



2027 MASTER DRIVER TEAM RACE REGATTA

January 8 (Friday) –& Practice Sailing,
January 9 & 10, 2027

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES** – The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. **BOATS** – J70s will be provided. Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, Spinnakers will not be used.
3. **TEAM** – Each of the **five** participating clubs will provide a total team of six persons, all of whom are members of that sailing club; however, substitutions may be made at the discretion of the organizing authority. Each Club shall have two skippers whose ages are **45 years old or older** on the first day of the event.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY** – Entries will be accepted only from clubs invited by SPYC. Entries are limited to five teams and will be selected at the sole discretion of the SPYC. This will be by first come, registered and paid, first served after the NoR is on the SPYC website under Yacht Scoring. Entry information and the entry fee shall be submitted to www.SPYC.org on their website using Yacht Scoring no later than Friday, January 1, 2027.

The winning team from the MDTR Regatta 2026, (St Petersburg Yacht Club), shall have first option at registration for 2027 by completing the full registration at www.SPYC.org under Yacht Scoring by Friday, November 27, 2026.

No boat's entry will be final without a completed and signed SPYC waiver from each participating skipper and crew member. If there is a crew member substitution that crew must complete and sign the waiver and notify the PRO or OA before the warning signal for the race.

5. **FEES** – The entry fee is \$1250.00 per Yacht Club team (6 people) and includes: trophies, boat usage, continental breakfast, on the water lunch and dinner on Saturday, continental breakfast and Awards Lunch on Sunday; and 7% Florida sales tax. Additional tickets for the Saturday dinner may be purchased online.
6. **DAMAGE DEPOSIT** – Each skipper will be required to provide a \$5000.00 damage deposit prior to the start of racing by providing a Visa or MasterCard (no debit cards) at Check-in. In addition to damage to the provided boats, the damage deposit(s) may be used to pay for the repair of damage to official boats caused by competitors.

\$5000.00 is the extent of each skipper's liability for any one incident. If the damage deposit is partially or wholly used, the skipper will be required to replenish the deposit.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	1400 – 1700	Practice sailing. (SPSC)
Saturday	0800	Check-in, St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC)
	0900	Competitors' meeting, racing to follow
Sunday	0930	Warning Signal, first race of the day
	1400	No race shall be started after this time. AWARDS with Lunch ASAP after races.

8. **VENUE** – The boats are berthed at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center on Demen's Landing, 250 2nd Avenue, SE, St. Petersburg. Racing will take place on Tampa Bay, east of the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club and the New Pier.
9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** – Sailing instructions will be available at the Competitors' Meeting on Saturday morning and on line. ***** ?
10. **VHF RADIOS** – The race committee will communicate with competitors via VHF radio. Competitors are urged to bring their own portable VHF radios, since the provided boats do not have radios.
11. **FORMAT** – The format will be 2 on 2 team racing.
12. **COURSES** – Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.
13. **SCORING** - In accordance with Appendix D.
14. **UMPIRING** – When practicable, races will be umpired in accordance with Appendix D as modified by the sailing instructions. On the water umpiring will be used for as many races as possible.
15. **LIFE JACKETS** – Every competitor shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type III PFD at all times while on the water, except while actively adding or removing clothing.

16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY and PERSONAL CONDUCT** – Competitors compete 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.

The Skippers of each team participating in the MDTR Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of his or her crew 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 Saint Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in disqualification of the team and exclusion from the Regatta. This modifies RR76.

17. There may be a cancellation / administration fee for cancellation. If this Regatta is cancelled for health or safety reasons by SPYC there will be no fees.

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