



QUANTUM J/70 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 NOTICE OF RACE

February 23-26, 2017

Hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club
St. Petersburg, Florida

Organizing Authority – St. Petersburg Yacht Club and J/70 Class Association
Website - www.spyc.org

1. RULES

The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the IJ70 Class Rules.

- 1.1 J/70 Class Rule I.3 (support boats) shall apply.
- 1.2 J/70 Class Rule I.4 Corinthian Division shall apply.
- 1.3 J/70 Class Rule I.6 Group 3 Limits shall apply.
- 1.4 Only the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 40, 67, and 76.1 and added Rules 61.4 and 82 shall apply.
- 1.5 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by – “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.6 The Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply.
- 1.7 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than Disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other RRS Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA), in accordance with RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20. If provided, flags/stickers/decals shall be displayed from 1700 February 25 through February 28, 2016.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the J/70 Class that conform to the Class Rules.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees.
- 3.3. The entry deadline is 2300 20 February 2017. Entries will not be accepted after the entry deadline.
- 3.4. A maximum of 80 boats will be accepted as confirmed entries based on the order in which their entry form and required fees are received. Additional entries will be put on a waiting list in the order in which they are received.
- 3.5. Boats that have entered and withdraw, in writing prior to 2300 6 February 2017, will receive a refund of their entry fee less a \$25 processing fee. Boats withdrawing after 2300 6 February 2017 will receive a refund less a \$200 processing fee.

- 3.6. Boats that are on the waiting list will be notified that their entry has been accepted as space becomes available. If their entry cannot be accepted, their entry fee will be refunded in full.
- 3.7. To complete the advanced registration process, the following required information must be entered online via the regatta website:
- The crew list with valid ISAF Sailor ID and ISAF Classification for drivers and all crew for boats wishing to be eligible for Corinthian Awards.
 - Insurance information per NOR 20.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. In accordance with RRS 79, ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code will apply. Reference CR C.3.2.
- 4.2. For Corinthian Awards, all drivers and all crew shall be current ISAF Group 1 competitors and shall register their ISAF Sailor ID and classification via the regatta website by the end of check-in.
- 4.3. A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during check-in and may perform spot checks.
- 4.4. Family Division
- Must have two or more family members
 - Must have two generations represented
 - Must qualify for Corinthian

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee shall be:
- US \$325 for entries received and fees paid before 2300 1 February 2017.
 - US \$400 for entries received and fees paid **after** 2300 1 February 2017 and **before** 2300 20 February 2017. All prices are inclusive.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes:
- Invitation to all social events for the Owner / Charterer and up to three crew members. (For Extra Event Tickets see Further Information Part D below)
 - Launch and haul out at SPSC (St. Petersburg Sailing Center) premises
 - Measurement, as directed by the J/70 Class
 - In water dockage from start of registration until the end of the regatta (See NOR 15 & 16)
 - Three regatta race days
 - Awards and prizes
 - Social events 3 evenings, 23 February 2017 thru 26 February 2017-1 Open night.
 - Dinner for a team of 4 including some beverages on each of 2 evenings and Snacks on the Awards day. (Additional tickets may be purchased)
 - Full guest privileges at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, including all on site dining and bar services using an SPYC guest card obtainable on line at www.spyc.org click on Sailing then Guest Card. We request that the form be filled out at least 48 hours in advance of the event, then your card will await you at the front desk. Florida Council of Yacht Clubs Reciprocity will be honored with the presentation of your club's card.

6. EVENT FORMAT

- 6.1 All boats shall sail as one fleet.
- 6.2 The Race Committee may use a 3 boat starting line as further described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3 Three (3) completed races during the series are required to constitute a Championship.

7. SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| Wed 22 February | TBD | Inspection |
| Thurs 23 February | TBD | Inspection |
| | 1600-1730 | Registration-SPYC Ballroom |
| | 1800 | Competitors Meeting & Cookout at the SPYC Tiki Hut Cook Out |
| Fri 24 February | 1000 | Racing – First Signal |
| | 1800 | Open Night |
| Sat 25 February | 1000 | Racing – First Signal (additional races to follow) |
| | 1800 | Dinner at SPYC |
| Sun 26 February | 1000 | Racing – First Signal |
| | 1400 | No warning signal after this time |
| | ASAP | Haul out after racing and Snacks and Awards at SPYC |

