



# 69<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Petersburg Winter Lightning Championship



**March 17- 20, 2016**

## **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 2013-2016).
- 1.3 Alternative Penalties: RRS Appendix T, Sections A (Penalties While Racing) and B (Post-Race Penalties) will replace any conflicting class rules or Racing Rules.
- 1.4 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will be deleted.
- 1.5 Rule 63.7 will be replaced with-“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 on file in 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 the SPYC on this site. Any questions please email at [http://www.waterfront –director@spyc.org](mailto:director@spyc.org) or call Shawn Macking at 727-822-3113.  
You may also call: Chairman for Lightning, Kathy Ahern at [ahern.jka@gmail.com](mailto:ahern.jka@gmail.com) or 727-521-2607.
- 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 12/31/16 and the total crew age must be at least 130 years as of 12/31/16.

### **3. FEES**

Registration fees: \$220 per boat; \$15 of which goes to the ILCA. A \$20 discount will apply for paid entries **before** March 1, 2016. Fees include three tickets for Thursday’s Welcome Party and Saturday’s Banquet, ILCA, trophies, and the 7% Florida sales tax.  
Extra Welcome Party tickets for Thursday (\$20) and Banquet tickets for Saturday (\$30) are available on line when registering.

### **4. SCHEDULE**

#### **Thursday-March 17**

1400-1700	Registration -----	<b>Regatta Room</b>
1730	Competitors’ Meeting -----	<b>Ballroom</b>
1800	ILCA Meeting -----	<b>Ballroom</b>
1830	St. Petersburg Welcome Party -----	<b>Waterfront Room</b>

#### **Friday- March 18**

1000 Warning, first race of the day

#### **Saturday- March 19**

1000	Warning, first race of the day	
1800	Bar Opens-----	<b>Ballroom</b>
1900	Dinner Reception-----	<b>Ballroom</b>



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**Sunday- March 20**

1000

1400

ASAP@1530

Warning, first race of the day

No starts after 1400

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.

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

**7. VENUE**

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

**8. COURSES**

The courses will be windward-leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

**9. SCORING**

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

**9.2** Seven races are planned. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

**9.3** Master and Woody division boats will be scored only on the first two (2) races of each day.

**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.

**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) boats 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 I hold a valid ILCA Measurement Certificate.*



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**13. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS**

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

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

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

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