



## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta January 9, 2016

### Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA)  
and  
St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)

**Rules:** The race will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Sailing Instructions. This is not a Boat of the Year regatta. It is a fun event to show off our beloved boats while sailing around a pre-arranged course. Rules are necessary to help avoid collisions and minimize misunderstandings.

**Advertising:** Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

**Eligibility:** Open to **boats built before 1996:**

With self-righting and self-draining cockpits,  
Minimum overall length of twenty feet,  
Eligible for a West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (WFPHRF) rating  
([www.westfloridaphrf.org](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org))

Boats without a current WFPHRF rating will be assigned one by SPSA  
or they may sail in the FUN division.

Special consideration will be given for one design classes and Portsmouth class boats.

**Classes:** Boats may select Fun, Cruising, PHRF Spinnaker or PHRF Non-spinnaker. The order of starts will be determined by the race committee and announced at the Competitor's Meeting. Colored streamers that correspond to the relevant class flag will also be distributed. The number of vessels in various categories and/or PHRF ratings will determine Divisions.

**Fees:** Entry fee also includes two awards dinner tickets, breakfast for 4, some beer and a T-shirt  
\$85.00 for entries received prior to December 9, 2015  
\$95.00 for entries postmarked, faxed or emailed after December 9, 2015  
\$35.00 for each additional party ticket

## Schedule:

### Friday – January 8, 2016

Social Hours	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Yacht Club docks (Keg of Beer and sea stories)
Check-in, Registration, and get your Regatta Guest card	4:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Yacht Club, Regatta Room (social - sea stories allowed)

### Saturday – January 9, 2016

Breakfast	7:30 am – 9:30 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
Late Check-in & Registration	8:30 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
Competitors meeting	9:00 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
First Warning	11:00 am	Tampa Bay
After Race Dock Party	2:00ish	(after shower and settling boat) Informal Social and Sea Stories (Keg of Beer on the Club Docks)
Social Hour	5:00 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom
Banquet	6:30 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom
Awards	7:30 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom
Benefit Auction	8:15 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom
Oldies Dance Party	8:30 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom

### Sunday – January 10, 2016

Sunday is the “rain date”.

**Sailing Instructions:** Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the SPSA website ([www.spsa.us](http://www.spsa.us)) by January 7, 2016. Final sailing instructions will be provided at the competitor’s meeting.

**Venue:** Tampa Bay east of the St. Petersburg Pier

**Courses:** 5 to 12 mile courses based on government marks. The course will be presented in the sailing instructions and based on SPSA traditions.

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

**Scoring:** There will be one race. The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will be used. "Corrected finish times" will be determined using the "time on distance" method.

**Berthing:** Free dockage at SPYC is available. See “**Additional Information**” for details and other dockage options.

**Radio Communication:** The Race Committee will begin broadcasting at 10:00am on the channel 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 except concerning safety issues.

**Awards:**

Racing Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each unique racing class/division.

No racing trophies will be awarded to the Fun class.

The Good Neighbor Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the skipper that raises the most money for the benefit "Meals on Wheels".

In keeping with the fun theme of this regatta, additional special awards will be given, for: Distance traveled (sailed/trailer), Oldest Boat, Oldest Skipper, Youngest Skipper, Prettiest Boat, Most Unique/Unusual Boat, Most Stylish Crew and for other such considerations deemed worthy by the regatta committee.

For additional information contact:

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St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC), 11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC), 253 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue N (Demons Landing)

## **Additional Information, The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta (SPRC)**

**Having fun and messing around with sailboats!** This is a premiere sailing event in Tampa Bay. It attracts twenty plus year old boats from the entire west coast of Florida and is one of the most fun sailing events in the Tampa Bay area

### **"Keels for Meals on Wheels"**

The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta is also a fund raiser for "**Meals on Wheels**", a program of "Neighborly Care Services", an admirable cause that provides nutritious, hot meals, to house-bound elderly folks. Last year, our sponsors and sailors delivered over \$20,000 directly to "Meals on Wheels".

