

Annual St. Pete Ocean Sweep Reef and Beach Trash Collection Tournament 2026

Register Online at: www.waterwarrioralliance.org/event-details/st-pete-ocean-sweep

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Annual St. Pete Ocean Sweep Reef and Beach Trash Collection Tournament.

The tournament includes an awards ceremony that is open to registrants and unlimited guests.

In addition to category awards, drawings will be held throughout the night for some Salty door

prizes. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. All proceeds of this event benefit Byrne

Ocean Conservation's 501c(3) and provide Scholarships towards Camp Coral.

EVENT SUMMARY OF DATES/TIMES:

Main Event at the Harborage Marina - High & Dry: Sat., April 25, 2026

Virtual Participation Meeting: Thurs., April 23, 2026 at 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Onsite Registration and Check-In: 12:00pm

Virtual Welcome and Reading of the Rules

Free Lunch for all participants and volunteers: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Weigh-ins: Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 12:30 pm to 2:30pm at the main event located at Harborage Marina - High & Dry

Awards Ceremony (Trophies for top teams): 3:30pm

Closing Remarks: 4:30pm

Live Music and Celebration: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Event: April 25, 2026 Rain or Shine (No backup date)

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TOURNAMENT DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Cleanup Tournament: Saturday, April 25, 2026 12:00pm until 5:00pm

The mandatory Virtual Participation meeting will be held two nights prior to the event at Harborage Marina. Rules Overview, weather updates, and last minute registrations, and last minute rule changes can be instituted at the Virtual Participation meeting.

Water Warriors can start cleaning upon sufficient light from local Pinellas Reefs and Beaches. Weigh-ins will be allowed from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Water Warriors may clean into the afternoon but their vessel must be in the weigh-in area by 2:30 PM.

Main Event Location:

Harborage Marina - High & Dry

1500 2nd St. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

4th Street Fishing Pier - Shoreside Cleanup Location

Tampa Bay, Florida, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Coordinates: 27°45.6' N, 82°37.6' W

USCG Blackthorn Memorial- Shoreside Cleanup Location

St. Petersburg, FL 33715

Coordinates: 27.6486° N, 82.6760° W

Gandy Beach- Shoreside Cleanup Location & Suggested Dive Site

13498 Gandy Blvd N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Coordinates: 27.8718° N, -82.6084° W

Pinellas Point Dr S & Sunshine Skyway Ln S, St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Coordinates: 27.42.608', 082.41.055

Awards and trophy presentations will commence at 3:30pm at the Main Event location of Harborage Marina - High & Dry. The presentation ceremony is a public event. In addition to category awards, drawings will be held throughout the night for some salty door prizes. Friends and family are encouraged to attend and bring friends and family! There will be plenty of room and plenty of fun!

TOURNAMENT PACKAGE

Tournament is an individual competition. For each person registered, you will be provided a tournament package. A wristband entitling you to free entry to the event, free lunch, 1 free drink during the award ceremony and other discounts offered by our vendors for being a Water Warrior. Rules will be available upon request for those who do not have them by then.

FORMAT

The tournament format is an individual competition. All applicants under the age of 18 must have the

content of a parent to participate, forms must be signed prior to event participation.

The Prize Categories are for Two Divisions: Waterborne or Shoreside

Trash will be calculated by total weight (lbs) &/or (qty) depending on category .

Categories: Anchors, Plastic Bottles, Rope and Tackle, Recyclables, Cigarette Butts.

Total Weight By

Team, Most Unique Item and Most Likes and Shares on Social Media Post.

Facebook: @Waterwarrioralliance

Instagram: waterwarrioralliance_

Water Warriors must register in either the Waterborne or Shoreside. Divers that wish to participate in both categories must complete a separate entry form, waiver and pay an additional entry fee.

THE COMPETITION

Each Water Warrior can have only one entry recorded for each category. Water Warriors will be allowed to weigh in unlimited times per category. The total weight from both days will be the recorded entry. total in (lbs) or most in (qty) in each category is the winner of that category.

