



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta January 17, 2015

### 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 1995:**

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 Saturday Night tickets for two, some beer and a T-shirt  
\$85.00 for entries received prior to January 3, 2015  
\$95.00 for entries postmarked, faxed or emailed after January 3, 2015  
\$28.00 for each additional party ticket

## Schedule:

### Friday – January 16, 2015

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

### Saturday – January 17, 2015

Late Check-in & Registration	8:00 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
Competitors meeting	9:00 am	SPSC
First Warning	11:00 am	Tampa Bay
After Race Dock Party	2:00 pm(or so)	(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
Oldies Dance Party	8:30 pm	Yacht Club Ballroom

### Sunday – January 18, 2015

Sunday is the “rain date”; otherwise there will be a fun sail for all interested yachts.

**Sailing Instructions:** Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the SPSA website ([www.spsa.us](http://www.spsa.us)) by January 10, 2015. 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.

In keeping with the fun theme of this regatta, additional special awards will be given, for: Oldest Boat, Oldest 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) January 17, 2015**

**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 \$10,000 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 three 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 (43 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 may purchase a "Regatta Guest Card" that will provide privileges of a temporary club member. This can be accomplished upon arrival.

**Our Title Sponsor: Raymarine (Contributing \$5000 to Meals on Wheels!!!)**

Raymarine is an award winning producer and supporter of many well-known and durable marine products. Their multi-functional displays, autopilots, VHF radios, Satellite TVs, GPS are top of the line communication equipment. [www.raymarine.com](http://www.raymarine.com)

See other sponsor opportunities at [www.spsa.us](http://www.spsa.us)

**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 **January 3!!!** 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.

**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.

**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.

**Coral Reef Sailing Apparel**

Included in your check-in packet will be a coupon for a SPCR T-shirt or a \$10 discount on any of Coral Reef's sailing apparel. They feature a large array of sailing gear and apparel.