



Co-hosts

The St. Petersburg Classic Regatta

11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

October 17, 2026

The Organizing Authority:

St. Petersburg Yacht Club (SPYC) &

St. Petersburg Sailing Association (SPSA)

Notice of Race

Rules: The race will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

This fun event began in 2010. We showed off our beloved boats while moored at St Petersburg Yacht Club docks and sailing around the race course.

The race began as a benefit for "Meals on Wheels", an original St Petersburg 1966 concept, now a part of Neighborly, Senior Care Network.

Advertising: Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

Eligibility and Entry:

Sailboats that wish to compete in the pursuit race must be self-righting with self-draining cockpits, a minimum overall length of nineteen feet and –

if they choose to **actually** race they should be eligible for a

West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (WFPHRF) rating

(www.westfloridaphrf.org).

FUN class boats will not need ratings.

Register: <https://spsa.us/classic-regatta>

Classification:

Sailboat classes: Fun, Cruising (jib & main) or (spinnaker) and Racers

Fees:

Entry: \$72, \$25 will be donated to Neighborly. Entry after October 2, \$85.

One dinner ticket and a commemorative t-shirt are included.

Additional Awards dinner tickets can be purchased for \$35.

Last day to register, October 13.

Schedule:

Friday – October 16, 2026

Arrival at the docks 1600 socialize with fellow competitors
(Pick up your SPYC Regatta Guest card at the front desk)

Saturday – October 17, 2026

Optional Breakfast Buffet(\$21)	08:30 am – 9:30 am	SPYC dine in the Quarterdeck
Competitors' meeting	10:00 am	SPYC Quarterdeck
First Warning	1:00 pm	Tampa Bay
Social	4:00 pm	SPYC Waterfront
Dinner & Awards	5:00 pm	SPYC Waterfront

Sunday – October 18, 2026

Sunday is the "rain date" for the regatta. Dinner will still be on Saturday.
There will be an informal presentation if racing on Sunday.

Sailing Instructions: Preliminary sailing instructions will be posted:

(www.spyc.org) and SPSA website (spsa.us) by October 11, 2026.

Final course descriptions will be provided at the competitor's meeting.

Venue: Tampa Bay, east of the St. Petersburg Municipal Marina entrance.

Courses: 5 to 12 mile courses based on government marks for PHRF boats. Potential courses will be presented in the sailing instructions and announced at the competitors meeting.
FUN class will have course based on the whims of the Race Committee.

Penalty System: RRS 44.2 is modified to one tack and one gybe satisfies the rule.

Scoring: There will be one race. Start times for crewed sailboats will be based on the PURSUIT method. Scores will be based on order of finish and Class of boat. Other competitors' schedules will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

Berthing: Free **Friday & Saturday** dockage at SPYC is available. Make reservations with the dock master at 727-822-3227 or dockmaster@SPYC.org by October 1, 2026. After that, dockage is "as available". Berthing is also available at the St. Petersburg City Marina Transient Docks for a fee. www.stpete.org/marina/, 1-800-782-8350, 727 893 7329.

Radio Communication:

Except in the event of an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

The Official Bulletin will be spsa.us. All competitors shall have a way to access SPSA.US to receive all posted communications.

The Race Committee may use RRS 90.2{c} to make changes to either NOR or SIs.

The Race Committee will begin broadcasting Saturday morning on the channel listed in the sailing instructions. Weather conditions, course selection, count down and infractions will be broadcast.

Awards: Racing Trophies will be awarded for 1st place in each racing class/division, given sufficient participation.

The Fun Class will have special trophies that will not be awarded for speed but instead on votes by the regatta committee based on the boat most embracing the fun of the event.

The “Good Neighbor Perpetual Trophy” will be awarded to the skipper that raises the most money for our benefit, Neighborly

In keeping with the fun theme of this regatta, special recognition will be given, for: Distance traveled (sailed/trailer), Oldest Boat, Oldest Skipper, Youngest Skipper, Prettiest Boat, Most Unique/Unusual Boat, Most Stylish Crew and for other such considerations deemed worthy by the regatta committee.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

The skipper/owner of each boat participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The failure of any of those persons to comply with all federal, state and local government regulations as well as the St Petersburg Yacht Club policies or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, Race Officers, or their representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the Regatta. This modifies RRS 76.

Regatta contacts: Gloria Davis, GloriaDavis1200@gmail.com

Additional Information:

This regatta is a fund-raising event for “Neighborly” and its subsidiary “Meals on Wheels.” This unsung Pinellas County charity delivers 1200 nutritious hot meals five days a week to house-bound seniors. For many recipients this visit is the highlight of their day. <https://neighborly.org/>

