



NOTICE OF RACE
St. Petersburg Sailing Association
2024-2025 Season
Commodore's Cup

Event, Start Time and Date:

The SPSA 2024 – 2025 Season Commodore's Cup will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, with a start at approximately 11 AM Eastern Time. There will be a distance course for Racing and Cruising Divisions and a Fun Course for those new to racing or just want a more leisurely sail on the Bay,

Where: The start and finish will be in the vicinity of the Pier, the sailing area will be in middle Tampa Bay. See Sailing Instructions for additional details.

Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA) is the organizing authority for this event.

Eligibility: This event is open to any single-hulled or multi-hulled sailboat eligible for a West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating. If you don't have a WFPHRF, you can request a provisional rating by SPSA.

Entries and Entry Fee: There is no entry fee for this event. SPSA members should register on the SPSA website if possible before the day of the race, or otherwise let their participation be known while checking in on the day of the race. If you are not a member of SPSA, you must declare your intention to race and provide or request a rating by 10 AM on the Thursday before the race date. Cruising Division boats intending to deploy a "cruising spinnaker" must enter the race in the Cruising Division Spinnaker Class no later than 10 PM on the Wednesday before the race date.

Rules: SPSA's races shall be governed by the current *US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, and the *Sailing Instructions* for this race. RRS 44.2 is modified so that one 360° turn satisfies the rule.

Classes/Divisions: There will be a Racing Division and a Cruising Division and a Fun Class.

Skippers Meeting: There will be no skipper's meeting. All communication before the day of the race shall be via email. Notices may also be posted on the website spsa.us and/or other social media. The race committee may communicate the course and start order via VHF (Channel 72) on the day of the race.

Race Description: This race will be run by a race committee over a course based on standard government marks. The course will be announced by the race committee prior

to the first warning signal. All boats within a class will start at the same time, and boats will be scored based on PHRF handicap rating. Fun class will be scored in order which boats cross the finish line.

Race Schedule: There will be one race. See the Event, Start Time and Date listing above.

Start: The starting line will be set by the race committee in the vicinity of "G3". See the sailing instructions for further details.

Course: The sailing area will be in middle Tampa Bay. The course will utilize Government marks. The course will be communicated to competitors by the race committee on the day of the race. See the sailing instructions for further details.

Finish: The finish will be at a finish line set by the race committee in the vicinity of "G3". See the sailing instructions for further details.

Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions and the courses will be posted on the SPSA website and emailed to competitors no later than 10 PM on the Thursday before the race. The specific course to be raced will be determined by the Race Committee on the day of the race.

"Weather Day": At the sole discretion of the race committee, the race may be rescheduled for the Sunday following the race date, if the race cannot be sailed as originally scheduled.

Scoring: A boat's finishing place is determined by the order of finish in each class. PHRF ratings will be used and scoring will be Time on Time calculation. Fun class is determined by boat for boat across the finish line.

Awards: Awards trophies will be given for 1st, place for each class in each division.

After Race Activities: A post-race party and awards ceremony will follow the race. The location will be determined prior to race day.

If there is any conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will supersede this document.

For any additional information, please contact the SPSA Commodore at: commodore@spsa.us