Runner-up will also receive an award for 2nd place in each category.

St. Pete Ocean Sweep Juniors must participate in the event with their parent (or legal guardian) and have the parent's (or legal guardian's) signature on the waiver of liability to participate. This signature must be notarized or witnessed by the tournament director or the tournament coordinator.

PRIZES & TROPHIES

RANDOM DRAWINGS THROUGHOUT THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS FOR
ADDITIONAL GREAT SCUBA GIFT PRIZES!

Shoreside:

Cigarette Butts

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Face Masks

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Bottles and Containers

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Total Weight By Individual

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Most Unique Item

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Most Likes and Shares on Social Media Post

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Jrs Division

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Waterborne:

Rope and Tackle

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Anchors

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Bottles and Containers

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Total Weight By Individual

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Most Unique Item

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Most Likes and Shares on Social Media Post

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up:

Jrs Division

1st Place Prize:

Runner Up

REGISTRATION

Registration for the tournament includes the following:

- Cleanup Competition for prizes as listed
- Free Entry to Event
- Free Lunch
- Free Drink at Award Ceremony
- Discounts from select Vendors

Registration Forms and Release and Waiver Forms are available online at www.waterwarrioralliance.org

All Water Warriors will need to submit a signed Release and Waiver Form no later than the close of the Virtual Participation meeting. Juniors will be required to have the Release and Waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. This signature must be notarized or witnessed by the tournament director or tournament coordinator.

WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

All weigh-ins will take place at the Harborage Marina - High & Dry. To get your trash weighed,

your boat must be inside the docking area no later than 2:30pm on the day of the tournament.

The Award Ceremony and Trophy Presentation will be Saturday April 25, 2026 at The Event Location

Harborage Marina - High & Dry

1500 2nd St. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

When you arrive in the weigh-in area:

- All trash must be sorted by category to be weighed/ counted. There is a sorting area open to

Water Warriors. Water Warriors presenting any trash that does not appear to have been taken from reef or beach will result in disqualification. Water Warriors weighting personal trash will also be disqualified.

- You must select your own trash to be weighed. The weight-master will not assist you with this decision.

- is the main event location and the additional weigh in locations are;

Main Event Location:

Harborage Marina - High & Dry

1500 2nd St. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Trash must be weighed during the designated time frame window on Saturday, April 25, 2026 (from 12:30pm to 2:30pm). Trash must be collected during the specified timeframe of the tournament.

ADDITIONAL RULES

1) All adult contestants must be 18 years of age or older, and have signed Release and Waiver

Form to participate in the tournament. All juniors must have the Release and Waiver Form

signed by a supervising parent or legal guardian, notarized or witnessed by the tournament director/coordinator.

2) All contestants and boats must possess all proper safety equipment, Coast Guard equipment, First Aid kits and VHF radios as required by state law.

3) By entering this tournament each contestant has given implied and expressed rights and consent for St. Pete Ocean Sweeps Byrne Ocean Conservation to use his or her name, and or likeness to promote any current and future efforts, events or promotions.

4) Decisions, interpretations and disputes of all these rules will be discussed and decided upon by the Tournament Directors. Contestants are responsible for knowledge of any and all rules and amendments to the rules, which will be discussed at the Virtual Participation meeting to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6:00pm. The Tournament Directors' decisions are final.

5) Reimbursement of Tournament Fees paid can occur up to, but not within, 30 days prior to the event.

6) In the case of inclement weather or excessive sea conditions, It is a two day event. There is no back-up date for the tournament. All tournament events planned for April 25, 2026. Fees are non-refundable within 30 days of the primary scheduled tournament date.

7) If the tournament cancels due to inclement weather on both tournament dates, entrants will receive their goodies (TBD).

DISQUALIFICATIONS

We reserve the right to disqualify individuals for suspect trash, unsportsmanlike conduct, or disruption.

If you have a dispute, we will do everything possible to address it. We just ask for courtesy, and your participation in this event means that you will accept the committee's majority decision in a respectful manner, without further recourse.