



NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

KING OF THE BAY RACE

The St. Petersburg Sailing Association initiated the King Of the Bay race in the 2017-2018 racing season. Also known simply as the KOB the self-timed race is now in its seventh year. The sailing instructions are very simple, and knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing does not confer an advantage on a competitor. A single trophy and the perpetual KOB brag flag 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 their reign...or watch their status slip away. The Bay is always ready to crown a new King!

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTEST

WHEN

The 2025-26 season contest will run from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. 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 racecourse has been designated using government marks. Located directly off St. Petersburg, the race marks are:

1. **Buoy G1** (27 46.835 82 36.073)
2. Salt Creek Channel **Mark S** (27 45.542 82 36.688)
3. Range Marker **Little J** (27 45.905 82 34.349)

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

COURSE

A competitor may choose to sail the course either as all marks left to Portor 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 Commodore at commodore@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. Please include a description of the conditions - wind speed and sea conditions and any other details that will make for a good story.

RESULTS

Results will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance to determine corrected time and posted on the SPSA Website at: <https://spsa.us/racing/regattas/>

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 a 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 the skipper with the best corrected time of the season as of August 31, 2026.

See the SPSA website calendar for the scheduled awards gathering.