



Pace Offshore Challenge 2019

November 1-7, 2019

Pensacola Yacht Club
Pensacola, FL
and
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
St. Petersburg, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) to the extent they will apply.
- 1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 2 (<http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>) will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at Yacht Scoring (www.yachtscoring.com).
- 2.2 An email will be sent out to each registered skipper announcing that a notice has been posted on Yacht Scoring.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2100 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes may be given on the water by the race committee (RC) by displaying code flag L from the signal vessel and announcing the change on VHF Channel 68 to each boat before her warning signal. Each boat shall acknowledge the announcement. Failure of a boat to hear or acknowledge an oral change shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the PYC flag pole located on the main lawn adjacent to the club, and the SPYC flag pole located on the East side of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 The RC will announce any signals made ashore on VHF channel 68 at the time the signal is displayed and when the signal is removed. Failure of a boat to hear an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of racing: November 1, 2019

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start is 1000 EDT. This time may be changed within the following 48 hours to best accommodate for weather conditions. Any change will be announced on the ONB at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled time.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Monohull A (Racer)	Green
Monohull B (Cruiser)	Blue
Multihull A (Racer)	Pink
Multihull B (Cruiser)	Purple

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is Pensacola Bay, Gulf of Mexico, and Tampa Bay.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Attachment A shows the course and the government marks and the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The approximate course length will be **334** nautical miles.

8.2 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

8.3 Legs of the course will not be changed. This changes RRS 33.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting marks will be a signal vessel with an orange flag on the starboard end and an orange tetrahedron on the port end.

9.2 The finishing mark will be government mark lighted G “3” approximately 1 nm east of the SPYC breakwater.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting area will be located in the vicinity of and south of Bayou Chico Channel marker R “2” in Pensacola Bay.

10.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

10.3 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The Finish line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on RC Vessel and Marker G “3” FL G 4s located at approximately 27deg 46.0N – 082deg 36.5W leaving G “3” to port. This location is approximately one nautical mile ESE of SPYC Entrance to Harbor.

11.2 When you are one hour from the finish, call SPYC Race Committee on Channel 16.

11.3 If the RC Vessel is not on station at the time of your finish, each boat shall record her own finish time when she is within 0.1 nautical miles of the finish mark G “3” at a bearing of 270 degrees magnetic as described in RRS 34, The US Sailing Prescriptions (using GPS time). She must submit her finish time, and her position relative to nearby boats, in writing to the Race Committee at the SPYC Marina as soon as possible and no later than 3 hours after finishing. (the Center of the entrance to SPYC Harbor breakwater is located approximately at 27deg 46.27M – 082deg 37.56W)

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit to finish is 96 hours. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table just outside the Dock Masters Office at the St. Petersburg yacht Club Marina. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finish the race or the race time limit, whichever is first. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.

13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14 SCORING

14.1 The race will be scored using PHRF corrected times (i.e., Time on Distance) using valid GYA PHRF certificates and any certificate adjustments that may be applied by PYC.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 All boats are required to check in to the signal vessel prior to the first warning signal by (a) sailing on starboard tack with all competitors on deck wearing their personal flotation devices, (b) hailing her sail number, and (c) receiving an acknowledgement from the RC. [DP].

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible. [DP].

15.3 Boats shall maintain a watch on VHF channel 16 at all times while racing.

16 EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

16.1 All boats shall comply with USCG safety equipment regulations and OSR for Category 2.

16.2 Each boat may be subject to inspection.

16.3 All boats shall have on board either a SPOT Satellite GPS Messenger or a DeLorme inReach satellite communication device and provide the URL information to PYC so it can be used by Kattack tracking service to track each boat.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]. Also see Addendum B.

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

The Pace Perpetual Trophy (with a keeper trophy presented to each boat) will be awarded to the first overall finisher in:

- (a) Monohull Fleet
- (b) Multihull Fleet

Awards will also be given to the first boat to finish in:

- (a) Monohull A (Racer)
- (b) Monohull B (Cruiser)
- (c) Multihull A (Racer)
- (d) Multihull B (Cruiser)

Additional prizes may be awarded depending on the number of boats in each division or class.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 19.2** All competitors are required to sign a release of liability waiver prior to racing.

21 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S 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.