



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

11 Central Avenue  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
September 11-13, 2020

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

*Updated to adhere to CDC COVID-19 guidelines Aug 25, 2020*

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.

Social distancing is necessary and masks are to be worn on the docks and in the Club.

## Advertising:

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

## Eligibility and Entry

Open to boats built before 2001:

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 "2020 Sept 11-13 St. Petersburg Classic Regatta"

## Classification:

Sailboats classes: Fun, Cruising, Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker.

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

## Fees:

Entry fee includes two Saturday boxed lunches, two Saturday Dinner tickets and a fairly constant flow of beer at most stopping points.

\$100.00 for entries entered on or prior to August 28, 2020

\$125.00 for entries after August 28, 2020, possibly more, depending on costs incurred.

\$10.00 for each additional lunch order.

\$35.00 for each additional Saturday party ticket.

Boats that must withdraw on or prior to August 28, 2020 will receive a refund of their entry fee less an administrative fee of \$25.00. After August 28 there will be no refund, if we race.

## Schedule:

**Monday** – August 24, 2020      GO / NO GO if restrictions as a result of COVID-19 will not allow us to produce a successful event (Entry fees will be refunded.)  
***We are a GO!***

**Friday** – September 11, 2020

Arrival at the docks      4:00 - til      race committee greets individual boats

Check-in      4:00 – 7:30 pm      virtual, details to follow

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

**Saturday** – September 12, 2020

~~Full Breakfast Buffet~~      10:00 am      pre-ordered box lunches will be delivered

Competitors' meeting      10:00 am      virtual, details will 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

~~Social Hour~~      ~~5:30 pm~~      ~~SPYC Ballroom~~

Banquet      6:00 pm      pre-ordered dinner boxes will be delivered

Awards      7:00 pm      virtual

Auction concludes      7:30 pm      virtual

**Sunday** – September 13, 2020

Sunday is the "rain date" for the regatta. Lunch and Dinner will still be Saturday. There will be an informal (probably virtual) awards presentation at this event.

**Sailing Instructions:** Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the SPYC website ([www.spyc.org](http://www.spyc.org)) by Thursday September 10, 2020. 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.

**Berthing:** Free dockage at SPYC is available for FCYC boats. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or [dockmaster@SPYC.org](mailto:dockmaster@SPYC.org) by August 21, 2020. After that, dockage is "as available". Berthing is also available at the St. Petersburg City Marina Transient Docks for a fee. Their website is: [www.stpete.org/marina/](http://www.stpete.org/marina/) and the phone number is 1-800-782-8350.

**Radio Communication:** 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 unique 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".

A new award will present another challenge to all competitors. Each boat may assemble a "gift basket". It will be included in the online auction that begins well in advance of the weekend. 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/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.

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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. Auction items will be available for viewing the entire weekend. All proceeds will benefit "Meals on Wheels."