8. ON SITE CHECK IN, INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. All competitors shall complete on site forms and waivers during check in hours. Samples of these documents will be published on the regatta website no later than 23 February 2017.
- 8.2. Valid and current written proof of insurance shall be presented at the on-site check in (See NOR 20).
- 8.3. **All boats and sails must undergo inspection before 1700 hours on Thursday, February 23th in order to complete regatta onsite registration and check-in.**
- 8.4. Changes or substitution of sails shall be in accordance with CR C.10 and I.1 will require the written consent of the Race Committee.
- 8.5. Changes or substitution of crew, including changes to the number of crew, will require prior written consent of the Race Committee.
- 8.6. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during check in. Changes to crew lists, including changes to the number of crew, will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 8.7. Bow numbers will be assigned by the Race Committee and supplied to each participating boat at the time of entering the parking lot at the sailing center. They shall be affixed to the hull according to the instructions provided by the OA.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available no later than 1600 on Thursday 23 February 2017 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club and maybe online at the regatta website

10. VENUE

Attachment A1 shows the location of St. Petersburg Yacht Club and the racing area in Tampa Bay.

11. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

12.2 If a member of the Jury witnesses an infringement of Class Rule C3.3 (Crew Positioning) or RRS 49 or Class Rule C9.3(b)(1) (Bowsprit Use), he may indicate his observation by making a sound signal, pointing a yellow flag and hailing the boat's sail number. The boat may then exonerate herself by taking a One-Turn Penalty. Action or lack of action by the Jury under this instruction shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

13. SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3 and Appendix A2.

13.2 When five or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.3 Three (3) completed races during the series are required to constitute a Championship.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Support boats shall comply with CR I.3.

14.2 The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of support boats.

14.3 Support boats and operators shall register with the OA during check in.

14.4 While on the water support boats shall display prominently the flag by the OA.

15. BERTHING

15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places as directed by the OA and RC when either afloat or ashore.

15.2 The use of dehumidifiers is prohibited.

16. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 Thursday 23 February 2017.

16.2 Boats shall not be hauled out and rudders shall remain in the water in their normal position until after a boat finishes their regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other device capable of sending and receiving any type of communication with the exception of GPS devices.

17.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on the VHF radio. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, the failure to make the hails, or for the competitor to hear such an announcement shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given to the top five finishers overall and the top five finishers in the Corinthian Division (see NOR 4.2)

18.2 Family Division - First through Third Place prizes.

18.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVERS

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

19.2 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. Each person racing on board a boat entered in the regatta shall sign a waiver and release of liability at or before on-site registration and check-in. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, the J/70 Class Association and their members, volunteers, employees, officers and agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or the participation of any boat.

19.3 Skippers' waivers resubmitted with the on-line entry form. Crew waivers are submitted on-line at: www.spyc.org then link to Yacht Scoring site.

19.4 A link to the crew waivers is also available on St. Petersburg Yacht Club website at www.spyc.org. This will link you to Yacht Scoring site.

19.5 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.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing such coverage is current through the end of the regatta shall be supplied as part of completing check in.

Further Information:

A. Inspection Details

Each boat will be inspected for "Required Equipment, Sail Royalty Tags and Boat Compliance to Class Rules. Competitors can reference the Class rules for all "Required Equipment. The time for The J/70 Inspection Team to start inspecting boats will be announced later. This will be a dry inspection. (*Boats have to be out of the water.*)The signed inspection form must be submitted to the registration desk.

B. Storage

1. On-Site Vessel Storage: The St. Petersburg Sailing Center has reserved 10 Spots for boat Storage. This will be on a first come-first serve basis. Contact the Waterfront Director Shawn Macking at waterfront-director@spyc.org (See dates in NOR 5.2 Bullet 5)
2. Off-Site Vessel Storage: Contact Directly Bill Maker 727-896-3338 for a Secured Fenced-In Lot. Other Locations to follow.

C. Vessel transportation:

1. For Transportation to and from other events to the Midwinters contact Joule Yacht Transport at <http://jouleyacht.com/> 1-800-237-0727 Local: (727) 573-2627

D. Guest Cards & Social Events

1. SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard credit card. This can be done online (www.spyc.org). On the Home page click on the menu item "Sailing", Scroll down and click on "SPYC Guest Card". Fill out the information and click "Submit". There is now a direct link to the guest card www.spyc.org/guestcard
2. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit this form at least 48 hours in advance of the event.
3. Everyone may pick up their cards at the Front Desk at SPYC upon arrival.
4. **Extra Social Event Tickets can be purchased: Thursday Cook-Out-2/25/17=\$15.00 & Saturday Dinner-2/27/2017=\$30.00.** Tax and tip included.

E. Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC:

1. Go to the SPYC website at www.spyc.org .
2. Click on Sailing, then regattas scroll down to the bottom of the page, click on Hotels

F. Contacts for this event are:

George Pennington
Cell 727-580-5431
Email epennin09@earthlink.net

Kathy Ahern
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[See Attachment 1 below](#)

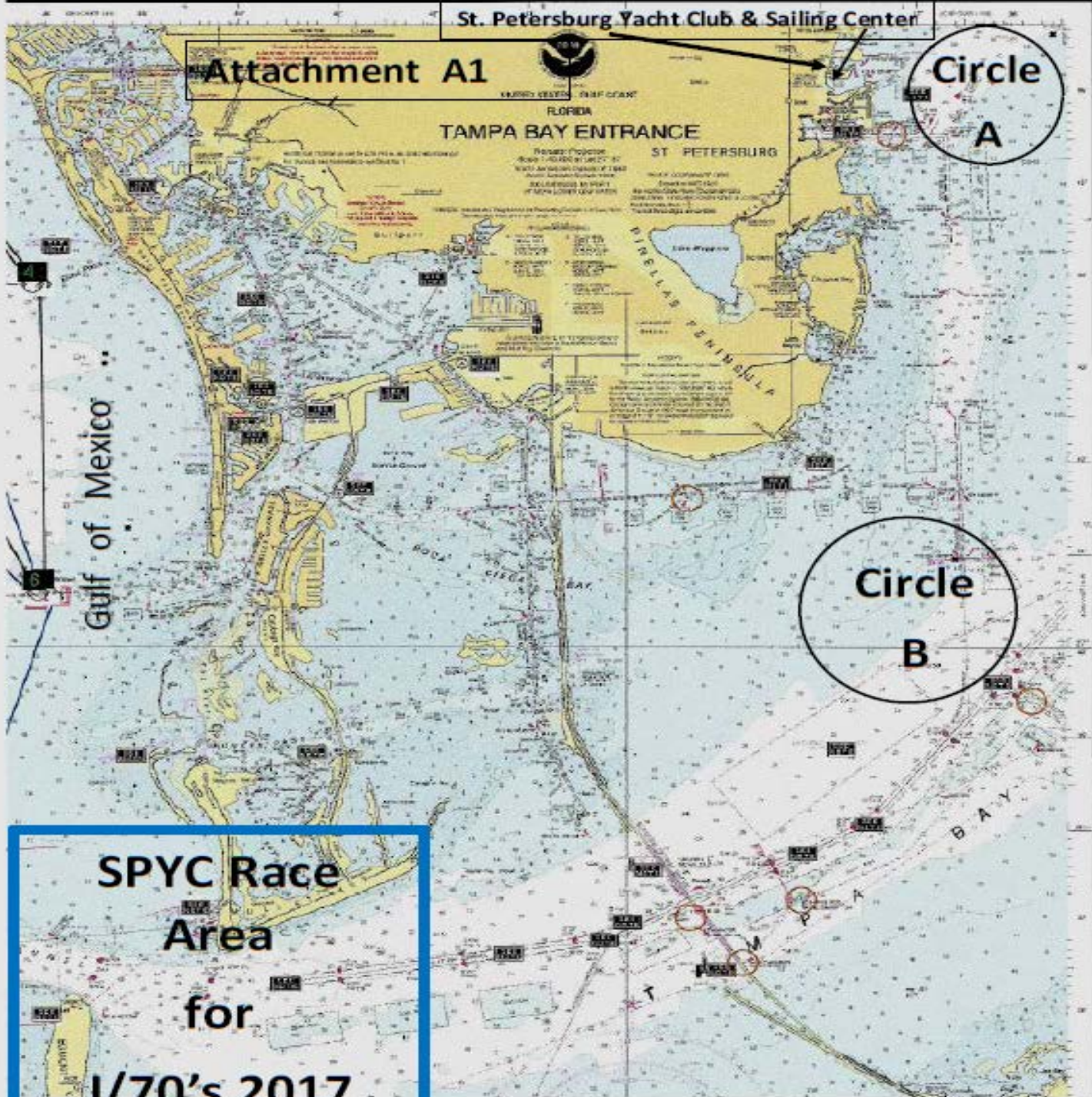


Chart Name: TAMPA BAY ENTRANCE
Chart ID: 11415 1
Top Left: 27° 47' 34" N 82° 46' 24" W
Bottom Right: 27° 35' 4" N 82° 34' 59" W

These Areas are the approximate locations of the Sailing Area
Not be used for Navigation