

ISSA HIGH SCHOOL National Keelboat Invitational

For the Mendleblatt TROPHY

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, St. Petersburg Florida

December 14-15, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules and the appropriate Championship Conditions. this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the St Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) in conjunction with the Interscholastic Sailing Association (ISSA).

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules.

2.2 Teams shall be comprised of a crew of 4 with at least one crew member being of the opposite gender. The maximum crew weight for each 4-person team shall be 650 pounds. Teams shall weigh in at regatta check-in.

2.3. Teams must be accompanied by a designated adult team leader, who may be an advisor, coach or parent recognized by the school.

2.4. Selection of competing schools will be by district elimination. The regatta has 10 berths. Each ISSA district will be allocated one berth, and the remaining 3 berths will be distributed based on resume and the number of teams at each district qualifier. Extra berths will be determined by the president of ISSA and the Regatta Chairperson.

3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by submitting an official entry form and payment, with the regatta chairperson by 1700 Wednesday, November 27th, 2024.

3.2. Qualified teams should send registration information to SPYC Race Director Todd Fedyszyn at racing@spyc.org . Once received, teams will be contacted for payment. Included information should be:

- School Name
- Responsible Adult Name
- Contact Phone Number

- Contact Email Address

3.3. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and ISSA as soon as possible.

3.4. ISSA will reallocate vacant district quotas. A berth becomes vacant when the qualifying district becomes unable to fill the berth.

4. ENTRY FEE

4.1. The entry is \$650.00 per school for four sailors and 1 coach/chaperone. This includes Saturday dinner, and pizza on Sunday afternoon.

4.2. All payments shall be made via phone with the SPYC Race Coordinator.

5. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1. A damage deposit of \$1000.00 shall be submitted with each entry. This is refundable if the boat and gear are returned undamaged. In the event damage cannot be attributed to a particular team, the repair costs will be divided evenly amongst all the competing teams.

5.2. Damage deposits shall be submitted by Credit Card at check in on Friday December 13th, 2024.

6. BOATS

6.1. The event will be sailed in matching J70 Keelboats supplied by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Boats will be sailed as provided.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, December 13th

1400-1700 Regatta check-in at St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC) and boats available for practice.

Saturday, December 14th

0830-0900 Report time and rigging of boats

0915 Competitors Briefing

0930 Dock Departure

1000 First warning and schedule for the day

Sunday, December 15th

0830-0900 Report time and rigging of boats

0900 Competitors Briefing

1000 First warning signal for the day

1430 No race will start after this time

1600 Trophy presentation @ SPSC

7.1. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located at www.scores.hssailing.org.

8. RACING AREA

All races will be sailed in the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier.

9. COURSES

Based on conditions, the Race Committee will determine the courses as prescribed in ISSA PR 7.7.

10. SCORING

The regatta will be scored in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules.

11. HOUSING

Housing is not provided, a list of recommended hotels is posted at www.spyc.org.

12. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

Competitors should make arrangements to fly into the Tampa International Airport (TPA). The airport is approximately 25 minutes from the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

13. COACHING

Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting Friday to ending Sunday unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement may be the disqualification of all boats, competitors and teams associated with the infringing support personnel.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to schools placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the regatta. The top school will have its name engraved on the Mendleblatt Perpetual Trophy.

15. OFFICIAL NOTICE

No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802, the possession of which is unlawful under U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine, and beer, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use). An alleged breach of this procedural rule shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when a report is received from any source, alleging such a breach a protest committee consisting of the regatta chairperson, a member of the ISSA Board of Directors, and the chairperson of the protest committee, shall follow the process described in RRS 69.1(b). If a hearing under RRS 69 is held, a competitor found to have breached this procedural rule shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practical, be removed from the regatta venues and sent home. Additional penalties consistent with RRS 69.2 may be imposed on the competitor or the competitor's team. This regulation is in effect during the entire event from the date and time of arrival through the date and time of departure from the regatta site.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

17.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

17.2. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

18. REGATTA CONTACT

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