



## **Pace Offshore Challenge**

**Organized by Pensacola Yacht Club**

**Nov 1, 2019**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

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The Pensacola Yacht Club invites yachts qualified under this Notice of Race to enter the Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge. Monohull PHRF Racers, Cruiser/Racers, Powerboats, Multihull PHRF Racers, and Multihull Cruisers are eligible.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) of Pensacola, FL. The OA has appointed a separate Race Committee. The hosts for the event are the Pensacola Yacht Club and St. Petersburg Yacht Club. The official website for publication of notices by the OA and Race Committee is ([Paceoffshore2019Challenge.com](http://Paceoffshore2019Challenge.com)) Online registration will be administered by **Yacht Scoring** ([yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com)). The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any yacht and has the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and assignment of

yachts to classes and divisions. This revision includes docking information at St. Petersburg YC and deletes reference to appendices. Further information regarding communications will be included in the Race Instructions.

## **1. RULES**

**1.1** The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020)*; the US Sailing Prescriptions; applicable class and/or rating rules; this Notice of Race (NOR); and the Sailing Instructions (SI). The OA reserves the right to resolve any conflict between the rules. This alters RRS 63.7.

**1.2** The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall be adhered to.

**1.3** RRS 42, 52, 62.1(a), and 63.7 are altered herein. Rule 82 does not apply. Other documents may change other RRS.

**1.4** MOTORING while racing is allowed for all Divisions . Rules for use of auxiliary power are detailed in Appendix B. This also includes Racing Division. This changes RRS 42.

**1.5** The use of POWERED WINCHES and AUTOPILOTS is allowed in Modern Cruiser and Classic Cruiser Divisions only.

**1.6** Except while changing sails, yachts shall set only one (1) headsail on the permanent forestay and only one (1) staysail per mast, which shall not extend beyond the rated LP distance.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY**

**2.1** All offshore capable PHRF Monohull and PHRF Multihull sailboats must have a minimum deck length of 30', be self-righting (monohulls) or have appropriate escape hatches (multi-hulls), properly rigged and ballasted with enclosed cabin, watertight, self-bailing cockpit and positive closures on all thru-hull fittings. The OA may grant exceptions based upon vessel soundness and entire crew experience.

**2.2** GYA PHRF ratings will be used for scoring purposes and will be subject to any handicap adjustments determined by the OA.

**2.3** Registration will be accepted through October 1, 2019. Registration should be submitted at the following website: [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).

**2.4** Registrations submitted after October 1 2019, will be considered LATE and may be accepted with an accompanying late fee added to the entry fee. T shirts and other swag may not be available for late entries

**2.5** A powerboat division will be considered with sufficient entries. 3-boats required.

### **3. ENTRY FEE**

**3.1** The per boat race entry fee is \$350 before August 1. \$400 between August 1 and October 1.

**3.2** Subject to acceptance by the Race Committee, a late Entry Fee after October 1st is \$750. In no case will late registration be considered after 1200 Central Time Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

**3.3** The OA may establish an additional fee for the mandatory rental of tracking devices. Cost to be determined at a later date.

### **4. SAFETY**

**4.1** It is the sole responsibility of the Person in Charge of each vessel to provide for the safety of the crew of the vessel. The decision to race or not to race or to continue to race after starting is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each vessel.

**4.2** The Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge is designated as a World Sailing Category 2 race as defined by the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. The Race is of extended duration along or not far removed from shorelines or in large unprotected waters, where a high degree of self-sufficiency is required of the boats.

**4.3** The Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge Organizing Authority *strongly recommends* that all competitors fully comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations  
<http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshorespecialregs/index.php>

**4.4** Each yacht shall carry a tracking device, The device shall be operational from the time a yacht casts off before the start and until she docks, after finishing or withdrawing from the race. The boat tracking and related services are provided for recreational purposes only. Neither the tracking contractor nor the OA imply that the boat tracking service can be counted on as a safety device. A link to the Race tracking will be placed on the Regatta website for public viewing.

**4.5** The Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge requires that all vessels shall comply with communications requirements found in the sailing instructions.

