Ashore or a staff member at the SPSC as soon as she arrives there.

19.2 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) which are either approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, or, in the case of foreign competitors, approved by their sponsoring country. All PFDs shall be in good condition and worn at all times while afloat, except that they may be removed briefly, when not racing, to adjust, add or remove clothing.

21. PRIZES

21.1 Trophies shall be awarded at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club after racing ends on Sunday.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. If there is any conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Disclaimer or Waiver of liability of the Organizing Authority, the Race Committee and any other beneficiary of the Disclaimer or Waiver of liability signed by any participant as

a condition of participating in this regatta, the language of the Disclaimer or Waiver of liability shall take precedence.

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