

Pot O' Gold Regatta (SBYA Boat of the Year)
Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
March 9, 2024
NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and by US Sailing and the appropriate one-design class rules except as noted and changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1830 hrs on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at Regatta Network website: [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/event 26199](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/event%2026199) and at Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) on the official notice board located by the race office.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to the following One-Design classes: Flying Scot, Sunfish, M15, ILCA 7, ILCA 6, ILCA 4, E Scow, MC Scow and BoatShare vessels including but not limited to American 18 and Hobie Waves.

3.2. The regatta is open to PHRF vessels holding a current valid WFPHRF certificate to be scored. The PHRF classes will be Multihull, and Monohull: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, and Pocket Cruiser. Cruiser Class vessels are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules:

Cruising Class vessels are permitted to employ cruising spinnakers (as defined) with a resulting 50% reduction in the Non-Spinnaker Offset in calculating the applicable PHRF rating. Thus, each Cruiser or Pocket Cruiser can declare:

- a. Non-Spinnaker and receive the full non-spinnaker offset in its PHRF rating, or
- b. Cruising Spinnaker and receive a 50% reduction in non-spinnaker offset.

The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended until 4:00pm on Thursday March 7 by sending an email to David Powell davidspowell@hotmail.com. Vessels without a current valid WFPHRF certificate are eligible to participate but will not receive awards.

3.3. **The race for the PHRF Multihull will be a fleet start.**

3.4. **The race for PHRF Monohull classes will be Reverse Handicap (Pursuit).**

3.5. **Registration minimums:** A minimum of 3 vessels is required per class for a separate start (One Design). A minimum of 3 multihull and/or PHRF monohulls, respectively, must be registered by 4PM Thursday March 7 in order for either type to be given a separate start.

3.6. The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar vessels together to form one or more classes.

3.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a vessel shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4. FEES AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Registration: **\$10, please register early to help with course management.**

4.2. **LATE REGISTRATION** after 5pm on Friday, March 8, 2024 will be \$15.

4.3. Registration is available online on Regatta Network at link:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26199> Dinner is available at \$30 per person and must be purchased by March 4 at 5pm. DINNER PURCHASE AVAILABLE ONLY ON SSS RECHUB AT <https://sarasotass.rechub.net/event/10105> Dinner purchase is **NOT** available through Regatta Network

See 7.1 below

5. MEASUREMENT

Each vessel must be compliant with current class measurement rules.

5.1. Competitors in **PHRF class** who wish to be scored shall show proof of a current valid WFPHRF rating to the organizing authority by **March 7th at 6pm.**

6. COMMUNICATION

6.1. The online official notice board is located at: Regatta Network "calendar": at www.regattanetwork.com and the physical official notice board is located at the SSS pavilion outside the race office.

6.2. [DP] When permitted by class rules, all vessels in **PHRF class** shall carry a multi-channel VHF radio.

6.3. On the water, the PHRF race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

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6.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a vessel in **PHRF class** shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all vessels.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Date of Racing: Saturday, March 9th, 2024

Friday, March 8th

PHRF Skipper's meeting 1800-1900

PHRF Registration closes 1800

PHRF Competitor's Brief 1830

Saturday, March 9th

One Design Check In 1000-1100

One Design Competitors Brief 1130

One Design Course- First Warning One Design 1255

PHRF Course First Warning for PHRF Monohulls 1300

First Warning Multihulls 1250

ST. PADDY'S DAY CELEBRATION 1600-1700 Live Entertainment, beer, light Hors d'oeuvres. 1700-1900 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for ticket holders \$30 per person on RecHub.

7.2. No warning signal will be made after 1530.

7.3. Awards following racing under the Pavilion.

8. VENUE

8.1. Racing will be in Sarasota Bay north of Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

9. COURSES

9.1. One Design classes will include windward/leeward, triangles, or any combination. The specific course options and their designations will be diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2. All other classes may sail a course which may include the following marks: Sarasota Sailing Squadron compass-rose marks, Sarasota Bay governments marks and/or inflatable/drop marks.

10. THE START

10.1. Each vessel in a PHRF Monohull class will start according to her rating, with slower vessels going first. Course and Starting time information will be available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron briefing on Friday, March 8th by 1830 and also posted on Regatta Network on Friday, March 8th by 1830.

10.2. The RC will attempt to do a countdown for each PHRF vessel's start - broadcast on VHF channel as stated in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3. OCS PHRF vessels shall restart by rounding either end of the starting line – **no dip restarts allowed.**

11. SCORING

One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

12. AWARDS

12.1. Awards will be given to top finishers in each class.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

13.2. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor voluntarily assumes the risks associated with communicable disease including but not limited to Covid-19.

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1. For further information, please see the event website or contact the club manager:

Eduardo Sylvestre, Club Manager at manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org

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