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St. Petersburg Yacht Club

February 16 - 18, 2024

St. Petersburg, FL

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/>

NOTICE OF RACE

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

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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:

- [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 RRS 63.1 and 63.2 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 14th.

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 <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16265>.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule.

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.

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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 six 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 8 boats registered may be started together, but scored separately. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion.

4.2 Potential one-design classes: A Class Catamarans (foiling and classic), Contenders, F101, Flying Dutchmen, J/70, J/24, J/88, J/111, Lightning, L30, Melges 15, Melges 24, S2 7.9, Sonar, Hobie 33, Viper 640, VX One, WETA, and WASZP. Potential 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 current valid ORC certificate. A boat sailing under ORC shall be assigned to a division and section 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 by going to <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16265> to complete the regatta's online entry.

4.7 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than February 1st, 2024. New and incomplete entries after February 1st, 2024 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

4.8 A representative of each eligible boat shall check in 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 check in.

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 15, 2024.

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REGISTRATION DETAIL	DATE	LINK
Entry Open for All Classes	October 5, 2023	https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-st-petersburg/
Deadline for Early Entry Discount - All Classes	By 2359hrs on February 1, 2024	https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-st-petersburg/
Deadline for Class Formation (6 paid entries)	By 2359hrs on February 1	https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-st-petersburg/
Online Registration Closes	At 2359hrs on February 14	Email late entry requests to regattas@sailingworld.com
Competitor Check-in	1630 - 1830 on February 15	St. Petersburg Yacht Club
Distance Race Fleet Check-in	1630 - 1830 on February 16 0730 - 0900 on February 17	St. Petersburg Yacht Club

5. FEES

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

LOA	Early Entry Fee	Entry Fee after 2/1/24
up to 19'	\$145	\$220
20' - 25'	\$215	\$290
26' - 29'	\$250	\$325
30' and over	\$265	\$340
Distance Race (Saturday & Sunday)	\$100	\$175

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5.2 The entry fee includes the costs for race management, access to SPYC Club and Race facilities, and docking at St. Petersburg Yacht Club from Thursday, February 15 - Sunday, February 18. To request docking, please contact SPYC. Space is limited, please make your reservation in advance. Due to marina construction logistics may change. Please refer to the Official Notice Board for updates and communications.

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 full refund, please email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than February 12, 2024. In the event that the regatta is cancelled all entry fees will be credited in full.

5.4 Social events and fees are separate from entry fees; all sailors, members, and guests are welcome. It is the intent of the OA to host the Sailing World Speaker Series on Thursday, a Happy Hour post racing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at St. Petersburg Yacht Club on the 2nd Floor Pool Patio and SPYC Ballroom. Regatta Social Passes can be purchased in advance on the race website and includes access to the regatta Happy Hour with sponsored beverages and snacks.

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, bow numbers, 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 15, 2024 at SPYC.

7.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 each day. There will be no warning signal after 1430 on Sunday. No Warning Signal for the A-Cat and Lightning Classes will be made prior to 1200 on Friday, February 16, 2024. This change only applies to A-Cat and Lightning racing on Friday.

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 administrating 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. 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.

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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 RESTRICTIONS

13.1 Boats may be moored at the SPYC or the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, as assigned, February 15-18 2024, free of charge. Boats wishing to arrive earlier or depart later, should contact the SPYC dock master at 727-822-3227 to make reservations.

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

13.3 Boats exceeding 6,000 pounds and/or draft of 7 feet or more may contact Sailor's Wharf, for launch and haul out services, at 727-823-1155.

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

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16.3 Each qualifying class winner is eligible for the 2024 Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series Championship. The designated Challenger will be drawn at the conclusion of the event from the class winners.

16.4 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Junior Team (under 21 years of age), and top Mixed Plus Team (50% + female) to the 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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