



Meals on Wheels



9th Annual The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta

11 Central Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
September 14-16, 2018

The Organizing Authority: **St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC)**
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 hanging around yacht club docks and/or sailing around a race course and benefitting "Meals on Wheels", an original St Petersburg concept.

Advertising:

Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

Eligibility:

Open to boats built before 1998:

Sailboats must be self-righting with self-draining cockpits, a minimum overall length of twenty 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). Boats in the FUN class need no rating.

Motorboats should be seaworthy. Their Captains should be interested in spending a few hours, showing off and participating in fun-filled events at the Yacht Club docks, the Club and, possibly, some time in Tampa Bay.

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

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 Breakfast Buffet tickets, two Saturday Dinner tickets and a fairly constant flow of beer at most stopping points.

\$100.00 for entries entered prior to August 25, 2018

\$120.00 for entries after August 25, 2018

\$9.00 for each additional Breakfast Buffet ticket

\$ 30.00 for each additional Saturday party ticket

Schedule:

Friday – September 14, 2018

Social Hours	4:00 – 9:00 pm	SPYC Regatta Room / SPYC Dock
Check-in	4:00 – 7:30 pm	SPYC Regatta Room

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

Saturday – September 15, 2018

Full Breakfast Buffet	7:30 – 10:00 am	SPYC Bridge, Waterfront Room
Competitors' meeting	10:00 am	SPYC Waterfront Room
PARADE/Boat "Show & Tell"	11:00 – 12:30 pm	docks & Tampa Bay
First Warning	1:00 pm	Tampa Bay
After Race Dock Party & Boat "Show & Tell"	4:00 pm	SPYC Docks
Social Hour	5:30 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Banquet	6:00 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Awards	7:00 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Party & Auction	7:30 pm	SPYC Ballroom

Sunday – September 16, 2018

Sunday is the "rain date" for the regatta. Breakfast and Dinner will still be Saturday. There will be an informal awards presentation at the dock post-race in this event.

Sailing Instructions: Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted on the SPYC website (www.spyc.org) by Thursday September 13, 2018. 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. 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. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or dockmaster@SPYC.org by August 20, 2018. 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/ and the phone number is 1-800-782-8350.

Radio Communication: The Race Committee will begin broadcasting at Noon on the channel listed in the sailing instructions. Weather conditions, course selection, count down and infractions will be broadcast. The Race Committee might offer suggestions for improvement over VHF for the fun group but for other groups will only offer suggestions for safety concerns.

Awards:

Racing Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 a voting 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 the benefit "Meals on Wheels".

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

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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 presented during the Saturday party. All proceeds will benefit "Meals on Wheels."

All SPCR participants are encouraged to purchase a "Regatta Guest Card" that will provide privileges of a temporary St Petersburg Yacht Club member. This can be accomplished in advance at www.spyc.org.