

October 19–23, 2010  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club



St. Petersburg, Florida  
United States of America

## Notice of Race

### 1 Organizing Authority

The organizing authority (OA) is the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC).

### 2 Venue

The venue is St. Petersburg, Florida, USA.

### 3 Event Grading

This is an ISAF Grade 1 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

### 4 Provisional Program

- 4.1 Check-in and weigh-in will be from 1400 to 1500 on Tuesday, October 19, and from 0800 to 0900 on Wednesday, October 20 at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC).
- 4.2 Practice sailing will be from 1400 to 1700 on Tuesday, October 19 and from 0930 to 1100 on Wednesday, October 20. Practice sailing is not mandatory.
- 4.3 The first briefing and meeting with the umpires will be at 0900 on Wednesday, October 20 at the SPSC.
- 4.4 Racing days will be Wednesday, October 20 through Saturday, October 23.
- 4.5 The time of the first Attention Signal will be 1100 on Wednesday, and 0930 on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- 4.6 No first Attention Signal for any flight will be made after 1600 on Saturday.
- 4.7 The prizegiving will be held at the regatta dinner on Saturday evening.
- 4.8 Attendance  
Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
  - (a) the daily briefing, for skippers;
  - (b) the prizegiving, for the skippers and crews participating in the finals (all other competitors are encouraged to attend).

### 5 Skippers' Eligibility

- 5.1 Only the ten skippers invited by the OA are eligible to enter.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of her invitation in writing, (e-mail is preferred) to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of \$US 500 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for the acceptance to be valid. Visa or MasterCard credit cards are accepted.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at <<http://www.sailing.org.isafsailor.register.asp>>. Skippers shall inform the OA of their and their crew's ISAF Sailor ID no later than at check-in.

## **6 Entries**

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made as specified in the letter of invitation.
- 6.2 Entry Fee  
There is no entry fee.
- 6.3 Insurance Fee  
\$US 100 of the entry bond will be credited as the boat insurance fee upon registration.
- 6.4 Damage Deposit  
\$US 400 of the entry bond will be credited as an initial damage deposit upon registration.
  - (a) The initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
  - (b) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within thirty days.
  - (c) If a deduction from the damage deposit is made by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
  - (d) Any damage not covered by insurance and not attributed to one or more skippers may be charged to all skippers on a pro-rated basis.

## **7 Rules**

- 7.1 The event will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix C.
- 7.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

## **8 Boats and Sails**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Sonar-type sloops provided by the OA.
- 8.2 Ten boats will be provided.
- 8.3 Each boat will be provided with a mainsail, a jib and a spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, as decided by the race committee.

## **9 Crew (including skipper)**

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4), all of whom must be women. All registered crew shall sail all races except as provided below.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight shall be 272 kg. determined prior to racing, when wearing at least shorts and shirts. The multiplier for conversion to pounds is 2.20462.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 Event Format**

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:
  - A double round-robin
  - Semi-final series (first to win three points)
  - Final and petit-final series (first to win three points)
- 10.2 The OA may vary the format or terminate or eliminate any round when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11 Course**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, near the St. Petersburg Municipal Pier.

## **12 Advertising**

- 12.1 ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, will apply. Advertising on the supplied equipment is available to the OA in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted to protest for an alleged breach of any rule regarding advertising. This changes RRS 60.1.

## **13 Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fourth. The names of the winning team will be engraved on the Osprey Cup, which will remain at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

## **14 Media, Images and Sound**

The OA may require television equipment or dummies to be carried on board while racing, and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA and event sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. All skippers and crew shall be required to sign a waiver and consent granting to SPYC and the Title Sponsor the right to use their names and/or images in advertising relating to the event.

## **15 Coach Boats**

- 15.1 Coach boats shall register with the OA, and conspicuously display identification of the team(s) being coached.

15.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of International Jury to the appropriate skipper(s) or team(s).

## **16 Disclaimer**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, the sponsor, their associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

## **17 Invitations and Accommodations**

Entries will be accepted only from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the electronic form which will be found on the event web site.

<<http://www.spyc.org/>>

A limited amount of private housing may be available on a first come, first served basis by contacting the OA prior to August 1, 2010.

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