This event is also a competition for the largest contributor. Each boat is asked to make a donation, regardless of how modest. A beautiful perpetual trophy, which is prominently displayed in the Yacht Club, is awarded to the winning boat. Steve Honour and the crew of *Shady Lady* from the Boca Ciega Yacht Club have won the *Good Neighbor Perpetual Trophy* for the past four years. They need some competition!

Donations are tax deductible, with a check to "Neighborly Care Services" (place SPRC on the memo line.) They may be mailed in advance to SPSA, PO Box 174, St. Petersburg, FL 33731 or brought to the regatta.

**This Regatta is organized under the authority of the St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA).** SPSA was formed in 1972 (44 years ago!!) to “*encourage participation in the noble art of sailing and to organize such events to further that end*”.

It is a not-for-profit club and a member of the US Sailing Association. Most activities center on fun and low intensity racing. SPSA also offers social events, cruising rendezvous, seminars and field trips.

Boat owners and folks simply interested in sailing and/or racing are welcome. (Many boat owners would love to have more crew on their boats. SPSA will make that happen.) Visit ([www.spsa.us](http://www.spsa.us)) and Facebook for more information.

**This Regatta is Co-hosted by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC):** [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)

Rich in history and tradition, the Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the United States. Established in 1909 and completely renovated in the early 1990s, it is located on the beautiful downtown waterfront.

All SPCR participants are encouraged to purchase a “Regatta Guest Card” that will provide privileges of a temporary club member. This can be accomplished upon arrival, or online in advance at [www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org).

#### **Sponsorship:**

Contact the Regatta Chair at [vice.commodore@spsa.us](mailto:vice.commodore@spsa.us) to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

#### **Berthing – Spend the Weekend!**

Free dockage is available at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club to all participants. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or [dockmaster@SPYC.org](mailto:dockmaster@SPYC.org) by **December 18th!!!** and be guaranteed free dockage. After that, dockage is "as available".

The dockmaster and SPYC staff will do their best to accommodate all who want to use their docks. Naturally, this is at the discretion of the dockmaster and may depend on other factors. Berthing is also available at the St. Petersburg City Marina Transient Docks for a fee. Their website is: <http://www.stpete.org/marina/index.asp> and the phone number is 1-800-782-8350.

#### **Program**

Submit a story and pictures about your boat to possibly be included in the Program and/or website to [media@spsa.us](mailto:media@spsa.us).

#### **Parking**

There is no parking in the Sailing Center. There is some parking in Demen’s Landing; Park only in spaces marked as “A parking”. There is limited free weekend parking on the streets in the vicinity of the SPYC; check the meters carefully because some meters are enforced on the weekends. There is a parking garage on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

#### **Dock Party/Open Boat**

There will be a dock party with free beer Friday night and Saturday after the race at the SPYC docks. Fly the “St Petersburg Classic Regatta” Flag to show off your boat. Tour the “open house” boats flying the “St Petersburg Classic Regatta” flag.

**Breakfast**

Saturday morning there will be a crew breakfast for four crew members prior to the competitor's meeting. Additional breakfast tickets may be purchased there.

**Social Hour**

There will be a cash bar for the social hour in the banquet room at the SPYC.

**Raffle/Door Prizes**

One raffle ticket for door prizes will be included with entry. Bring cash to purchase additional raffle tickets at the door.

**Auction**

There will be a charity benefit auction following the awards presentation. Last year two complete bottom jobs for a 40' boat were auctioned off!

**Professional Photographs**

Dave Ellis of Affinity Marketing will be taking on the water/underway photographs of your boat. These photos will be on display at the Awards Banquet and will be available for purchase.

**Sailing Apparel**

Included in your check-in packet will be a coupon for a SPCR T-shirt or a \$10 discount on any of the vendor's sailing apparel.