Notice of Race

MOA Race

November 7, 2026

SPYC Boat of the Year, Ocean Racing Series 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, Ocean Racing Series 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.
   - **3.2.** Skippers in Cruiser division must declare their intent to use an asymmetrical spinnaker or a cruising chute no later than 1700, Thursday, October 29, 2026, by notifying the Event Chair.
   - **3.3.** All entries must be done on Yacht Scoring.
   - **3.4.** Each entry must include a complete and accurate list of all crew participating in this event.
   - **3.5.** 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.
   - **3.6.** No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.
4. **Fees**
   - **4.1.** Entry fees paid prior to 1700 October 23, 2026 - $90.00 (tax included)
   - **4.2.** Entry fees paid after 1700 October 23, 2026, but before November 5, 2026 - $110.00 (Tax included)
   - **4.3.** Deadline for entries is 1700 November 5**,** 2026. Entries after 1700, November 5, 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 November 5, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee less an administrative fee of $25.00.

5. **Schedule**
   - **5.1.** Friday, November 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, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida.
   - **5.4.** Race Schedule: The Race Committee will attempt to have one race on Saturday, November 7, 2026, for all racing classes. One race shall constitute a regatta.
   - **5.5.** First Warning will be at 11:00 Saturday, November 7, 2026.
   - **5.6.** November 7, 2026 - Complimentary waffles will be served in the SPYC downtown clubhouse as competitor's finish.
6. **Sailing Instructions**
   - **6.1.** The sailing instructions will be available on SPYC website and on Yacht Scoring by Friday, November 6, 2026.
7. **Courses**
   - **7.1.** All classes will do a Random Leg (RLC) at a distance of approximately 60NM.
   - **7.2.** 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 a 2-hour 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 using dual scoring, ORC-All Purpose and/or WFPHRF for yachts that possess both valid certificates for this regatta.
   - **9.3.** The WFPHRF RLC Rating will be used for all classes.
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 31, 2025. 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 MOA Race. 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 Joseph Toth at toth1983@hotmail.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 November 7, 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.