



**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 will be a 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 27° 46.0, W 82° 36.6)

SPSA "A" (G "1", located near N 27° 46.834, W 82° 36.073)

SPSA "D" (25 ft cut J range tower ["Little J"] located near N 27° 45.907' W 82° 34.349')

Finish at: SPSA "B" (G "3", located near N 27° 46.0, W 82° 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 any additional information, contact Richard Boler, SPSA Racing Chairman at 813-363-3457 or email race.committee.chair@spsa.us