



**St. Petersburg Sailing Association
2024-2025 Pursuit Race Notice**

Event, Start Time and Date:

New Year's Fun 1400 January 1, 2025, 2:00PM
Full Moon Pursuit Race 1930 January 11, 2025 & May 10, 2025
Off The Wall Regatta 1100 February 2, 2025
Couples/Double Handed Regatta 1400 May 3, 2025

Where: The Start and finish will be within the sailing area of Tampa Bay east of the Pier. The sailing area will be in middle Tampa Bay

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 formal entry required by SPSA members and there is no entry fee. 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. Commodore@spsa.us

Rules: SPSA's Pursuit 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. SPSA may add or delete classes dependent on the number of boats participating.

Skippers Meeting: There will be no skipper's meeting. All communication before the day of the race shall be online. There may be some communication via VHF (Channel 72) on the day of the race.

Race Description: This race will be a “pursuit” race. Each boat’s start time will be based on “Time on Distance” adjustment using WFPHRF ratings and the distance of the course to be sailed.

Race Schedule: See the Event, Start Time and Date listing above.

Start: The starting line will be in the vicinity of a Govt Mark. The starting time for each boat will be provided online, no later than 10 PM on the Thursday before the race date. To properly start, at the boat’s given start time, the boat must:

1. Be behind a line that runs through either side of the Start Mark and is perpendicular to the first mark, and
2. Must cross that line within “4 boat lengths” of the Start Mark

*If a Race Committee boat will be on station at the start and finish the start and finish will be between the Race Committee Boat and the Start and Finish Marks.

Course: The sailing area will be in middle Tampa Bay. The course will utilize Government marks. The course to be sailed will be set based on weather conditions and communicated by email to all SPSA members.

Finish: The finish will be at a designated mark on the published course. To properly finish a boat must “break” a line that runs through either side of the finish mark and is perpendicular to the last mark of the course and within “2 boat lengths” of the mark. Each boat is responsible for recording its finish time and reporting it to SPSA.

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Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions and the course will be posted on the SPSA website no later than Noon on the day before the race. There is one race scheduled for this event.

“Weather Day”: At the sole discretion of the SPSA Board, 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.

Awards: Awards trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each division.

After Race Activities: A Post Race Party time and place will be included with start time and course information.

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