



73rd Annual St. Petersburg
Winter Lightning Championship
March 21-25, 2020
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RR 2017-2020).
- 1.3 RRS 44.2 shall apply, except that when a boat has her spinnaker drawing at the time of the breach, her penalty shall be a one-turn penalty (see RRS 31.2) with the head of her spinnaker below the gooseneck from the time she passes head-to-wind until she is on a downwind course.
- 1.4 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 shall be replaced by—"If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the Sailing Instruction shall apply. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the ILCA that conform to class rules.
- 2.2 The skipper and crew must be members of the ILCA.
- 2.3 An approved Measurement Certificate must be available to the ILCA Office for each boat entered.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.SPYC.org> (regattas) or Yacht Scoring at <http://www.yachtscoring.com>. Payments will be through Yacht Scoring. Any questions please contact SPYC Regatta Director Todd Fedyszyn at 727 822-3113 or todd@spyc.org. You may also contact Regatta Chair Kathy Ahern at ahern.jka@gmail.com or Karen Park at crewaa@gmail.com
- 2.5 Boats may simultaneously compete in any of the Championship, Masters, and Woody divisions.
- 2.6 Master qualifications: The skipper must be at least 55 years of age as of 12/31/2020 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/2020.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee: \$250.00 per boat if paid on or before March 1, 2020. Entry fees paid March 2 until deadline March 18, 2020 will be \$275. Entry fees after the deadline will be \$300 and may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.2 Entry Fees include four days of racing, \$15 dollars to the ILCA, three tickets for Saturday's Welcome Party, keg hosted beer at both parties, and three tickets to the Tuesday's Banquet, trophies, and the 7% Florida sales tax.
- 3.3 **There will be NO refund after March 10, 2020. Refunds requested prior to March 10 will have an administrative cost of \$35 withheld.**
- 3.3 Extra Welcome Party tickets for Saturday (\$25) and Banquet tickets for Tuesday (\$35) are available on line when registering and the day of registration. Extra Tickets must be bought in ADVANCE; NO tickets will be sold at the door.

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4. SCHEDULE

Saturday -March 21

1400-1700	Registration -----	Ball Room
1730	Competitors' Meeting -----	Ballroom
1800	ILCA Meeting -----	Ballroom
1830	St. Petersburg Welcome Party -----	Tiki Hut/ Waterfront

Sunday -March 22

1000 Warning, first race of the day

Monday- March 23

1000 Warning, first race of the day

Tuesday - March 24

1000 Warning, first race of the day

1800 Lightning Happy Hour and Dinner Reception -----Ballroom

Wednesday – March 25

First Warning-----1000

No Warning after 1500

Awards 2 hours after racing Winter Championship Awards -----Sailing Center

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration

6. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 2nd Avenue SE.

No vehicle parking is allowed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center or SPYC.

7. VENUE

The racing area will be in Tampa Bay, East of the former St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

8. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward.

9. SCORING

9.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.

9.2 Ten races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.3 Only the first two races each day will be scored in the Masters and Woody divisions

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the Championship division, first through third in the Masters division and first in the Woody division providing three or more Woody entries are racing. Grand Masters will be awarded by Lightning Class.

11. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios to receive communications from the Race Committee on a predetermined channel. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On the Course Side of the starting line) after starts and otherwise communicate

with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, or the order of hails shall not be grounds for granting redress.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

As a condition of my entry in the Winter Lightning Championship, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing a competitive sport, waive any and all claims, charges, losses and liabilities including those caused by negligence, against the Lightning Class Association and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, their respective officers, trustees, contractors, employees and members, and against any and all volunteers which may arise from, or in any way be in connection with, the activities of the regatta and its organizers and sponsors. I further agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. I certify that my boat has a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website <http://www.spyc.org/regattas> for **Club Cards**

Accommodations, Event Schedule; General Information with Tips, Maps & Parking; Racing Area Chart

Yacht Scoring for registration, NOR, and Results <http://www.yachtscoring.com>

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