

Notice of Race
John Jennings Memorial Regatta
February 1, 2025

SPYC Boat of the Year and SPORC Event

Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Yacht Club,

11 Central Ave St. Petersburg, FL 33701

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed as defined by the 2025-2029 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In accordance with the WFPHRF Rules, this shall be a Race Category 4 event.
- 1.3. This regatta is an Official St. Petersburg Yacht Club Boat of the Year and S.P.O.R.C. event.
- 1.4. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2. Advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Divisions will be Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser and One design.
Spinnaker division shall hold a current and valid ORC certificate. All other divisions shall have a current WFPHRF certificate.
- 3.2. There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class to constitute a class. Any class with less than four will be placed in the appropriate ORC or WFPHRF class within their division.
- 3.3. Skippers in Cruiser division must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700, Thursday, January 30, 2025, by notifying the Event Chair.
- 3.4. All entries must register in Yacht Scoring(YS.)
- 3.5. Each entry must include a complete and accurate list of all crew participating in this event.
- 3.6. Waivers must be signed electronically by the skipper and all crew on Yacht Scoring.
- 3.7. No boats' entry will be final without a completed and signed online (YS) waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an online (YS) waiver.
- 3.8. No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Entry fees paid on or prior to 1700 December 19, 2024 - \$90.00 (tax included)
- 4.2. Entry fees paid after that date, but before January 3, 2025 - \$110.00 (Tax included)
- 4.3. Deadline for entries is **1700 January 29, 2025**. Entries after that date will be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with an explanation of why and will pay an additional (non-refundable) late fee of \$50.00.
- 4.4. Entry Fee includes two tickets to the Saturday After-Race Party
- 4.5. Boats that entered and withdraw in writing prior to Wednesday, January 29 2025, will receive a refund of the entry fee less an administrative fee of \$25.00.

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Friday, January 31, 2025 – Check-in via Yacht scoring. Email the Event Chair with any questions
- 5.2. If necessary a Skippers meeting will be scheduled later.
- 5.3. Races: The Race Committee will attempt to have three (3) or more races on Saturday. One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 5.4. First Warning will be @11:00 Saturday, February 1, 2025.
- 5.5. Complimentary Beer, Hors D'oeuvres & Awards presentation will be held as soon as possible.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC.org or Yacht Scoring by Friday, January 5, 2025.

7. Courses

- 7.1. Spinnaker and One-Design classes will do Windward/Leeward Courses (W/L).
- 7.2. All other classes will do a Random Leg (RLC).
- 7.3. The Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Penalty Systems

- 8.1. The scoring penalty, RRS Rule 44.3, (a), (b), (c), will apply.
- 8.2. Competitors must complete the Alternative Penalty Acknowledgement Form and turn it in prior to the end of 30-minute protest period.

9. Scoring

- 9.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except no race will be excluded.
- 9.2. Spinnaker Classes will be scored ORC Triple W/L for this regatta and SPYC BOTY.
- 9.3. The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all classes except Spinnaker and One-Design.

10. Berthing

- 10.1. For access to SPYC docks, 727 822 3227 or dockmaster@spyc.org.
- 10.2. Parking is available in the city parking lot south of the club.

11. Radio Communications

- 11.1. Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to cell phones.
- 11.2. The Official Bulletin board will be Yacht Scoring(YS.) All communications will be posted there.
- 11.3. The Race Committee may use RRS90.2(C) to make changes to the NOR and/or the SIs on the water.

12. Awards

- 12.1. Awards will be given as follows. Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries.
- 12.2. First, Second and Third place awards will be given for each class in the John Jennings Memorial Regatta (given sufficient entries.) Other special awards will be given out as deemed by the organizing authority and regatta organizers.

13. Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

- 13.1.** Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 "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.
- 13.2.** 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 failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St. Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the Regatta. This modifies RRS 76.
- 13.3.** All competitors shall follow all Current CDC, State of Florida, Pinellas County, City of St. Petersburg, and St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Sailing Center Guidelines/Restrictions for Health and Safety.

14. Further Information

- 14.1.** Please contact Event Chair Gloria Davis, gloriajdavis@outlook.com or PRO George Pennington, epennin09@gmail.com.
- 14.2.** Future posting will also be available on the SPYC and YS websites.

15. Additional Information

- 15.1.** Temporary Yacht Club "membership" is available for those that do not have reciprocity. A Guest Card may be obtained using Visa or MasterCard. Access www.spyc.org, select "Regattas", then "SPYC Guest Card".
- 15.2.** Please submit requests 48 hrs. in advance of January 6, 2024. Cards can be picked up at the Front Desk upon arrival.
- 15.3.** For Hotel accommodations near SPYC, go to the SPYC website www.spyc.org. From the home page go to "Regattas" and then "Local Accommodations."