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# MARCH 19-25, 2017

# 2017 LIGHTNING

# SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

## Sign Up Now!

The 2017 Lightning Southern Circuit is only 6 weeks away. Have you made plans to join the fun? This 2-event series promises to provide excitement, fun and stiff competition. Not to mention two incredible venues which provide fantastic sailing conditions year after year. Sign up today at [www.lightningclass.org](http://www.lightningclass.org)!



**Six Days of Racing**

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**Two Venues**

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**50+ Boats**

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**Incredible  
Competition**

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**A Chance to See Old  
& New Friends**

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**It's Probably  
Snowing at Home!**

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### WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 19-21, 2017  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
50 Bayshore Dr  
St Petersburg, FL 33701

### MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 23-25, 2017  
Coral Reef Yacht Club  
2484 S. Bayshore Dr  
Miami, FL 33133

## 2017 WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

The first stop on the 2017 Southern Circuit will be the Winter Championship at St Petersburg Yacht Club. Launching and Berthing for this event will be at the St Petersburg Sailing Center at 250 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, St Petersburg, FL 33701. [More details...](#)

The 2017 Governing Board Meeting will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM and the Annual Winter Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

As always, the Annual Dock Party will be take place on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> after sailing on the main dock in front of St Pete Yacht Club.

## 2017 MID-WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

After a travel day, the Southern Circuit will resume racing with the Mid-Winter Championship at Coral Reef Yacht Club. [More details...](#)

Primary launching will be at Coral Reef Yacht Club, 2484 S. Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33133. CRYC has room for 40 boats and are available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Additional berths will be made available at the US Sailing Center (next door), 2476 S. Bayshore Dr, Miami, FL 33133.

## FRONT & CENTER SLIP LOTTERY

Once again, we will be awarding a front & slip to one lucky person at each event. If you sign up by February 27<sup>th</sup> you will automatically entered in this drawing.

## HOTELS

We have blocked off rooms in St Pete at Hampton Inn.

### Hampton Inn:

Event Name: Winter Lightning Regatta

Group Code: **WLR**

Standard Room Rate: \$199.00

Dates: 3/18/17-3/21/17

Cutoff Date: 2/24/17

Attendees may call the hotel directly at [727-892-9900](tel:727-892-9900) or 1-800-HAMPTON ([1-800-426-7866](tel:1-800-426-7866)) and give the reservationist the group code "**WLR**" when making their reservations. The group code may also be used with online bookings.

\*We currently do not have any rooms blocked off for the Miami event

## **MENTOR PROGRAM**

The 2017 ILCA Mentor Program is a GO! Nick Turney will be organizing and providing on and off the water coaching during the 2017 ILCA Southern Circuit. Alongside Nick will be top of the fleet veteran Lightning sailors who will be assigned to your team for one event or both events of the Southern Circuit. To learn more about this great program or to sign up please see below for more information.

### **What is the ILCA Mentor Program?**

The Mentor program was started several years ago. The program was designed to provide an open learning environment for all Lightning sailors that wanted to participate. Each team that chooses to sign up for the program will be assigned a coach for the entire event. This coach will also be sailing in the regatta and will provide on and off the water coaching for your team. Nick Turney will organize morning briefings and afternoon de-briefs each day during the event. Nick will also be on the water in a coach boat providing on the water coaching to all teams that choose to sign up for the program.

### **What's new with the program?**

For the 2017 Southern Circuit Mentor Program Nick will be using a separate radio channel designated for all participants of the mentor program while on the water. Nick will be providing coaching and instruction over the radio before, during, and after racing.

### **How do I sign up?**

To sign up for this great program please contact Nick Turney. You can choose to participate in one event of the Southern Circuit, or both events of the Southern Circuit.

Contact Nick Turney at [nick@turneysailing.com](mailto:nick@turneysailing.com)

Please provide the following information when you sign up:

1. Names of each crew member and their position on the boat
2. Contact information for each crew member, cell phone and e-mail
3. Are you signing up for one event of the circuit or both events?

## **KARL SMITHER AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Each year, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club presents the Karl Smither Award to one of the ILCA' shining lights for his or her Corinthian spirit, support of the Lightning and Class mentorship. Past winners include Anne Allen, Jim Carson, George Fisher, Bob Astrove and last year's honoree, Larry MacDonald, Jr. This honor will be announced Tuesday night during the banquet at the St. Petersburg YC.

Please take a few minutes and nominate one of your Class mentors. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize them for their efforts. Please drop a note via e-mail or regular mail including the details of why this person is worthy of everyone's admiration to the Class Office, [office@lightningclass.org](mailto:office@lightningclass.org). Then have your friends do the same. **The deadline is Tuesday, February 28, 2017.**

## **SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The [2017 Spring Championship](#) and Post-Circuit Stopover Regatta has been moved from Lake Norman Yacht Club to Columbia Sailing Club. The NOR has been posted. As we have advertised, we are offering free storage at CSC between the Southern Circuit and the event. Please email [Bill Wiggins](#) or [David Van Cleef](#) with any questions. We look forward to seeing everyone in South Carolina in April 2017!!