**4.6** The Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge requires all vessels shall carry either a 406 MHz EPIRB which is properly registered to the boat, or a floating 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon, registered to the owner with a notation in the registration that it is aboard the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.

**4.7** The Pace Offshore 2019 Challenge requires all vessels shall meet all US Coast Guard equipment and safety requirements that apply to the vessel.

**4.8** All yachts shall be subject to random inspection for compliance with US Coast Guard Safety requirements, the communication, tracking and safety requirements of this NOR and their rating certificates. Yachts found not in compliance shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee which may result in disqualification or other penalties. These inspections are made for rules enforcement purposes only; the Race Committee will not assess nor warrant the safety or seaworthiness of yachts or crews.

**4.9** Prior to the start, each yacht shall hold a man overboard (MOB) briefing or drill involving the full crew.

**4.10** At each vessel's Prestart Check-in, every member of the crew aboard shall be visible on deck wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

## **5. SCHEDULE**

- October 29 - 30 - Race packet pickup/safety inspections (16:00-19:00)
- October 30, 2019 PYC Welcome party (18:00)
- October 31, 2019 - Skippers meeting/ PYC HALLOWEEN Party (18:30)
- November 1, 2019 - Race start
- November 4, 2019 -SPYC Early arrival party
- November 5, 2019 - SPYC Welcome party
- November 7, 2019 - SPYC Awards Banquet

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**6.1** This Race will be sailed in accordance with the COLREGS and the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions for this Race and/or by notice of the Race Committee.

**6.2** Sailing Instructions will be available at the Skippers Meeting and will be posted online by September 1, 2019 on the event website (Paceoffshore2019Challenge.com). Other details may also be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

**6.3** VHF Radio Channel 68 will be used and monitored by the Race Committee at the start and finish of the race.

**6.4** VHF Radio Channel 16 shall be monitored at all other times while boats are racing.

## **7. SCORING**

**7.1** Scoring shall be PHRF Time on Distance based upon valid GYA PHRF certificates and certificate adjustments that may be applied by the OA.

**7.2** The powerboat division scoring will be Predicted log.

## **8. DIVISIONS**

**8.1** There will be two Fleets: PHRF Monohull and PHRF Multihull.

**8.2** PHRF Monohull Fleet will have the following divisions: Racer, Cruiser

**8.3** PHRF Multihull Fleet may have the following Divisions: Racer and Cruiser provided that each division has a sufficient number of entries.

**8.4** Powerboat predicted log. Minimum of 3-boats required.

**8.5** Depending on the number of boats registering in each Division, the Race Committee may divide a Division into a Class or Classes. Depending on the number of boats registering in each Division, the Race Committee may also combine Divisions.

## **9. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

**9.1** Trophy award ceremonies will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on November 7, at a time announced by St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

**9.2** The Pace Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the First Overall Monohull and the First Overall Multihull with a Keeper Trophy presented to each..

**9.3** First Boat to Finish, Fleet, Division, and Class awards will be given based on entry levels.

**9.4** Powerboat/predicted log trophies will be awarded based on entry levels.

## **10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**10.1** Race Committee Co-Chairs:

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**10.2** All updates and amendments to this NOR will be posted to the event website (Paceoffshore2019Challenge.com).

**10.3 St. Petersburg Yacht Club DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

**10.4 Pensacola Yacht Club DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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**10.5 DOCKAGE at SPYC:** All reservations for dockage before the event must be made with the SPYC Dockmaster (727- 822-3227) or e-mail to [dockmaster@spyc.org](mailto:dockmaster@spyc.org) Reservation information will follow.

**10.6 General Information:** SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard credit card. This can be done online ([www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)). On the Home page click on the menu item “Regattas”. Scroll down and click on “SPYC Guest Card”. Fill out the information and click “Submit”. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit this form 48 hours in advance of October 31, 2019. Everyone may pick up their cards at the Front Desk upon arrival. For Hotel-Motel Accommodations near SPYC go to the SPYC website at [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org) Click on “Regattas” and Scroll to Bottom, and then click on “Accommodations” for the area where you wish to stay.