

2012 Hospice Regattas National Championship



April 19–22, 2012



Hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club

St. Petersburg, Florida

Notice of Race

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Sonar class rules and Ideal 18 class rules will not be in effect.

2 Advertising

- 2.1 The regatta will comply with ISAF regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats will be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from racing skippers who have been selected by their local Hospice Regatta organizers and who have been invited by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club to compete in this 12th annual Hospice Regattas National Championship. Each skipper must be a member of US Sailing; however membership in the Sonar class or Ideal 18 class associations is not required.
- 3.2 An entry form will be on line by February 1, 2012 at www.spyc.org. A secure page will be provided for online payment of fees, or you may call the SPYC Sailing Secretary with credit card info 727 892-6893.
- 3.3 The first eighteen fully paid entries received by March 1st will be accepted. Paid entries after that number will be placed on a waiting list and notified by March 15th if a boat becomes available. The final entry deadline for those invited from the waiting list is April 1st. Your payment will be refunded upon request or if you cannot attend.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. (OA)

4 Classification

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor's classification Code ID number from ISAF. This can be done online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Valid ISAF Classification ID numbers for the skipper and each member of the crew must be included on the entry form.

5 Fees:

Required fees are as follows:

- 5.1 Entry Fee: The Championship entry fee is \$500.00, which includes four (4) social passes for skipper and crew to all events as listed in NoR 6. Additional social passes can be purchased on-line or at Regatta Check-in at a cost of \$60.
- 5.2 Security Deposit: All skippers are required to post a \$500.00 damage security deposit prior to the close of registration. Personal checks and Visa or MasterCard are acceptable. If a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

6 Schedule

Thursday, April 19

0800–1400	Check-in	Sailing Center
1000–1600	Practice sailing	Tampa Bay
1430	Practice race	Tampa Bay
1800	Competitors' meeting	Regatta Room
	Gathering/Beer	Regatta Room

Friday, April 20

1000	First Warning Signal	Tampa Bay
1800	Gathering/Beer	Waterfront Room
1830	Cookout	Tiki Bar/Waterfront
2000	Auction	Waterfront/Harborview

Saturday, April 21

1000	First warning of the day	Tampa Bay
1800	Gathering/Beer	Regatta Room
1900	Dinner	Regatta Room

Sunday, April 22

1000	First warning of the day	Tampa Bay
1400	No warning signal will be made after this time.	
After racing	Lunch/Beer	Sailing Center
	Awards	Sailing Center

7 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on the SPYC website (www.spyc.org) on or before April 9, 2012, and will be distributed at registration.

8 Venue

Racing will be on the waters of Tampa Bay, just to the east of the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier. See Attachment "A".

9 The Courses

Windward-leeward drop-mark courses. An offset mark and a leeward gate will be used.

10 Penalty System

10.1 RRS 44 - Penalties for Breaking Rules of RRS Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of RRS Part 2, her alternate penalty shall be a One Turn Penalty, including one tack and one jibe, unless she breaks a rule of RRS Part 2 within the 3 boat length zone, in which case the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty. (This changes RRS 44.)

10.2 All boats that have taken a penalty under RRS Part 44.2 shall make a written declaration to the RC by the end of protest time. (This changes RRS 44.2)

10.3 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.

11 Scoring

The Low-Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply except that there will be no score excluded. (This changes RRS Appendix A2.)

12 Berthing

The boats are berthed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demen's Landing, 250 2nd Avenue, SE, St. Petersburg.

13 Haul-out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PRO.

14 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.

15 Radio Communication

Use of a handheld VHF radio will be permitted for monitoring weather channels or RC communications to competitors on VHF channel 72. Competitors are urged to bring their own portable VHF radios, since the provided boats do not have radios. The RC intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS boats after the start and other communications to the fleet. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RR 62.1(a)

16 Prizes

The winner of each race will receive a prize. Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, skipper and crew. The overall winner will have their name engraved on the Hospice Regattas National Championship Perpetual Trophy, kept and displayed by the OA.

17 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

18 Boat Assignments and Format

18.1 Boats for the practice sailing will be assigned by the Waterfront Director. Every effort will be made to assure each team some time in each type of boat.

18.2 Boat assignments for racing will be determined by a drawing at the Thursday, April 18, 2012 competitors' meeting.

18.3 A boat rotation sequence will be announced at the competitors' meeting. The OA will be providing as many as 9 Sonars and 9 Ideal 18s with mailsails, jibs and spinnakers. It is intended that teams will race in both types of boats.

18.4 The event format will be determined after the close of registration. The OA will modify the NoR to include the format based on the number of complete entries and the boats available for the event.

19 Crew Limitations

19.1 The Championship is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one Group 3 Professional Competitor, as defined by the ISAF Classification system.

19.2 A group 3 competitor may not steer during a race unless he is the selected competitor from his nominating Hospice Regatta.

19.3 The crew number limit is four (4) for Sonars and three (3) for Ideal 18s.

19.4 Additional crew may accompany the team. Crew substitutions will be permitted on a pre-arranged basis. Written permission from the OA will be required. Pre-arranged substitutions will be posted on the official bulletin board.

