



St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)
11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Distance Classic Regatta
February 8-10, 2018

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 for 2017-2020", the US Sailing Prescriptions for Monohulls (or Multihulls) and the most recent 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 for compliance of the equipment.
- 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 63.
- 2.2** Entries shall have their valid West Florida PHRF at check-in, obtainable at www.westfloridaphrf.org
- 2.3** Entrants must conform to their class rules.
- 2.4** At least three persons are required on each vessel.
- 2.5** Enter by 1700 February 3, 2018 via www.yachtscoring.com, "SPYC Distance Classic Regatta."

3. CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:

PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruising as defined in the West Florida PHRF Handbook and Rules for Performance Handicap Racing.

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** A skipper in the Racer/Cruiser Class must declare his intent to use his spinnaker, asymmetrical spinnaker, or non-spinnaker rating no later than check-in, 1800 Thursday, February 8, 2018. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the boat being rated with a spinnaker for this event.
- 3.3** A skipper in the Cruising Class must declare the use of a cruising chute no later than check-in, 1800 Thursday, February 8, 2018, if not declared by the deadline the skipper shall not use this sail.

4. FEES:

Entry deadline is 1700 Thursday, February 3, 2018 Late entries WILL NOT be accepted. Entry fee of \$120.00 for USSA Members with proof of current 2018 Membership, non-members, \$130.00. The fee includes free beer at check-in, three dinner tickets at Venice and awards.

5. SCHEDULE:

Fri	February 3	1700	Deadline for Entries
Thr	February 8	1800	Deadline for sail declaration for Racer/Cruiser and Cruiser Classes
Thr	February 8	1800 – 1900	Check-in and skippers meeting at SPYC
Fri	February 9	1800	First Warning, near G#(27 46 092, -82 36 526) East of downtown St. Petersburg (sunset:1753)
Sat	February 10	1700	Awards & Dinner – Venice Yacht Club, 1330 Tarpon Center Drive

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting. They will also be on-line by February 3, 2018.

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 based on the number of entries.

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.



Additional Information

Docking arrangements at St. Petersburg Yacht Club 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 Thursday before the regatta. 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.

Docking in Venice, *when requesting dockage, remind them of your potential very early arrival.*

Venice Yacht Club 941 488 7708

Crows Nest 941 484 7661

All competitors are urged to obtain a SPYC **Guest Card** in advance of arrival. A guest of the St. Petersburg Yacht Club may then utilize all of the clubs facilities during the regatta. For **Hotel** Accommodations near SPYC and a Guest Card, visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org.