



SSS Cherry Pie Regatta (BOTA**)
February 15, 2025
And New SSS Spring Blossom Series

*The SSS 'Spring Blossom' includes the Snowbird, Cherry Pie and Pot O' Gold regattas (3) each scored individually but now ***also combined*** for a separately scored and awarded series with a gala finale!

**This event is part of the [Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Award \(BOTA\)](#) Series for PHRF boats

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
February 15, 2025

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.

1.2. Each competitor sailing in One-Design classes shall wear a life jacket that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the sailor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1830 hrs on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Regatta Network website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29234> and they will be targeted to be posted at Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) on the unofficial notice board located by the race office on Saturday, February 15, 2025 no later than 10:00am.

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 Boat Share vessels including but not limited to American 18 and Hobie Waves.

3.2. The regatta is open to all PHRF vessels. Those without a current certificate listed at https://www.westfloridaphrf.org/?page_id=101 will be assigned a PHRF Rating by the Organizer. The PHRF classes will be Multihull, and Monohull: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser, and Pocket Cruiser. Those Cruiser Class vessels who are also competing in the [SBYA Boat of the Year](#) series are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker which will result in a reduction in the non-spinnaker offset as noted in [Appendix E – Cruising Class Rules](#). The certificate MUST show the actual Cruising Sail measurements to qualify for use. The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended

at the PHRF Monohull Skipper's meeting

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. A minimum of 3 vessels required per class for a separate start (One Design).

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 is available online via <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29234> and includes post-race light bites with cash bar social.

4.2. Please stay after sailing 3:30-6:30 for a lite-bites social with music and adult beverages. Bring your family and friends.

4.3. A finale gala dinner and 'Spring Blossom Series' overall awards dinner is planned on Saturday March 8, 2025 following the Pot O' Gold with further information forthcoming as the 'series' progresses.

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

4.5. Registration after 5pm on Friday, February 14, 2025, will be \$25.

5. MEASUREMENT

5.1. Each vessel must be compliant with current class measurement rules.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.1. The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29234> and the unofficial 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. 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.

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, February 15, 2025

Friday, February 14 (PHRF Mono ONLY):

Skippers meeting 1800-1900

Registration closes 1800

Competitors' Brief 1830: Course & Start Times distributed and published with other race documents on Regatta Network.

Saturday, February 15

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

7.2. No warning signal will be made after 1530.

7.3. Awards under the Pavilion during the Sail and Sip hors d'oeuvres and clubhouse social. 1530-1830.
Invite your family and friends to join us for the social.

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 described 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, February 14, by 1830 and also posted on Regatta Network on Friday, February 14, 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:

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