



Annual St. Pete Ocean Sweep Trash Collection Tournament 2025 – Tournament Rules



Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025






Location: SkyBeach Hotel and Marina, St. Petersburg, FL



[Register Online Here!](#)

Join us for the **Annual St. Pete Ocean Sweep Trash Collection Tournament**, where volunteers and teams unite to clean up our waterways and coastlines while competing for **exciting prizes!** Proceeds from this event benefit **Water Warrior Alliance's 501(c)(3) initiatives**, funding scholarships for **Camp Coral Scuba Camp**.

How It Works

-  **Waterborne Teams** – Divers, snorkelers, kayakers, and boaters clean the waters.
-  **Shoreside Teams** – Volunteers tackle pollution in parks, streets, and coastal areas.
-  **Youth Division** – Young eco-warriors compete in a special category.

Tournament Schedule

Friday, April 4, 2025



6:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Virtual Participant Meeting (Mandatory for 1 team captain/diver)

- Event logistics, safety guidelines, and **cleanup questions**

Saturday, April 5, 2025



First Light (7:07 AM) – Cleanup begins across Pinellas County & surrounding areas



12:00 PM – Event opens to the public (Check-in, sponsor booths, eco-activities)



12:30 PM - 2:30 PM – Trash Weigh-In (Sorting & awards categories)



1:00 PM - 3:00 PM – Free Lunch for all volunteers & teams



3:30 PM – Awards Ceremony (Trophies for top teams)






4:30 PM – Raffle Drawing & Closing Remarks




Tournament Categories & Awards





 **Waterborne Teams:**

-  Total Weight (1st & 2nd place)
-  Most Unique Item (1st & 2nd place)
-  Specialty Category – Anchors (1st & 2nd place)

 **Shoreside Teams:**

-  Total Weight (1st & 2nd place)
-  Most Unique Item (1st & 2nd place)
-  Specialty Category – Artivism (1st & 2nd place)





 **Youth Division:**

-  1st place – Waterborne
-  1st place – Shoreside

 **Bonus:** Random prize drawings throughout the event!

Tournament Package & Registration

 **Every Registered Team Receives:**


-  Team Bucket
-  Free Lunch Ticket
-  Complimentary Tito's Handmade Vodka or 3Daughters Brewery Drink (21+)
-  Event Rules & Guidelines

- ◆ **FREE ENTRY for all participants!**
- ◆ **Categories:** Waterborne, Shoreside, Youth
- ◆ **All participants under 18 require parental consent**

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Weigh-In & Cleanup Guidelines

 **Location:** SkyBeach Hotel and Marina

 **Weigh-In Time:** 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM



 **Rules:**

- All trash must be sorted before weighing
 - Any personal trash or items collected outside public areas will lead to **disqualification**
 - Teams must arrive by **2:30 PM** for weigh-in to qualify
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Prohibited Items

To protect our environment and ensure safety, the following items **must not** be removed or handled:

-  Do not disturb natural vegetation, wildlife, or live marine organisms.
 -  Any hazardous materials (oil barrels, chemicals, etc.) should be reported to event staff immediately.
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Tournament Rules & Disqualification Policy


- 1] All participants (18+) must sign a waiver; minors require a parent/guardian signature.
- 2] All boats must comply with U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations and have proper safety gear, first aid kits, and VHF radios (Channel 7).
- 3] Teams are responsible for unloading and weighing debris at the designated station.
- 4] Only trash collected from public areas counts toward weigh-ins. Personal trash will result in disqualification.
- 5] Suspect trash, unsportsmanlike conduct, or rule violations may lead to disqualification at the discretion of event officials.
- 6] There is no backup date in case of inclement weather. The tournament is rain or shine.
- 7] By participating, contestants grant permission for their name and likeness to be used in event promotions.
- 8] Teams must ensure their vessels arrive for weigh-in by 2:30 PM sharp. Late arrivals will be disqualified.

 **Disqualification Notice:** Any disputes will be reviewed by the tournament committee. All participants are expected to accept decisions with **respect and sportsmanship**.


 **Questions?** Contact Jenna Byrne at **727-303-9987**

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Join the **St. Pete Ocean Sweep 2025** and help make a difference!  **Let's turn the tide on pollution—together!**