



St. Petersburg Sailing Association
2017 Commodore's Cup Race
Notice of Race

Date: September 23, 2017

Where: Tampa Bay – approx 1/2 mile East of the former Pier

Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA) is the organizing authority for this event.

Eligibility: This event is open to any single-hulled or multi-hulled sailboat eligible for a West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating.

Entries: Entries for SPSA Commodore's Cup shall be made on the SPSA Commodore's Cup entry form available on the SPSA website at www.spsa.us or online through the SPSA website

Entry Fee: The **Early Bird entry fee is \$30 (\$25-USSA members)** if received prior to September 10, 2017. For registrations postmarked on/after September 10th or received at the Skipper's Meeting, **the late entry fee is \$40 (\$35 for USSA members)**. Entry fee includes two tickets to the After Race Dinner & Awards Party

Rules: SPSA's Commodore's Cup Race shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.2 is modified so that one 360° turn satisfies the rule.

Classes/Divisions: There will be a Spinnaker class and a Non-spinnaker/Cruising class.

Skippers Meeting: The Skipper's meeting will be held at 12:30 PM, Saturday September 23th, at the St. Petersburg Sailing Center, 250 - 2nd Ave. SE. Please park only in the adjacent "A" lots, not in SPSC lot.

Start: This race will feature a pursuit-style start. The individual start time will be based on the course to be sailed. Please review the starting schedule. The starting line will be in the vicinity and East of the Pier between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable mark or government mark.

Time: First start warning at 13:55 First Start at 14:00

Course: The sailing area will be in middle Tampa Bay. The course will utilize established SPSA marks. The course to be sailed will be determined the day of the race based on weather conditions and presented at the skippers meeting. A graphic of the established SPSA marks will be included with the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will post the course on the committee boat and announce the course over VHF, Channel 72.

Finish: Between the orange flag on the RC and a mark of the course.

Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions with established SPSA course will be posted on the SPSA website no later than Thursday, September 21st. There is one race scheduled for this event.

“Weather Date”: At the sole discretion of the SPSA Race Committee, the race may be rescheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2017, if it cannot be sailed as scheduled.

Scoring: The order of finish in each class will determine the pursuit winners.

Awards: Awards trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each division.

After Race Activities: The Awards Dinner/party will be held at the Sailing Center immediately following the race, approximately 17:00.

For any additional information, please contact the SPSA Race Committee Chair at:
race.committee.chair@spsa.us.