



ST. PETERSBURG, FL
February 14-16, 2014



NOTICE OF RACE

SPERRY TOP-SIDER

NATIONAL OFFSHORE ONE-DESIGN REGATTA

St. Petersburg Yacht Club February 14-16, 2014 St. Petersburg, FL

Sailing World is the Organizing Authority for this regatta in cooperation with the St. Petersburg Yacht Club ("SPYC"). This is a US Sailing sanctioned event.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

1.2 For the Melges 24 Class only: RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for breaches of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

1.3 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule:

'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.'

1.4 Rules I.1 and I.3 of J/70 Class Rules, Part III-Section I shall apply.

1.5 Easily removable bow stickers shall be attached to the forward 25% of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be attached with the top approximately 6"-10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. Bow stickers will be provided in the Skipper's package. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull forward of the bow sticker

1.6 The Sailing Instructions will include a provision for arbitration of protests involving rules of Part 2 of the RRS and not more than two boats, and no allegation of damage. This will change RRS 60.1(b), 63.1, 63.6, and 66.

2. Eligibility

2.1 The following boats are eligible to enter: a) a member of a One-Design class association that has been invited to this regatta, and, b) boats that meet criteria established by the class coordinator for a level class. A minimum of six boats is required for a class to remain eligible. Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, entrants should be aware that there is a possibility that classes with fewer than 12 boats registered may be started together, but scored separately. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion.

2.2 The regatta is also open to those boats with West Florida PHRF ratings. PHRF Spinnaker classes with PHRF ratings of 180 and below are scheduled to race windward/leeward courses. A "distance" race will also be offered each scheduled day of racing for entries in PHRF Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, and Racer-Cruiser divisions with PHRF ratings of not more than 230. Boats not holding West Florida PHRF certificates may make the proper arrangement by logging onto: <http://www.westfloridaphrf.org/rating/application.php>.

2.3 The Sperry Top-Sider Nood Regattas are open to those boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for USA members; to join call 1-800-877-2451).

3. Fees

Boat Size	Entry Fee
up to 19'	\$ 110.00
20' - 25'	\$ 180.00
26' - 29'	\$ 195.00
30' - and over	\$ 210.00



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4. Entries

Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than February 3rd, 2014. Completed entry forms, with the entry fee, shall be mailed to SPERRY TOP-SIDER NOOD REGATTA, c/o Sailing World, 55 Hammarlund Way, Middletown, RI 02842 and are not valid until accepted by the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Late entries will be subject To a late fee of \$75.00 if received after January 27th, 2014 at 5PM EST. Please note this date when sending faxes or mail. To receive a refund or cancel your entry, please call 401-845-4412 by February 7th, 2014, no refunds will be issued after this date.

5. Registration

Each boat owner or his representative must report to the SPYC, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th to complete registration. A Skippers' Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 13th at the SPYC.

Crew lists and waivers of liability must be submitted by registration. In order to complete the waiver form online, skippers must complete the Crew List in the "Owner's Corner" during the entry process. Subsequently, individual crew members will be notified by email of their boat's entry and those crew members must follow up when notified in order to complete the waiver. No boat's registration will be complete without a completed waiver form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Organizing Authority prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

6. Racing Areas

Racing areas will be in Tampa Bay, East of the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

7. Schedule of Races

The first warning signal is scheduled for 1000 each day. There will be no first warning signal after 1400 on Sunday. No Warning Signal for the F-18 Class will be made prior to 1200hrs on Friday February 14, 2014. This change only applies to F-18 racing on Friday. The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable each day.

8. Courses

Courses will be windward/leeward, triangle, or a variation of those.

9. Measurement/Weigh-in

Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

Neither the Organizing Authority nor the SPYC shall be responsible for conducting or administrating weigh-ins. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

10. Scoring

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS A2. One race will constitute a series.

11. Prizes



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11.1 Series prizes will be awarded by class. The number of series prizes will depend on the number of class entries.

11.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authority and the Race Committee, had the best overall performance during the 2014 St. Petersburg Sperry Top-Sider NOD Regatta.

12. Berthing

12.1 Boats may be moored at the SPYC or the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, as assigned, February 13-16, 2014, free of charge. Boats wishing to arrive earlier or depart later, should contact the SPYC dockmaster at 727-822-3227 to make reservations.

12.2 Once launched, boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the Organizing Authority. Boats stored on local beaches are exempt from these haul-out restrictions.

13. Photographers and TV Rights

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.