



**CONTENDER USA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**ST. PETERSBURG YACHT CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**APRIL 19 - 21, 2012**



**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority (OA) and host of the regatta is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the International Contender class.
- 2.2. All competitors must be members of their National Contender Class Association.
- 2.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached Entry Form. Completed entry forms should be mailed, with a check in payment of the fee, or faxed, along with a MasterCard or VISA number for payment of the fee, to Phyllis Eades: fax: 727-895-4779, voice: 727-822-3873. Paper and electronic Entry forms can be obtained from the SPYC web site at:

[www.spyc.org/regattas](http://www.spyc.org/regattas)

**3. FEES**

- 3.1. The regatta entry fee for the North American Open Championships is \$80.00 (US) for paid, completed entries received by February 22, 2012, will be pre-registered.
- 3.2. The fee for entries received between February 23, 2012, and entry closing at 1200 April 19, 2012, will be increased to **\$120.00**. An Entry Form without payment will not be accepted.

**4. EVENT SCHEDULE – All events are at the Tradewinds venue unless otherwise noted.**

**Thursday, 19 April**

0900 – 1200	Registration Check Confirmation, Late Registration
1400 – 1600	Warning Signal, first race of day 1
1730	Pasta & Beverages

**Friday, 20 April**

1200	Warning Signal, first race of day 2
1730	Pasta & Beverages

**Saturday, 21 April**

1200	Warning Signal, first race of day 3
1730	Pasta & Beverages

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## Sunday, 22 April

1800

North American Open Awards Presentation will be at **Contender World Championship** Opening Ceremony Celebration below.

## Sunday, 22 April – Contender World Championship

0900 – 1400

Registration Check Confirmation, Late Registration

0900 – 1600

Measurement

1800

Opening Ceremony Celebration – *St. Petersburg Yacht Club*

## 5. MEASUREMENTS

5.1. All boats must comply with class rules.

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online and at Registration and online by 15 March, 2012.

## 7. BERTHING

Boats will be launched, hauled, and stored when not in use on the beach adjacent to the Tradewinds.

## 8. VENUE

The racing area will be located on the Gulf of Mexico approximately one mile west of the TradeWinds Resort beach depending on wind direction and velocity.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. **Course 1** will consist of a triangle followed by a sausage and a windward finish.
- 9.2. **Course 2** will consist of a triangle followed by a sausage followed by a further triangle and a windward finish.
- 9.3. Course diagrams will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.4. Each race is intended to be approximately 60 minutes in length for the first finisher.

## 10. SCORING

- 10.1. Five races are planned. One race will constitute a regatta.
- 10.2. The scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A.
- 10.3. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scored.
- 10.4. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 11. PRIZES

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The first, second, and third placed boats will be awarded prizes. The USA National Trophy will be awarded to the first place USA citizen to finish.

## 12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. All support boats shall register with the OA at Registration.

12.2. All support boats must stay at least 100m away from the race area during races.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 liability insurance per event or the equivalent. Insurance certificates shall be available for inspection upon request.

## 15. FURTHER INFORMATION and REGATTA CONTACTS

**St. Petersburg Yacht Club Website** - Please consult the SPYC website for official documents, additional information, and Links:

[www.spyc.org/regattas](http://www.spyc.org/regattas)

### OR Contact:

Robert Birkenstock, *Regatta Chairman*  
155 Sixth Avenue NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Phones: 727-867-7999 (home)  
727-410-7999 (cell)

Email: [birky@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:birky@tampabay.rr.com)

Phyllis Eades, *Sailing Secretary*  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Phones: 727-822-3873 (office)  
727-895-4779 (fax)

Email: [spsailsec@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:spsailsec@tampabay.rr.com)

## 17. APPENDICIES

Appendix A – Entry Form

***For shipping and venue information please refer to the Contender World Championship Notice of Race located on this website or the SPYC website.***

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## APPENDIX A.-.ENTRY FORM

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Contender Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Country Code (3 letter, example USA): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Competitor Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **DECLARATION**

I agree to be bound by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, and all other rules that govern this event. I accept the Statement of Liability in the Notice of Race which excludes the right to claim compensation in certain circumstances. During the event I will hold a valid and current third party insurance of at least \$300,000. **Check Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone, primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone, secondary: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:** All racing, after racing pasta and beverages, trophies,  
and the 7% Florida sales tax. → → → **\$ 80.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** On or Before 22 February, 2012 -----→ **\$ 80.00**

**LATE ENTRY FEE:** For Entries and payments received between  
22 Feb and 22 April, 2012 → **ADD \$40.00** → **\$ 40.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** -----→ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to St. Petersburg Yacht Club mailed to Phyllis Eades

**OR**

Payment by VISA or MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Call Phyllis Eades [727-822-3873] with credit card information.

**MAIL FORM AND CHECKS TO:** Phyllis Eades, Sailing Secretary  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701 - USA  
Phone: 727-822-3873

**OR** **FAX Form To:** → → → **727-895-4779 with Credit Card information**

**OR** **Complete on Line Registration at:** [www.spyc.org/regattas](http://www.spyc.org/regattas)

**INTERNATIONAL CONTENDER CLASS MEMBER?** ► YES  ► NO

*If Skipper not a current International Contender Class member at the time of this regatta, dues must be paid during registration hours.*