

**SAISA HIGH SCHOOL Qualifier**  
**National Keelboat Championship**  
**St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Pete Florida**

**September 16, 2023**

**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, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.

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

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

2.1. Competing schools must be members of ISSA and meet ISSA eligibility rules as prescribed in the Procedural Rules, Part III 1, and 5.2.

2.2 Teams shall be comprised of a crew of 4, with at least one crew member of the opposite gender. Crew rotations are not permitted. The maximum crew weight for each 4-person team shall be 650 pounds. Teams will weigh in at regatta check-in.

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

2.3. Each SAISA member school is permitted to enter one team.

2.4 The first ten teams to complete registration will be allocated an SPYC J70 to sail in the event.

**3. ENTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS**

3.1. Eligible schools and sailors must enter by completing the official entry form and payment by 5pm Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

3.3. Teams should register by emailing regatta chairperson Todd Fedyszyn, and paying the registration fee by credit card prior to the September 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

3.4. Teams unable to compete must notify the regatta chairperson and SAISA as soon as possible.

#### **4. ENTRY FEE**

4.1. The entry is \$250.00 per school.

4.2. A team is not registered until the registration form and payment are received.

#### **5. DAMAGE DEPOSIT**

5.1. Each skipper will be required to provide a \$1000 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.

5.2 \$1000 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.

#### **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**

Saturday September 16th

0800-0900 Report time and rigging of boats

0900 Competitors Briefing

0915 Dock departure

1000 First warning and schedule for the day

7.1. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the official notice board located at [scores.hssailing.org](http://scores.hssailing.org).

#### **8. RACING AREA**

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

## **9. COURSES**

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

## **10. SCORING**

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

10.2 One race must be completed for the event to count as a qualifier.

## **11. HOUSING**

11.1. Housing is not provided, a list of recommended hotels will be posted at [spyc.org](http://spyc.org).

## **12. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION**

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

## **13. COACHING**

13.1. Team leaders, chaperones, coaches, parents, advisors and other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area from reporting Friday to ending Saturday 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**

14.1 The 1st place team will receive an invitation to compete in the ISSA National Keelboat Challenge, being held at the St Petersburg Yacht Club over the weekend of December 9-10, 2023.

## **15. OFFICIAL NOTICE**

15.1. 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**

16.1. 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**

Todd Fedyszyn Regatta Chair: [todd@spyc.org](mailto:todd@spyc.org)