



# St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) Distance Classic Regatta

Friday February 3, 2017

Preliminary

## Notice of Race

### Organizing Authority St Petersburg Yacht Club

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing", 2017-2021 and the 2016-2017 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 2.  
(Except as any of these are changed by this NOR and the Sailing Instructions)
- 1.2 Between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise,  
Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS),  
otherwise known as The Navigation Rules.
- 1.3 The organizing committee may perform random inspections to determine compliance to entry requirements.
- 1.4 This race is a West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (WFPHRF) Category 2.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 Open to any single-hulled self-righting sailboat with an enclosed cabin and self-draining cockpit. Also open to offshore multi-hull yachts.
  - 2.1.1 All vessels shall carry suitable, functioning propulsion power and fuel on board adequate to insure a safe return to shore while running under power.
  - 2.1.2 All vessels shall also carry a VHF radio capable of receiving weather channels and transmitting on channel 16 and other allowable frequencies.
- 2.3 Entries shall be accompanied by an exact copy of a valid West Florida PHRF Rating Certificate (obtainable at [www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org))
- 2.4 Entrants must conform to their class rules.
- 2.5 At least three persons are required on each vessel.
- 2.6 **St Petersburg to Venice**  
Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com), "SPYC Distance Classic Regatta" by **1700 January 27, 2017**
- 2.7 **Venice to St Petersburg leg**  
*An option, available to all competitors: a return race beginning late on Sunday, February 5.*

#### 3. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:

- 3.1 PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruising as defined in the West Florida PHRF Handbook and Rules for Performance Handicap Racing,
- 3.2 There will be a minimum of four (4) entries per class.  
If there are less than four (4) for a class, those entries will be placed in the appropriate class for the purposes of this regatta. The number of entries received may dictate further division of classes.
- 3.3 A skipper in the Cruising Class must declare the use of a cruising chute no later than **1900 Thursday, February 2.** If not declared by the deadline the skipper shall not use this sail.

#### 4. FEES:

- 4.1 St Petersburg to Venice leg, \$120 for US Sailing members, \$130 for non-members.  
Entry deadline is **1700 January 27, 2017** .  
Fee includes free beer (at skippers meeting – **1700 Thursday, February 2**), three tickets for dinner and awards at Venice Yacht Club(**1800 Saturday, February 4**)
- 4.2 Dockage (~\$2.00) will be available at Venice Yacht Club(VYC) and around the corner at the Crows Nest. (Reciprocal members will receive first night free at VYC.)
- 4.3 The optional Venice to St Petersburg leg will have a separate fee structure, depending on competitor interest, Monday dining options and/or more awards.

#### 5. SCHEDULE:

- January 27(FRI)** 1700 -- Deadline for Entries
- February 2(THR)** 1800 – Skippers (or their representative) meeting, SPYC  
1900 --**Cruiser Classe(s) deadline for sail declaration**
- February 3(FRI)** 1800 -- First Warning, near G3 (27 46 092, -82 36 526), east of downtown St Petersburg (sunset 1814)
- February 4(SAT)** Finish east/west line of Venice Inlet, light 1(27 6 766, -82 28 214) (sunrise 0713)  
1800 – Dinner and awards at Venice Yacht Club
- February 5(SUN)** 1800 – First Warning for optional return race
- February 6(MON)** Finish in St Petersburg at G3  
1200 – lunch and awards TBA

#### 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting.

#### 7. VENUE:

Tampa Bay, Gulf of Mexico and Venice Inlet

#### 8. COURSES:

Descriptions of courses will be in the Sailing Instructions.

#### 9. SCORING:

- 9.1 Corrected times shall be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF "Off the Wind" (OWC) rating and the distance of the course sailed.
- 9.2 RRS # 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will be in effect, except that the boat's penalty shall be 1.5 points added to the point score.
- 9.3 There WILL be NO make-up event.

#### 10. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded in Venice and will be based on the number of entries and classes.

#### 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization, nor the sponsors will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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## Additional Information

Venice Yacht Club  
1330 Tarpon Center Dr  
Venice FL 34285

Docking in Venice  
Venice Yacht Club ----- 941 488 7708 (dockmaster, Jim)  
Crows Nest ----- 941 484 7661 (contact Brad)

**Docking** arrangements at St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) must be made in advance by contacting the SPYC Dockmaster at 727-822-3227. Skipper/owners will be allowed to bring their vessels into the Marina on **February 2**. In the event that vessels outnumber available space this will apply on a first come, first serve basis. All decisions by the SPYC Dockmaster are final. Vessels will be rafted in accordance with the directions of the Dockmaster. After race docking at SPYC will also be first come, first serve.

All competitors are urged to obtain a **Guest Card**, [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org) or at the SPYC Front Desk (Visa, Mastercard or cash.) A guest of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club may then utilize all of the clubs facilities during the regatta.

For **Hotel Accommodations** near SPYC also visit [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)