



2017 Twilight Series
Notice of Race
Organizing Authority: St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)

Rules: The Twilight Series will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility:

Open to any self-righting sailboat with an enclosed cabin and self-draining cockpit. Since such divergent boats may be competing they should have, or be eligible for, a current PHRF rating. Boats that have no rating will have one assigned by the Race Committee. PHRF certificates should be delivered or sent to;

Twilight Event Chair, St Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue, St Petersburg, FL 33701 (or email certificate to Twilight-Sailing@spyc.org)

The series is also open to one-designs. Those that can supply five or more competitors may be scored as a separate class. This year, competitors in the SPYC J70s are encouraged to participate. They will have their own start. The remaining sailors are encouraged to come out, check in with the race committee signal boat, sail the course and have a good time.

Fees:

No entry fee and no entry form are required. Competitors that wish to be scored during the series will need to register in the yachtscoring program at www.spyc.org and remit \$15 for the season.

SPECIAL NOTE TO SPYC SONAR and J70 competitors: For Sail Number enter "SONAR"/J70 or "SONARNS"/J70NS (for non-spin). Yacht Name should be unique, such as your full name. Spinnaker SONARS have an assigned PHRF of 177, non-spin 203. J70s will be one-design only.

Schedule: Friday nights – March 17, March 24, April 14 through August 25. If conditions allow, the first race will begin at 18:30 with a warning signal at 18:25. There will be an Awards ceremony at the end of the series, tentatively September 1.

First start: all spinnaker class boats, Twilight flag

Second start: non-spinnaker and cruisers, yellow flag

Third start: all J70s, purple flag

Classes: Spinnaker A (PHRF≤170) Spinnaker B (PHRF>170), Non-Spinnaker, Cruising and one-design.

Venue: Tampa Bay, east of downtown

Courses: Will be displayed on a board on Race Committee boat. Government marks G1, G3, "big J" and "little J" may be used

Penalty System. RRS 44.2 is modified to **one** tack and **one** gybe satisfying the rule.

Sailing Instructions: available in March, www.spyc.org

Radio Communication. At 17:00 race committee will be on Channel 63. Weather conditions, course selection, count-down and infractions will be broadcast.

Scoring: A boat must compete in 50% of the total number of races in the season to qualify for an award. A "series" score is the total of the scores in the best "number" of races, where "number" is the number of races *needed* to qualify. Corrected times will be calculated using the Time on Time method.

Awards: There will be an awards ceremony at the end of the series.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st and, possibly, 2nd and 3rd place in each class:

spinnaker A, spinnaker B, non-spinnaker and cruising.

The Cutty Sark Perpetual Trophy will be updated with a plaque listing the 1st place boat in each class.

The Ed Sherman Trophy will recognize a Sonar winner.

The Nancy Ammon will be awarded to a racing Captain *worthy of note*. Race Committee would appreciate recommendations for this award.