



41st Annual SPYC *81Bay* Ted Irwin Invitational Memorial

April 1, 2023, possible rain date April 2

Sponsored by SPYC and 81Bay

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is compliant with all Federal, State, Local Government and the St. Petersburg Yacht Club regulations.

1. Organizing Authority St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

1.2 This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and St. Petersburg Yacht Club Ocean Racing Challenge.

1.3. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply to these classes.

1.4. If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the current WFPHRF *Class Rules*.

2.2 This is a West Florida PHRF Category 4 event.

3 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Advertising shall be restricted to ISAF Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

4 Eligibility, Entry and Classes

4.1 The regatta is open to all mono-hull or multi-hull boats that hold a valid and current 2023 WFPHRF Certificate with a rating between -100 and 320, is self-righting and has an enclosed cabin and self-bailing cockpit.

4.2 The classes will be Multihull, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, Racer/Cruisers, One-Design & ORC and must comply with their class rules.

4.3 All boats shall display the same number on all sails. The Cruising Class shall have a number on at least one sail; in the event two boats have the same number, the race committee may assign a suffix. Failure to display the suffix may result in disqualification. If a problem arises on the course with this suffix, the skipper must identify his vessel when he/she crosses the finish line. Class designations and insignias do not constitute conforming sail numbers.

4.4 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class either one design or PHRF. Any class with less than four will be placed in an appropriate WFPHRF division.

4.5 Cruising spinnakers are permitted for the Cruising Class.

4.6 The Cruising Class shall declare their intent to use a Cruising spinnaker by 1700 Thursday, March 30, 2023.

4.7 Eligible boats may enter by the dates detailed in 5.1 at www.spyc.org, "Regattas", "SPYC 81Bay Invitational Ted Irwin Memorial".

4.8 A WFPHRF Certificate ID and/or **ORC Reference Number** for Spinnaker ORC must be supplied.

4.9 The yacht must be owned by a member in good standing of a recognized yacht club, sailing club, or organization.

4.10 No boats entry will be final without a completed and signed online [YS] waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an on line [YS] waiver. The skipper shall inform the OA &/or PRO of same prior to the first warning that day.

4.11 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

5 Entry Fees-All fees include some complimentary "81Bay" beer and 4 tickets at a taco bar on Saturday. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$15 each.

5.1 81Bay Ted Irwin Memorial Entry

\$85.00 Early Entry Deadline is March 17, 2023.

\$115.00 For Entry Fees paid from March 17, 2023 thru March 30, 2023.

Fees may be paid by check, cash, credit card or SPYC number.

Final entry deadline:

1700 on Thursday, March 30, 2023 No Entries will be accepted after this date and time

6 Schedule	Fri	March 11	1700-1900	No-host social hour, SPYC Tiki Hut
			1900	Electronic skippers meeting, if necessary
	Sat	April 1	1100	First warning signal
			1800	Awards & Taco Bar, SPYC Waterfront Room
	Sun	April 2		possible, make-up date if no Saturday race.

7 Measurements Each boat shall produce a valid West Florida PHRF Certificate. ORC Spinnaker Class shall provide a current ORC certificate.

8 Sailing Instructions

The final sailing instructions will be available on Friday, March 31, 2023 online. They may be posted earlier on the website as preliminary.

9 Venues

Landside activities will be at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida. The racing area will be in central Tampa Bay.

10 The Course

10.1 The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 The courses raced shall be configured for the WFPHRF Random Leg Rating. (RLC) & ORC Low, Medium, or High wind. This declaration will be announced before the start and is **not** subject to Protest or Appeal.

11 Penalty Systems

11.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 (a), (b), (c) will apply.

12 Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. No Race will be excluded.

13 Berthing

Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the SPYC Dockmaster, when arriving for the race and returning after the race is completed. If extended stays are needed either before or after the regatta they must be approved by the SPYC Dockmaster. Phone #727-822-3227 email Dockmaster@spyc.org

14 Communications

14.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

a The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall be able to access Yachtscoring to receive all communications posted.

b The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2[C] to make changes to NOR and /or SI's on the water Communications.

15 Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows: Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries. First, Second and Third place trophies will be given for each division.

The Pennington Cup awards from March 4,5 will also be presented at the Saturday event.

16. Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct

16.1 Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

16.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

Further Information

For Accommodations, please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - "Regattas", "Local Accommodations".

Guest Cards for SPYC are available: www.spyc.org "Regattas", "Guest Card".

The card will be available at the front desk. Please allow at least 48 hours.

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