



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta

11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

**October 21, 2023**

**The Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)**

**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 sailing around Tampa Bay and a major benefit event for "Meals on Wheels", an original St Petersburg 1966 concept.

Unlike previous years, this cannot be the fun weekend on the Yacht Club docks, they are under construction. There will be a Friday night check-in and social at the Club.

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

### **Eligibility and Entry:**

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.

Open to boats built before 2004:

Sailboats 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](http://www.westfloridaphrf.org)). Boats in the FUN class need no rating.

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

Register for the race at [www.spyc.org/regattas](http://www.spyc.org/regattas)  
Select "2023 October 21 St. Petersburg Classic Regatta"

## Classification:

Sailboats classes: Fun, Cruising, Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker.  
(Cruising Class must declare if they are using a "cruising chute"  
by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, October 18. PHRF ratings will be adjusted.  
Email: [gloriadavis1200@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadavis1200@gmail.com).)  
Motorboat classes will be based on the number and types of entries.

## Fees:

Entry fee is planned to include two Saturday breakfasts, two dinners at the Award ceremonies and a single Skippers shirt. (Please specify the desired size when registering.)  
Some special sharable vintage beverages may also be offered.

\$125.00 for entries entered on or prior to October 17, 2023  
\$150.00 for entries after October 17, 2023.  
\$14.00 for each additional breakfast order.  
\$50.00 for each additional Saturday party ticket.

Boats that must withdraw on or prior to October 17, 2023 will receive a refund of their entry fee less an administrative fee of \$40.00. After October 17 there will be no refund.

## Schedule:

**Friday** – October 20, 2023  
Social and Check-in 4:00 – 7:30 pm on-line auction continues  
SPYC, details to follow  
(Pick up your SPYC Regatta Guest card at the front desk)

**Saturday** – October 21, 2023

Full Breakfast Buffet	07:30 am – 9:30 am	SPYC
Competitors' meeting	10:00 am	SPYC, details to follow
PARADE/Boat "Show & Tell"	11:00 – 12:30 pm	Tampa Bay
First Warning	1:00 pm	Tampa Bay
	4:00 pm	judges will check out locatable boats
Social Hour with silent auction	5:30 pm	SPYC
Banquet	6:00 pm	SPYC
Awards	7:00 pm	SPYC
Auction concludes	7:30 pm	

**Sunday** – October 22, 2023  
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](http://www.spyc.org)) by October 1, 2023. 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 and Motorboats 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 will be based on the PURSUIT method. Scores will be based on order of finish and Class of boat.

**Berthing:** No dockage at SPYC is available. Berthing is available at the St. Petersburg City Marina Transient Docks for a fee. [www.stpete.org/marina/](http://www.stpete.org/marina/) , 1-800-782-8350. Other local marinas outside of the basin are easily accessible.  
IMPORTANT NOTE, stay tuned, we may obtain some special offers on dockage.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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”.

In keeping with the fun theme of this regatta, special recognition 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.

## **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.

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## **Additional Information:**

This regatta is also a fund-raising event for “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/events/>  
They will be hosting live and on-line auctions for all interested parties.