



## Notice of Race

### Pennington Cup

### March 7, 2026

SPYC Boat of the Year, WFPHRF Suncoast Boat of the Year and SPORC Event  
The Organizing Authority is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club,  
St. Petersburg, FL

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed as defined by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In accordance with the WFPHRF Rules, this shall be a Race Category 4 event.
- 1.3. This regatta is an Official St. Petersburg Yacht Club Boat of the Year, Suncoast Boat of the Year and S.P.O.R.C. event.
- 1.4. As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, **63.1** and **63.3** do not apply to these classes.

#### 2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be requested to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2. Advertising shall be restricted to World Sailing Advertising Code 20.2.2, 20.2.3.

#### 3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. Classes will be Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser, Cruiser, Double-Handed and Multi-Hull Class.  
Spinnaker Classes shall hold either a current and valid ORC and/or PHRF certificate. A yacht that holds both certificates will automatically be dual scored. All other classes shall have a current WFPHRF certificate. (Specific information regarding Spinnaker Class scoring is addressed in 9.3)
- 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 within their division.
- 3.3. Skippers in Cruiser Class must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700, Wednesday, March 4, 2026, by notifying the Event Chair.
- 3.4. All entries must be done on Yacht Scoring.
- 3.5. Each entry must 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 online (YS) waiver.
- 3.8. No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

#### **4. Fees**

- 4.1. Entry fees paid prior to 1700 Friday, February 20, 2026 - \$90.00 (tax included)
- 4.2. Entry fees paid after 1700 February 20, 2026, but before March 4, 2026 - \$110.00 (Tax included)
- 4.3. Deadline for entries is **1700 March 4, 2026**. Entries after 1700 Wednesday, March 4, 2026, will be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority with an explanation of why and will pay an additional (non-refundable) late fee of \$50.00.
- 4.4. Entry Fee includes two tickets to the Saturday After-Race Party
- 4.5. Boats that entered and withdraw in writing prior to Wednesday, March 4, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee less an administrative fee of \$25.00.

#### **5. Schedule**

- 5.1. Friday, March 6, 2026 – Registration will be done electronically online. If you have questions, email us through Yacht Scoring.
- 5.2. Skippers meeting, if needed, will be held either electronically or in person.
- 5.3. Pre-Race landside activities will be at the St Petersburg Yacht Club, Pass-A-Grille location. 2301 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706.
- 5.4. Race Schedule: The Race Committee will attempt to have 1 race on Saturday, March 7, 2026 for all racing classes.
- 5.5. First Warning will be @11:00 Saturday, March 7, 2026.
- 5.6. March 7, 2026 - Complimentary Beer, Hors D'Oeuvres & Awards presentation will be held as soon as possible at Pass- a-Grille.

#### **6. Sailing Instructions**

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC and Yacht Scoring websites by Friday, March 6, 2026

#### **7. Courses**

- 7.1. All classes will do a Random Leg Course (RLC).
- 7.2. All possible courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3. The course will be selected by race committee based on conditions on the day of the regatta.

#### **8. Penalty Systems**

- 8.1. The scoring penalty, RRS Rule 44.3, (a), (b), (c), will apply.
- 8.2. Competitors must complete the Alternative Penalty Acknowledgement Form and turn it in prior to the end of 30-minute protest period.

#### **9. Scoring**

- 9.1. The Low-Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply, except no race will be excluded.
- 9.2. Spinnaker Classes will be scored ORC Triple All Purpose for SPYC BOTY and WFPHRF Classes RLC for Suncoast BOTY.
- 9.3. Competitors will be dual scored if entered in both ORC and WFPHRF.
- 9.4. The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all classes except Spinnaker.

#### **10. Berthing**

- 10.1. Boats are to berth in the area assigned by the SPYC@PAG Dockmaster when arriving before racing and returning after racing has concluded. Phone: (727)822-3227 Email: [Dockmaster@spyc.org](mailto:Dockmaster@spyc.org)
- 10.2. Parking will not be available to non-members at PAG. Please arrange crew transportation or find alternate public parking in St. Pete Beach in the local area.

#### **11. Radio Communication**

- 11.1. During the race, a boat shall not contact, or be in contact with, any person or private entity using any medium to receive private meteorological forecasts, tactical advice including but not limited to weather routing or information customized or interpreted by a human not on the boat. A boat may however obtain assistance in the form of any readily available commercial meteorological or hydrographical information, such as navigational, weather, tide or current information, readily available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription.
- 11.2. A boat may receive assistance in ensuring that satellite or cellular communication systems on board are able to transmit and receive data.
- 11.3. The Official Bulletin board will be Yacht Scoring. All competitors shall have a way to access YS to receive all communications posted.
- 11.4. The Race Committee may use RRS90.2(C) to make changes to the NOR and/or the SI's on the water. This changes RRS 90.2(C).

## **12. Awards**

- 12.1. Awards will be given as follows. Classes will be divided into divisions according to the number of entries.
- 12.2. First, Second and Third place awards will be given for each division in the Pennington Cup. Other special awards will be given out as deemed by the organizing authority and regatta organizers.
- 12.3. Pennington Cup Perpetual trophy will be awarded to the overall winner in each of the Spinnaker, Racer/Cruiser and Cruising classes.

## **13. Disclaimer of Liability and Personal Conduct**

- 13.1. Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 "Decision to Race." The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers, and board of directors of the 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.
- 13.2. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state, and local government regulations as well as the St. Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the Regatta. This modifies RRS 76.
- 13.3. All competitors shall follow all Current CDC, State of Florida, Pinellas County, City of St. Petersburg, and St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Sailing Center Guidelines/Restrictions for Health and Safety.

## **14. Further Information**

- 14.1. Please contact Event Chairs, Elizabeth Austin at [elizabethdrewaustin@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdrewaustin@gmail.com), Katelin Clardy at [kclardy4@gmail.com](mailto:kclardy4@gmail.com) or PRO, Paul Goodman at [paulgoodm@gmail.com](mailto:paulgoodm@gmail.com).
- 14.2. Future postings will also be available on the SPYC, and YS websites.

## **15. Additional Information**

- 15.1. SPYC requests that everyone who does not have reciprocity get a Guest Card using a Visa or MasterCard, this will be honored at SPYC PAG. This can be done online [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org). On the Home page go to "Regattas", scroll down to "SPYC Guest Card", fill out the information and "Submit".
- 15.2. The Club requests you and your crew members to submit 48 hrs. in advance of March 7, 2026. Cards can be picked up at the Front Desk upon arrival.
- 15.3. For Hotel accommodations near SPYC PAG, go to the SPYC website [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org). From the home page go to Regattas and then Local Accommodations.