

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

2016 Twilight Series

most Fridays, April – August

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by the St Petersburg Yacht Club.

2. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current ***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. **NOTE: RRS 44.2 is modified to: one tack and one gybe satisfies the rule.**

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC). The Race Committee (RC) will be at SPSC and begin monitoring and broadcasting on VHF Channel 63 at 1700.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at SPSC.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING

The goal for the first warning signal will be 1825. There will be one race and three starts. The Spinnaker Classes will start first. Their class flag will be the official Twilight Class flag (white background with a red sailboat, a blue sailboat and TWILIGHT SERIES.) The Non-spinnaker and Cruising class will follow. Their Class flag will be a solid Yellow flag. Third start will be for the entire J70 class with a purple flag

6. CLASSES

Five basic classes: Spinnaker A (PHRF \leq 170), Spinnaker B (PHRF $>$ 170), Non-spinnaker, Cruisers and J70s. Other one-design classes will be recognized if there are at least five boats. **Each competitor must check in with the RC boat: declaring boat name, skipper name, Class, and, if not on record with RC, West Florida PHRF "RLC" rating.**

7. RACING AREA

Races will be held east of the Municipal Pier on Tampa Bay.

8. COURSES and MARKS

There may be one or two courses, depending on the number of boats in each of the classes. The course(s) will be broadcast and designated on a white board on the RC boat. Government Marks, "G1", "G3", Little "J" (25') and Big "J"(58') will often be used.

9. STARTING and FINISHING LINES

The start and finish will be between the RC boat and an orange mark (pin) or a designated Government Mark.

10. TIME LIMIT

RC will attempt to finish the last boat. After dark, unfinished boats should record their own time and report to RC (via VHF or phone). Boats that finish 30 minutes after the first boat in their class will be scored dnf (did not finish).

11. RACE COMMITTEE CREDIT

Regular competitors that serve as RC will receive a score equal to the average of races previously sailed.

12. PROTESTS

The protesting boat shall fly a red "B" flag and notify the boat(s) being protested. RRS 61.1 is modified to require that the protesting boat notify RC on the water at the finish. Protests must be filed within thirty minutes of the RC boat docking. The protest hearing will be held as soon as practical.

13. SCORING

Only boats that have registered at www.spyc.org will be included in the series scores.

West Florida PHRF "RLC" ratings will be used.

J70s and other one-Design classes will be scored by their order of finishing. Sonars will be assigned an artificial rating and will be scored within their class and as One-Design.

The "yachtscoring" system will be used. www.yachtscoring.com. Series winners will still need to compete in 50% of the completed races.

14. AWARDS

An Awards ceremony will be held after the last race of the series. The Cutty Sark Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the names of the overall winners in each of the basic classes. Keeper trophies may be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each class. The Ed Sherman Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the Sonar winner. The Nancy Ammon Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to a racer "worthy of note". Competitors are urged to make recommendations.