



April 2, 2016

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The organizing authority for this regatta is 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)*. 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. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

1.2 This race is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the SPYC at Pass-A-Grille.

### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0815 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at SPYC at Pass-A-Grille.

4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes." This changes Race Signals AP.

### 5. Schedule of Race

5.1	Saturday - April 2, 2016	1200	First Warning signal	Crown Cars
	Sunday - April 3, 2016	1000	First Warning Signal	Make-Up Date (If not raced on Saturday)

5.2 One Race is scheduled for all Classes. One race constitutes a regatta.

### 6. Classes and Class Flags

Spinnaker	White
Racer/Cruiser & Non-Spinnaker	Yellow
Cruiser	Purple

### 7. Racing and Starting Areas

7.1 The racing area is in the Gulf of Mexico between John's Pass and Pass-a-Grille.

### 8. Marks

8.1 The Starting and Finishing mark for all classes will be the Pass-a-Grille Entrance Mark, North Channel, MO (A) 16 ft 5m "PG".

8.2 All other marks are as described in Appendix B.

### 9. Courses

9.1 Courses for all Classes are as described in Appendix B.

9.3 The course for each class will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat, and will be announced on VHF channel 63.

## 10. Checking In

Before the start of the first race, each boat shall check in with the signal boat via VHF Channel 63, or by passing by the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing the sail number. Only the race committee may protest a boat under this rule.

## 11. The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark.

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay well clear of the starting area during other classes starting sequences.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

11.4 Order of Starts

First Start	Spinnaker
Second Start	Racer/Cruiser & Non-Spinnaker
Third Start	Cruiser

## 12. Recalls

After the starting signal, the race committee will attempt to hail, on VHF channel 63, the sail numbers of boats that have not complied with RRS 29.1 or 30.1. The delay of such a hail, 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. The Finish

13.1 The finish line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a race committee boat and the finish mark.

## 14. Penalty Systems

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply when a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2. A boat may not take a Two-Turn penalty. The One-turn will apply when a boat may have broken RRS 31.

An Alternative Acknowledgement form will be available at the Protest Desk for those who have taken a penalty.

## 15. Time Limit

15.1 The time limit for all boats is 1730. Boats that have not finished by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

15.2 If there is a postponement, the time limit will not be extended.

## 16. Retiring

Any boat retiring from the race shall inform a race committee boat (VHF channel 63) or the SPYC at Pass-a-Grille (727-360-1646) as soon as possible.

## 17. Protests

17.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the race committee on the finishing boat immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

17.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee within 30 minutes after the race committee finish boat for that class docks at Pass-a-Grille.

17.3 Protest forms will be available on or near the official notice board.

17.4 No later than 15 minutes after the end of protest time, a schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the official notice board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

## 18. Communications

18.1 The race committee will monitor VHF Channel 63 during the starts and VHF Channel 16 and VHF 63 during the race.

18.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones. The only exception is SI 18.1.

18.3 The competitors channel will be VHF Channel 63.

18.4 There will be courtesy announcements on VHF Channel 63 during the start. Nothing said over VHF Channel 63 for courtesy reasons shall be grounds for protests or redress.

## 19. Scoring and Prizes

19.1 Corrected times will be based on the WFPHRF handicap systems: Random Leg Rating (RLC) for all Classes.

19.2 Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place finishers (based on corrected times) in each class with at least four entries. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 20. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of the SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

## Appendix B

### MARKS & COURSES

#### MARK DESCRIPTIONS

"JP" Mark	Government Fixed Mark	John's Pass Entrance Mark MO (A) 16ft 6M "JP"
"PG" Mark	Government Fixed Mark	Pass-a-grille Entrance Mark North Channel MO (A) 16 ft 5M "PG"
"BP" Mark	Yellow Tet	In the vicinity of Blind Pass-less than one Dropped Mark nautical mile southwesterly at these approximate coordinates: N 27' 43.94" W 82' 46.13"
"A" Mark	Green Tet Dropped Mark	1.5 NM West Of BP Mark Approximate Coordinates N 27' 44.03" W 82' 47.95"
"C" Mark	Orange Tet Dropped Mark	3.0 NM West of "BP" Mark Approximate Coordinates N 27' 44.09" W 82' 49.59"

## APPENDIX B CONT'D

### Courses

"P" means Round mark to Port

"S" means Round mark to Starboard

#### COURSE "A"

START

BP-P

JP-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 12.56

#### COURSE "B"

START

C-S

JP-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 13.66

#### COURSE "C"

START

BP-P

JP-S

BP-S

A-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 15.80

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#### COURSE "D"

START

BP-P

JP-S

BP-S

C-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 18.80

#### COURSE "E"

START

C-S

JP-S

BP-S

C-P

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 17.86

#### COURSE "G"

START

C-S

JP-S

BP-S

C-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 19.36

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#### COURSE "H"

START

JP-S

BP-S

PG-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 19.26

#### COURSE "I"

START

JP-S

BP-S

A-S

BP-S

PG-S

BP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 22.26

#### COURSE "K"

START

JP-S

PG-S

JP-S

FINISH PG

APPROX DIST: 24.64