



1st Annual St. Petersburg Good Old Boat Regatta
St. Petersburg, Florida
January 23, 2010

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: The St. Petersburg Sailing Association

The Aim of the St. Petersburg Sailing association is to provide a program of fun racing on Tampa Bay for sailboats of different types: Offshore boats which are self-righting with self-draining cockpits having overall lengths of twenty feet and over, rated by the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet or a special SPSA rating; and various one design classes. <http://www.spsa.us/>

Venue: The St. Petersburg Yacht Club and St. Petersburg Sailing Center

Rich in history and tradition, the St. Petersburg Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. Established in 1909 and having been completely renovated in the early 1990s, the Club is located on the beautiful waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida. www.spyc.org

SPYC: The SPYC offers reciprocity for guests from members of many clubs. If you are a member at another club, please contact the SPYC to inquire about reciprocity agreements. If you are attending from a club that does not have reciprocity, please check at the front desk for guest cards and privileges.

Sponsor: Good Old Boat Magazine

The idea occurred to us where our best ideas always originate: on the boat while cruising. "Let's create a magazine to unite the owners of cruising sailboats like ours: older boats, wonderful boats, well-loved, and frequently sailed boats." And so Good Old Boat magazine was born for sailors who own, maintain, sail, and love terrific boats that are 10, 20, 30, or more years old. <http://www.goodoldboat.com/>

Rules: The race will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Sailing Instructions. Protests, collisions, and hostility are seriously discouraged. The judges and race committee will be unusually put off by the first (only?) protest hearing of the New Year, and it would be best to say that you're sorry, forgive, and forget.

Eligibility: Open to any self-righting sailboat built before 1990. The Boats must have, or be eligible for, a current PHRF rating www.westfloridaphrf.org or have a similar PHRF rating from another authority. Boats that do not have PHRF certificates will be assigned a rating by the Race Committee or sail in the Good Old Fun division.

Old Boats Only! - This event is open only to boats of some maturity, those whose hull was built before 1990 (20 years ago). It is a celebration of the old solid boats and the laid-back, fun-loving people who sail them. Many great old boats are expected including Pearson's, Cal's, Catalina's, Tartan's, Morgan's, and almost every other boat you can imagine.

Classes: Boats can decide whether they want to race for Fun, Cruising, PHRF Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker. Classes will compete over 7-12 mile government mark courses in Tampa Bay. The number and order of starts will be determined by the race committee and announced at the Competitor's Meeting.

Spend The Weekend! – We will do our best to make arrangements for those who want to dock, anchor, or raft up. Naturally, this may depend on the size of boat, length of stay, and how early you make arrangements to come to St. Petersburg!

The St. Petersburg City Marina has Transient Docks. Their website is: <http://www.stpete.org/marina/index.asp> and the phone number is 1-800-782-8350.

The SPYC has a few spots at the main dock and Snell Isle facility. If you are a member of a club with reciprocity or a member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs the normal relationships with FCYC's will apply. You can make dock reservations through the SPYC dock master at 727-822-3227 or dockmaster@SPYC.org

Public anchoring at the Vinoy Basin is allowed in some areas, but you'll need a dingy. If you have limitless resources or your GOB is a fully restored 1935 Hinckley 60 and you've just arrived from New Zealand as part of a world cruise; you may want to stay at the Vinoy resort! <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpasr-renaissance-vinoy-resort-and-golf-club/>

You may make arrangements to stay at the sailing center dock overnight during the racing, but you'll need to clear with the Sailing Center staff and plan on a limited stay with no power or water. Phone/Fax 727 822-3113 Email: sailingcenter@spyc.org

Honestly, if you're not from this area just get a cruising guide for West Florida and there are lots of anchorages, harbors, marinas, and clubs.

A Party & Trophies - Half of the event's enjoyment is the party. Special trophies will appear for weird awards that we may think of with no logical reason.

Boatiquette: You are expected to tell wild tales of how you found your boat sunk under 100' of water, swam it to the surface, and completely restored it for less than \$10. You are also required to provide tours of your vessel, brag about the world class races that it won in its day, and name the famous previous owners.

Fees: Entry fees include the Saturday party for two persons.

\$60.00 for entry forms received prior to January 15, 2010.

\$75.00 for entries postmarked, faxed, or emailed after January 15, 2010.

\$10.00 deduction for SPSA members.

\$15.00 for additional party tickets.

Registration: The NOR and Entry form will be available at the SPSA website, the SPYC website, and broadcast by email.

Classes: the number of vessels in various categories and/or WFPHRF ratings will determine Divisions.

Sailing Area: Tampa Bay

Courses: Courses of 7 to 12 miles will be described in the sailing instructions and based on SPSA traditions.

Schedule:

Friday, January 22, 2010

Boats arrive in St. Pete.

Registration	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm (St. Pete Sailing Center)
Informal Social	6:00 pm (St. Petersburg Yacht Club)

Saturday, January 23, 2010

Competitor's meeting	9:00 am
Begin departing docks	9:30 am
First Warning	11:00 am
Returning boats	4:00 pm
Party	6:30 pm (St. Petersburg Yacht Club)

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Sunday is a bad weather alternative; but otherwise there will be a fun sail for all interested yachts on Sunday.

Penalty System. RRS 44.2 is modified to one tack and one gybe satisfies the rule.

Sailing Instructions: Available at the competitor's meeting and will be posted on line.

Radio Communication. The Race Committee will begin broadcasting at 9:00am on the channels listed in the sailing instructions. Weather conditions, course selection, count down and infractions will be broadcast. The Race Committee will not offer suggestions for improvement over VHF; fellow competitors giving advice is fair game.

Scoring: The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will be used. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races (this changes RRS A2). One race will constitute a series.

Awards: In addition to any special awards for specific boats and persons; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for every unique class/division.

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