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**Notice of Racing**

 **31st Annual Couples Race**

**St. Petersburg Sailing Association**

**Date:** May 19, 2018

**Where:** Tampa Bay; starting near government mark “G3” (SPSA B)

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

**Eligibility:** Crew must be **“him and her”** (one male sailor and one female sailor)**.** This event is open to any single-hulled or multi-hulled sailboat eligible for a West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating. If you are not a member of SPSA you must submit a copy of your WFPHRF rating to SPSA (email race.committee.chair@spsa.us) by May 10, 2018.

**Entries:** No entry form**;** register by emailing race.committee.chair@spsa.us of your intention to race

**Entry Fee:** Entry fee is $30, payable by cash or check at the skippers meeting or at the awards dinner. Entry fee includes dinner for two at the awards party.

**Skippers Meeting:** There willbea Skipper’s Meeting at 12:30 at the sailing center. The course and individual starting times will be presented at the Skippers meeting and posted on the SPSA website.

**Rules:** The 31st Annual Couples Race shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Sailing Instructions. RRS 44.2 is modified so that "a tack and a gybe" satisfies the rule**.**

**Classes/Divisions:** There two classes - non-spin & cruising

**Start:** This race is a “Pursuit Race” with staggered starts based on the boat’s rating.

**Start Time:** The start of the race will be at 1400. The individual starting time for all boats will be presented at the Skippers meeting and posted on the SPSA website.

**Start Location:** Between SPSA B (government mark “G3”) and orange drop mark

**Course:** The course to be sailed will be as follows:

Start at: SPSA “B” (G “3”, located near N 27⁰ 46.0, W 82⁰ 36.6)

SPSA “A” (G “1”, located near N 27⁰ 46.834, W 82⁰ 36.073)

 SPSA “D” (25 ft cut J range tower [“Little J”] located near N 27⁰ 45.907’ W 82⁰ 34.349’)

Finish at: SPSA “B” (G “3”, located near N 27⁰ 46.0, W 82⁰ 36.6)

**Finish:** Between SPSA B (government mark “G3”) and orange drop mark

**Scoring:** This race is a Pursuit race with staggered starts by rating; hence the order of finish represents the order of placement

**Awards:** Awards will be given to the first three finishers in each class. Fun awards will also be given

**Party:** An Awards Dinner will be held immediately following the race at the sailing center

For anyadditional information, contact Richard Boler, SPSA Racing Chairman at 813-363-3457 or email race.committee.chair@spsa.us