



Meals on Wheels



9th Annual The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta May 5, 2018

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority is St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA)

Having fun and messing around with sailboats! This is a premiere sailing event in Tampa Bay open to boats that are twenty or more years old. The Classic Regatta attracts participants from the West Coast of Florida and is one of the most fun sailing events in the Tampa Bay area. This is a Pursuit race with staggered starts determined by rating; hence the order of finish represents the order of placement. Starting times are assigned using a PHRF rating and the time on distance method.

“Keels for Meals on Wheels”

The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta is a fund raising event benefiting Meals on Wheels. This unsung charity operating in Pinellas County, is the lifeblood of senior citizens who need daily help. The Meals on Wheels program, a unit of Neighborly Care Services, operates through the efforts of volunteers. The program delivers 1200 nutritious hot meals everyday, five days a week to house bound seniors. For many of the recipients, the visit by one of the volunteers is their only daily contact with another person as well as their only daily meal. The visit is often the highlight of the day.

Volunteers are the heart and sole of this organization. Working 95 delivery routes, 190 volunteers, working in pairs and driving their own cars, deliver meals to needy folks every Monday through Friday. With 600 total volunteers, the program brings a little bit of daily comfort to elderly citizens who need help. With summer approaching, many of Neighborly's dedicated volunteers return North, leaving openings for more volunteers. You can help bring comfort to a homebound elderly by volunteering. It only takes two hours, one day a week, to help your senior neighbor.

Since 2011 the St Petersburg Classic Regatta and its sponsors, participants and donors have provided nearly \$75,000 to Meals on Wheels, helping this program continue this wonderful and inspiring task to help seniors in need. We have the goal of this year breaking the 100,000 dollar mark. Our major sponsors include Catalina Yachts, Raymarine, and Yanmar.

The St Petersburg Sailing Association is a proud sponsor of the St Petersburg Classic Regatta and an enthusiastic supporter of the Neighborly Care Services mission to fulfill the needs of seniors in Pinellas County. Remember your donation to Meals on Wheels is tax deductible.

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 1998***:

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)

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:

Your entry fee includes two Awards Dinner tickets, donuts & coffee at the Competitors' Meeting, beer at the Registration Dock Party, and beer and margaritas at the After Race Dock Party. We will try to deliver drinks to your boat as you dock.

\$130.00 for entries received prior to April 1, 2018

\$155.00 for entries postmarked, faxed or emailed on or after April 1, 2018

\$40.00 for each additional party ticket

Schedule:

Friday – May 4, 2018

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

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

Saturday – May 5, 2018

Late Check-in & Registration (Donuts & Coffee)	9:00 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
Competitors' meeting	10:00 am	St. Pete Sailing Center (SPSC)
First Warning	1:00 pm	Tampa Bay
After Race Dock Party	4:00 pm	SPYC Dock
Social Hour	5:30 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Banquet	6:00 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Awards	7:00 pm	SPYC Ballroom
Party	7:30 pm	SPYC Ballroom

Sunday – May 6, 2018

Sunday is the "rain date" for the regatta. Dinner will still be Saturday night. 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 SPSA website (www.spsa.us) by Thursday May 3, 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. 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. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or dockmaster@SPYC.org by April 15, 2018 be guaranteed free dockage. 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.

The Fun Class will have special trophies that will not be awarded for place but instead on a voting by the race committee base on the boat most embracing the fun of the event.

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/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.

For additional information contact:

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St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC), 11 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg Sailing Center (SPSC), 253 2nd Avenue N (Demons Landing)

Additional Information:

The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta (SPCR) is organized under the authority of the St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA). SPSA was formed in 1972 (44 years ago!!) to "*encourage participation in the noble art of sailing and to organize such events to further that end*".

SPSA is a not-for-profit club and a member of the US Sailing Association. Most activities center on fun and low intensity racing. The club 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) and Facebook for membership information.

This Regatta is Co-hosted by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) 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 are encouraged to purchase a "Regatta Guest Card" that will provide privileges of a temporary St Petersburg Yacht Club member. This can be accomplished at registration night, or preferably, online in advance at www.spyc.org.

Parking There is no parking at 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 1st Ave. S. between 1st and 2nd Streets.

After Race Party/Social Hour There will be a keg of beer for the after race party at the SPYC docks. There will be a cash bar at the social hour in the SPYC ballroom.