



Co-hosts

The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta

****Since 2010****

11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

October 11, 2025

The Organizing Authority:

**St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) &
St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA)**

PRELIMINARY

Notice of Race

Rules: The race will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

It is a fun event to show off our beloved twenty plus year old boats while moored at St Petersburg docks and/or sailing around a race course and benefitting “Meals on Wheels”, an original St Petersburg 1966 concept.

Advertising: Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

Eligibility and Entry: Open to boats built before 2006:

Sailboats that wish to compete in the pursuit race must be self-righting with self-draining cockpits, a minimum overall length of nineteen feet and –

if they choose to **actually** race they should be eligible for a West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (WFPHRF) rating (www.westfloridaphrf.org). FUN class boats will not need ratings.

Twenty year old “Clearwater Prams” and other small boats will be given special consideration.

One design and Portsmouth ratings will be available.

Motorboats should be seaworthy. Their owners should be interested in spending a few hours, showing off their vessel and participating in fun-filled events on Tampa Bay.

No boats entry will be final without a completed and signed online Yacht Scoring (YS) waiver from each participating crew member. If there is a crew member substitution, that crew member must complete and sign an online waiver. The skipper shall inform the OA and/or PRO of same prior to the first warning that day.

No boat will be scored without completing all entry requirements.

Register at www.spyc.org/regattas Select “2025 St. Petersburg Classic Regatta”

Classification:

Sailboat classes: Fun, Cruising, Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker and, possibly, one-design (Cruising Class must declare if they are using a “cruising chute” by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, October 8. PHRF ratings will be adjusted.

Email: gloriadavis1200@gmail.com.)

Motorboat classes will be based on the number and types of entries.

Fees:

Entry fee for crewed boats include two tickets to the “Party”, fun food everywhere, two tickets for “trivia games” and two tickets for the “corn hole matches”

\$125.00 for entries on or prior to October 8

\$150.00 for entries after October 8 .

\$45.00 for each additional “Party” ticket.

Solo crewed boats: \$60, one ticket to the “Party”, a “trivia” and a “corn hole” ticket

Boats that must withdraw on or prior to October 11 will receive a refund of their entry fee less an administrative fee of \$40.00. After that date there will be no refund, if we race.

Schedule:

Friday – October 10, 2025

Arrival at the docks	4:00 - til	race committee greets individual boats
Check-in	4:00 – 7:30 pm	SPYC, details to follow

(Pick up your SPYC Regatta Guest card at the front desk)

Saturday – October 11, 2025

Full Breakfast Buffet(\$18)	08:30 am – 9:30 am	SPYC
Competitors’ meeting	09:30 am	SPYC, details to follow
PARADE/Boat “Show & Tell”	11:00 – 12:30 pm	Tampa Bay
First Warning	1:00 pm	Tampa Bay
After Race Dock Party & Boat “Show & Tell”	4:00 pm	judges will check out boats
Party & Games begin	5:30 pm	SPYC
Awards	7:00 pm	SPYC
Auction concludes	7:30 pm	

Sunday – October 12, 2025

Sunday is the “rain date” for the regatta. All meals will still be on Saturday. There will be an informal (probably virtual) awards presentation if racing on Sunday.

Sailing Instructions: Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the SPYC website (www.spyc.org) by October 7, 2025. Final sailing instructions will be provided at the competitor’s meeting.

Venue: Tampa Bay, east of the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina entrance.

Courses: 5 to 12 mile courses based on government marks for PHRF boats. Potential courses will be presented in the sailing instructions and announced at the competitors meeting. FUN class, Motorboats and single-handed boats will have courses based on the whims of the Race Committee.

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

Scoring: There will be one race. Start times for crewed sailboats will be based on the PURSUIT method. Scores will be based on order of finish and Class of boat. Other competitors' schedules will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

Berthing: Free dockage at SPYC is available. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or dockmaster@SPYC.org by October 1, 2025. After that, dockage is "as available". Berthing is also available at the St. Petersburg City Marina Transient Docks for a fee. www.stpete.org/marina/ , 1-800-782-8350, 727 893 7329.

Radio Communication:

Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

The Official Bulletin will be Yacht Scoring(YS). All competitors shall have a way to access (YS) to receive all posted communications.

The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2{c} to make changes to either NOR or SIs.

The Race Committee will begin broadcasting Saturday morning on the channel listed in the sailing instructions. Weather conditions, course selection, count down and infractions will be broadcast.

Awards: Racing Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each racing class/division, given sufficient participation.

The Fun Class will have special trophies that will not be awarded for speed but instead on votes by the regatta committee based on the boat most embracing the fun of the event.

Motorboats will receive recognition based on several factors that will be shared at the competitors meeting.

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

Again this year, there will be another challenge to all competitors. Each boat may assemble a "gift basket". It will be included in the auction at the party. The basket that brings in the most funds for Neighborly Care will receive an award.

In keeping with the fun theme of this regatta, special recognition will be given, for: Distance traveled (sailed/trailerred), 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.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

The skipper/owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the Regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

Regatta contacts: Gloria Davis, GloriaDavis1200@gmail.com

Additional Information:

This regatta is a fund-raising event for “Neighborly” and its subsidiary “Meals on Wheels.” This unsung Pinellas County charity delivers 1200 nutritious hot meals five days a week to house-bound seniors. For many recipients this visit is the highlight of their day. <https://neighborly.org/>

