



47th SUNCOAST RACEWEEK

Presented by the

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

In cooperation with the

Davis Island Yacht Club & Bradenton Yacht Club

April 17,18,19,2026

Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.1, and 63.3 do not apply to these classes.

1.2 The management of all races shall be by the race committee, who shall have the authority to decide all matters relating to this series of races.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Classes will be Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser, Double-Handed. Spinnaker Classes shall hold current WFPHRF and/or ORC certificates. All other classes shall have a current WFPHRF certificate.

3.2 There must be a minimum of 4 boats per class to constitute a class. Any class with less than four will be placed in the appropriate ORC or WFPHRF class.

3.3 Skippers in Cruiser Class must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than **1700, Tuesday April 14 2026 by notifying the Event Chair.**

3.4 All entries shall be done on Yacht Scoring.

3.5 Each entry shall include a complete and accurate list of all crew participating in this event.

3.6 Waivers must be signed electronically by the skipper and all crew on Yacht Scoring.

3.7 No boats' entry will be final without a completed and signed online (YS) waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an on line (YS) waiver.

3.8 No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

4.0 Fees

Entry Fee for Suncoast Raceweek:

\$200-prior to 1700, Saturday March 28, 2026

After March 28, 2026 the Entry Fee is \$225.00

The **final entry deadline is April 14, 2026.** No entries will be accepted after this date.

5. Schedule of Events

5.1 Registration will be online. If in-person is needed we will notify you.

5.2 Skipper's Meeting, if needed, will take place online. You will be informed as to how, when & where.

5.3 Races:

Friday..... April 17..... Davis Island Yacht Club to St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown

Saturday.....April 18..... St. Petersburg Yacht Club Downtown to Bradenton Yacht Club

Sunday.....April 19..... Bradenton Yacht Club to Lower Tampa Bay

Friday..... April 24..... Awards at St. Petersburg Yacht Club

5.4 The first warning signal each day will be 1100.

5.5 Social Events:

Friday, 4/17:

DIYC.....Coffee & Donuts0800
SPYC..... After Racing Complimentary Keg of Beer
Bar Service Available
Type of Food TBD

Saturday, 4/18:

SPYC.....Coffee.....0800
BYC.....After Racing Complimentary Keg Beer
Bar Service Available
Type of Food TBD

Sunday, 4/19:

BYC.....Coffee.....0800

Friday, 4/24:

SPYC Downtown Bar Service &
Light hors d'oeuvres.....1830
Awards.....1930

6. Registration

Registration will be done online.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available online no later than April 15, 2026

8. Regatta Site

The regatta sites are: Davis Island Yacht Club (DIYC), Bradenton Yacht Club (BYC), & St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).

9. Dockage

All of the clubs offer free rafting in their marina to SUNCOAST RACEWEEK participants. First come, first served. Please Call or email the appropriate dock master.

10. Racing Area

10.1 The racing area is in the Gulf of Mexico & Tampa Bay.

10.2 The starting areas will be:

FridayNear the entrance to DIYC

Saturday..... Near G "3" Fl G 4s ESE of the St. Petersburg Pier

SundayNear Manatee River #2

11. Courses

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the courses sailed will be point-to-point using government and private fixed marks as shown on the latest edition of NOAA charts #11416 & #11415, plus ENC viewer.

12. Scoring

12.1 The low point scoring system, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There are three races scheduled for all classes. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Corrected times will be calculated using WFPHRF Random Leg time on distance and ORC Triple All purpose.

12.3 Spinnaker Class Suncoast Boat of the Year will be dual Scored if entered in both ORC and West Florida PHRF.

13. Alternative Penalties

13.1 Only the Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.

13.2 A boat that is OCS and who fails to return & start properly will have 30 minutes added to her finish time for Point-to-Point races. This modifies RRS A5.2

14. Radio Communications

A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive special radio communications not available to all yachts. This includes all cell phone communications. Courtesy announcements of such things as postponements, premature starters, protest deadlines, and other signal displays and notice postings may be announced over VHF channel 63. Such announcements will be strictly a courtesy and used as a means to call attention to the proper notice or display. The failure or inability to receive such announcements shall not be grounds for redress.

15. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each Class/Division.

16. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race. The St. Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

17. Further Information

This regatta is an Official Suncoast Boat of the Year Event and the St. Petersburg Yacht Ocean Club Racing Challenge.

18. Further Information

18.1 For Accommodations please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - Click drop down menu "Regattas", then Local Accommodations.

18.2 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Regattas, then "Guest Card. Fill out your information and your card will be available at the front desk upon your arrival. SPYC requests that you do this at least 48 hours before the Registration on site. Other yachts clubs please contact their offices for information concerning food and beverage service.

Contacts for this event are George P. Pennington PRO can reached at epennin09@earthlink.net SPYC Downtown Club Telephone is (727) 822-3873.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ALL NIGHT ACTIVITIES WILL GO ON AS PLANNED WHETHER THE RACE FOR THAT DAY IS COMPLETED OR NOT.

****** A 48 HOUR CANCELLATION POLICY IS IN EFFECT.**



St. Petersburg YC Ocean Racing Challenge



West Florida PHRF

Suncoast Boat of the Year Event