20 Safety and Other Equipment

20.1 Simple PFDs will be supplied. You may wish to bring your own more comfortable one.

20.2 Competitors may bring other personal equipment on board the racing boat. This includes a hand-held compass, stopwatch, tools and non-residue leaving tape. All items must be removed when the team leaves the boat.

20.3 Sonars and Ideals will be prepared by the OA, no adjustment to the standing rigging or mast deck blocks will be permitted, except for the tension of the backstay. Further information will be provided in the sailing instructions.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional Championship information can be found at www.spyc.org, or by contacting the committee at:

Hospice Regattas National Championship Committee

c/o St. Petersburg Yacht Club

11 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

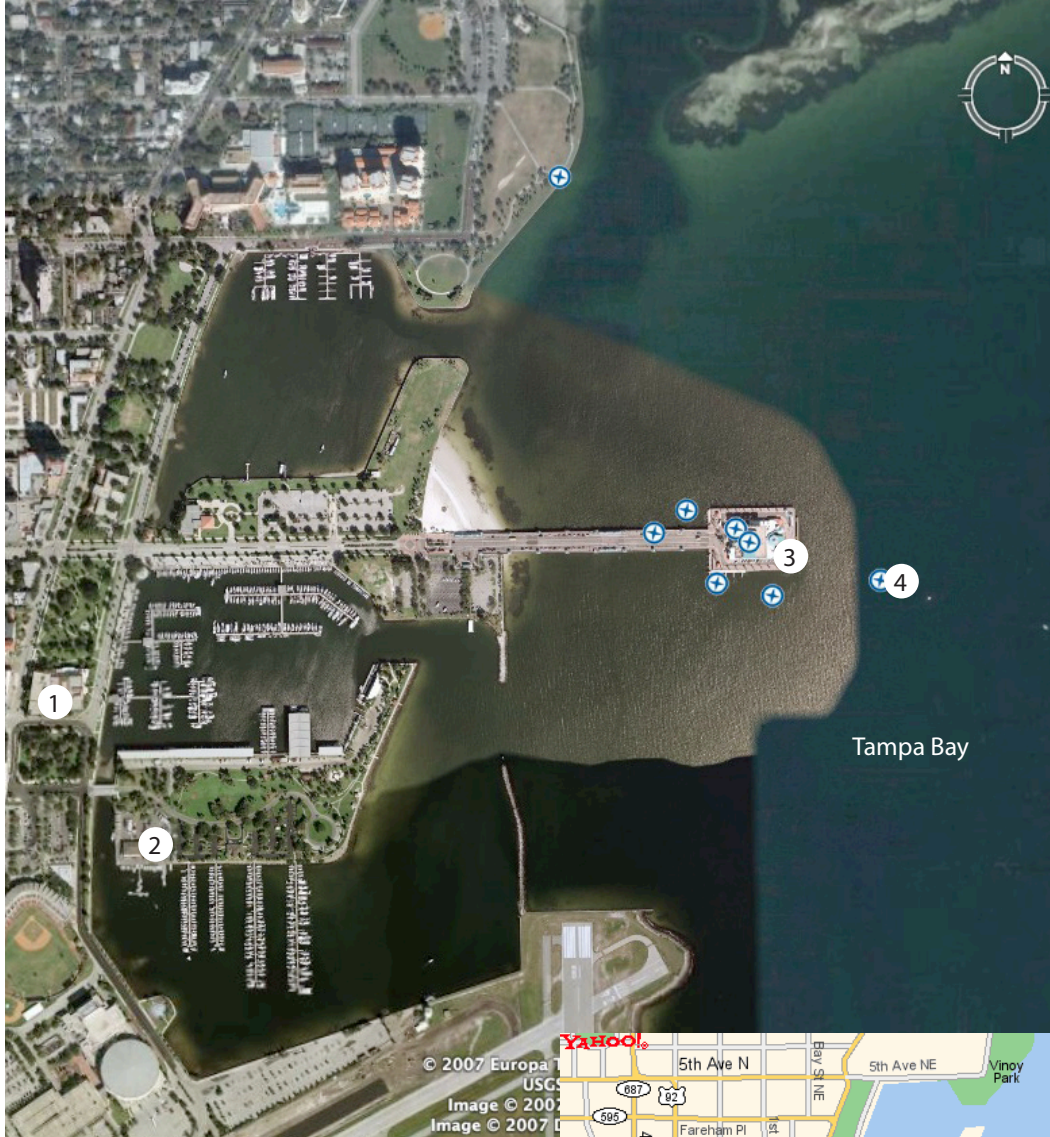
email: sailingsecretary@spyc.org

Phone 727 892-6893

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Attachment A

St. Petersburg, Florida, USA–Downtown Waterfront Area



Legend

- 1-St. Petersburg Yacht Club
- 2-St. Petersburg Sailing Center
- 3-St. Petersburg Pier
- 4-Racing Area

