



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

KING OF THE BAY RACE

The St. Petersburg Sailing Association announces a new contest on Tampa Bay. The sailing instructions are very uncomplicated and knowledge of the Yacht Racing Rules does not confer an advantage on a competitor. A single trophy will be awarded at the end of each month to the best performance during that period. A new month brings the chance for the King to extend his reign... or watch his status slip away. The Bay is always ready to crown a new King!

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTEST

WHEN

The 2019-20 season contest will run from January 1st, 2019 through August 31st, 2020. A competitor may choose to race the course anytime during this period at their convenience, or rather when they feel the conditions are optimal for their boat to dethrone the current king.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate or an SPSA Club PHRF rating. Please contact the SPSA Rating Chairman rating.chair@spsa.us if you need an SPSA Club PHRF rating assigned.

MARKS

This season's race course has been designated using government marks. Located directly off St. Petersburg, the race marks are:

1. Buoy G1 (SPSA Mark "A" – 27 46.835 82 36.073)
2. Salt Creek Channel Mark S (SPSA Mark "C" 27 45.542 82 36.688)
3. Range Marker Little J (SPSA Mark "D" 27 45.905 82 34.349)

The distances between them are 1.41 NM, 2.10 NM and 1.79 NM. This produces a race course with a total length of totaling 5.30 NM, shaped very roughly as an equilateral triangle.

COURSE

A competitor may choose to sail the course either as all marks left to Port.....or all marks left to Starboard (reverse course).

A competitor may choose to start at any of the designated course marks. After rounding the other two course markers, the starting mark is the finish mark.

START AND FINISH PROCEDURES

In the fine tradition of sailing, a competitor starts and finishes on their honor. There is no race committee boat to manage starts, record finishes and handle protests.

A boat shall start racing when:

1. It is within two boat lengths of the start mark
2. It is on a proper course to the first mark
3. The bow is on a perpendicular line to the start mark.

A boat shall finish when:

1. It is within two boat lengths of the start mark
2. The bow is on a perpendicular line to the finish mark

Each contestant shall record their own starting and finishing times and communicate them via email to the Race Committee at race.committee.chair@spsa.us. Include date, boat name, course sailed, start/finish time, whether you flew a spinnaker and WFPHRF certificate if not already on file with SPSA.

RESULTS

Results will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance to determine corrected time and posted on the SPSA Website at: www.spsa.us/kingofthebay.

AWARDS

Monthly - At a social gathering past the last day of each month the SPSA Commodore will announce the crowning of the new KING OF THE BAY and award the monthly trophy. The winner will provide a short, but not modest description of this feat of sailing genius.

Season - At the Annual SPSA membership meeting, a "King of the Bay" Flag will be awarded to skipper with the best corrected time of the season as of August 31st, 2020.

See the SPSA website calendar for the scheduled awards gathering.