



Notice of Race

SPYC Fall Bay Race/ Ted Irwin Memorial Regatta

October 3, 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, WFPHRF 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, 63.2, and 63.4 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 Irwin class.
Spinnaker classes shall hold a current and valid ORC and/or WFPHRF certificates with rating -100 to 320 certificate. All other divisions 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 within their division.
- 3.3. Skippers in Cruiser division must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700, Thursday, October 1, 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 September 18, 2026 - \$90.00 (tax included)
- 4.2.** Entry fees paid after 1700 September 18, 2026, but before September 30, 2026 - \$110.00 (Tax included)
- 4.3.** Deadline for entries is **1700 September 30, 2026**. Entries after 1700 Wednesday, September 30, 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, September 30, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee less an administrative fee of \$25.00.

5. Schedule

- 5.1.** Friday, October 2, 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, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 5.4.** Race Schedule: The Race Committee will attempt to have three (3) or more races on Saturday, October 3, 2026, for the Spinnaker Classes. All Other Classes will have one (1 race). One race shall constitute a regatta.
- 5.5.** First Warning will be @11:00 Saturday, October 3, 2026.
- 5.6.** October 3, 2026- Complimentary Beer, Hors D'oeuvres & Awards presentation will be held as soon as possible.

6. Sailing Instructions

- 6.1.** The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC, on Yacht Scoring by Friday, October 2, 2026.

7. Courses

- 7.1.** Spinnaker and One-Design classes will do Windward/Leeward Courses (W/L).
- 7.2.** All other classes will do a Random Leg (RLC).
- 7.3.** The Course to be sailed will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

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.** The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all classes except Spinnaker.
- 9.3.** Spinnaker Classes will be scored ORC Triple W/L for this regatta SPYC BOTY. WFPHRF W/L for Suncoast BOTY competitors will be dual scored if entered in both ORC and WFPHRF.

10. Berthing

- 10.1.** SPYC docks will be available to competitors for this event. Initial request for docking must be indicated via Yacht Scoring during registration. Confirmation of your reservation must be made by calling the SPYC Dock Master as early as possible but no later than Friday, October 2, 2026. Contact SPYC Docks at 727-822-3227, dockmaster@spyc.org. Each boat's skipper will be responsible for procuring their own dockage.
- 10.2.** Parking is available in the city parking lot south of the club.

11. Radio Communications

- 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 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 class in the Fall Bay Race/ Ted Irwin Memorial Regatta. Other special awards will be given out as deemed by the organizing authority and regatta organizers.

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 Chair Will Reed at wreed11@gmail.com or PRO George Pennington, at epennin09@earthlink.net.

14.2. Future posting 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 can be done online 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 October 3, 2026. Cards can be picked up at the Front Desk upon arrival.

15.3. For Hotel accommodations near SPYC, go to the SPYC website www.spyc.org. From the home page go to Regattas and then Local Accommodations.