



ST. PETERSBURG

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2016

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St. Petersburg Yacht Club
11 Central Ave, St Petersburg, FL 33701

Sailing World is the organizing authority of this event. St. Petersburg Yacht Club is the host club and will provide race management.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rules I.1 and I.3 of J/70 Class Rules, Part III-Section I shall apply.
- 1.3 Rule 55, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is bio-degradable), will be in effect. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has confirmed that this practice breaks Florida law.
- 1.4 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.
- 2.2 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.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The regatta is also open to those boats with valid West Florida PHRF ratings. PHRF Spinnaker classes with PHRF ratings of 180 and below are scheduled to race windward/leeward courses. Boats not holding West Florida PHRF certificates may make the proper arrangement by logging onto: http://wfphrf.org/?page_id=64.
- 3.3 The 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).
- 3.4 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than February 1st, 2016. Entries shall be submitted on the official entry form or by entering on line at www.sailingworld.com/nood-regattas. Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than February 1st, 2016. If mailing entry, completed entry forms with the entry fee, shall be mailed to NOOD REGATTA, c/o Sailing World, 55 Hammarlund Way, Middletown, RI 02842 or fax 401-845-5180 and are not valid until accepted by the Organizing Authority. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of Sailing World. Late entries will be subject to a late fee of \$75.00 if received on or after January 27th, 2016 at 5PM EST, this includes any entries unpaid by January 27th. Please note this date when sending faxes or mail. To receive a refund or cancel your entry, please call 401-845-5100 no later than February 8th as no refunds will be issued after this date.
- 3.5 A NOOD entrant may participate in the North Rally Race on Saturday Feb 13 (see separate NOR) by marking the entry form accordingly. No additional entry fee will apply. A North Rally Race competitor will be scored DNC for that day's NOOD Regatta races.

4. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the Organizing Authority.

5. FEES

Boat Size	Entry Fee
up to 19'	\$ 115
20' - 25'	\$ 185
26' - 29'	\$ 195
30' - and over	\$ 215

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Each boat owner or his representative must report to the SPYC, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11th to complete registration. A Skippers' Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, February 11th at the SPYC.
- 6.2 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.

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6.2 cont. 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.

6.3 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 A-Cat, F-18 and Lightning Classes will be made prior to 1200hrs on Friday February 12, 2016. This change only applies to A-Cat, F-18 & Lightning racing on Friday. The race committee intends to run as many races as practicable each day.

7. 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 administering weigh-ins. Local or national class associations shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins if needed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

9. RACING AREAS

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

10. COURSES

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

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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.

11.2 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.

12. 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.

13. BERTHING/HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

13.1 Boats may be moored at the SPYC or the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, as assigned, February 11-14, 2016, free of charge. Boats wishing to arrive earlier or depart later, should contact the SPYC dockmaster at 727-822-3227 to make reservations.

13.2 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.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

15. PRIZES

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

15.2 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 2016 St. Petersburg NOOD Regatta.

16. 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.

17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

17.3 Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to abide by the SPYC Rules.

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