



Notice of Race

2024 Off the Wall Regatta Pursuit
Sunday January 28, 2024
St. Petersburg Sailing Association
St. Petersburg, Florida

Date: January 28, 2024

Where: The start and finish will be in the vicinity of Government mark "G3"; the sailing area will be in Middle Tampa Bay.

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

Eligibility: This event is open to all keelboats owned by SPSA or non-SPSA members skippered by new or novice racers, eligible for a West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating. If you don't have a WFPHRF, you can request a provisional rating by SPSA. Experienced racers are also invited to participate and will be scored in a separate class.

Entries and Entry Fee: There is no formal entry required and there is no entry fee.

- If you are a member of SPSA, register online at the SPSA website.
- If you are not a member of SPSA, email your contact info and boat details to membership.chair@spsa.us by Wednesday, February 2nd, at 10:00 PM.

Rules: SPSA's 2024 Off the Wall Pursuit race shall be governed by the current US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Sailing Instructions for this race. RRS 44.2 is modified so that one 360° turn satisfies the rule.

Classes/Divisions: There will be two classes for new or novice racers (1) keel boats 30' and less in length and (2) keel boats over 30' in length, and two classes for experienced racers (1) Cruising (2) Racing.

Skippers Meeting: There will be a skipper's meeting Saturday, January 28 at 4:00 PM at the Sailing Center. There may be some communication via VHF (Channel 72) on the day of the race

Race Description: This race will be a "pursuit" race. Each boat's start time will be

based on "Time on Distance" adjustment using WFPHRF ratings and the distance of the course to be sailed.

Race Schedule: This race is scheduled for January 28, 2024 .The scheduled time of the first warning signal for this race is 10:55 AM. The first start will be at 11:00 AM. There is one race scheduled for this event.

Start: The starting line will be in the vicinity of "G3". The starting time for each boat will be provided online, no later than 6:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2024

To properly start, at the boat's given start time, the boat must:

1. Be behind a line between an orange flag on the committee boat and government mark G3 and
2. Cross that line between an orange flag on the committee boat and government mark G3

Course: The sailing area will be in Middle Tampa Bay. The course will utilize Government marks. The sailing course will be based on weather conditions.

Finish: The finish will be at "G3". To properly finish a boat must cross the line between G3 and the Committee Boat. Each boat is responsible for recording its finish time and reporting it to SPSA.

Sailing Instructions: The sailing instructions and the course will be posted on the SPSA website no later than 6:00 PM on Friday, January 26, 2023. There is one race scheduled for this event.

Scoring: A boat's finishing place is determined by the order of finish in each class.

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

After Race Activities: A social distancing Awards party will be post-race. The anticipated start time for the Awards party is 4:00 PM. Additional information about the Awards party and location will be provided a few days before race day.

For any additional information, please contact the SPSA Commodore at: commodore@spsa.us.