

**RUDDER CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE**  
**WOW REGATTA 2004**  
**Race #4 of the Women's Sailing Series**  
**October 24, 2004**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

Due to extensive damage to the Rudder Club dock, no boats will be allowed to dock for this race. Late registration, skipper's meeting and results will all be done on the water at the committee boat via VHF 72.

**Rules**

1 The race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, and the rules of PHRF, except as any of these are changed by the sailing instructions, or by the Notice of Race.

**Eligibility**

2.1 All-female crews are encouraged to register. At least 50% of those on board each boat must be female. Each boat must be helmed by a female from the preparatory signal of her class until she finishes.

2.2 Boats with mixed crews that choose to sail in PHRF-Spinnaker and PHRF-nonspinnaker are reminded that their results may not be compatible with the results of the Women's Sailing Series, where mixed crews are allowed only in the Cruising class. For this reason, we particularly encourage all-female crews in PHRF-Spinnaker and PHRF-nonspinnaker.

2.3 Boats in the three PHRF classes must have a valid First Coast Sailing Association PHRF rating appropriate for the class in which they intend to sail. Provisional PHRF ratings can be obtained during the registration period by filling out an application and paying the \$30 PHRF application fee. This fee would cover a year's membership in PHRF. This fee may be waived for boats from outside the First Coast region that can present a valid PHRF rating from another association.

2.4 If at least 3 boats of the same type (e.g. Flying Scot, JY 15) register, a one design class may be formed.

2.5 Boats may pre-register by mail or in person at the Rudder Club receives both the signed entry form and the registration fee by Saturday October 23. Boats may also register by 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 24 at the race committee boat. Hail VHF channel 72.

**Classes**

3.1 There will be three trophy classes: PHRF-Spinnaker, PHRF-Nonspinnaker, and PHRF-Cruiser.

3.2 In PHRF-Spinnaker and Nonspinnaker classes, boats with mixed crews of 50% or fewer males will be allowed to sail and compete for class trophies in this race, BUT only boats with all-female crews will be eligible for the annual series trophies. For computing series scores, race results will be adjusted to reflect the deletion of boats with mixed crews.

### **Schedule of Events (on the water)**

4.1	Registration	Sunday	October 24	10:45 - 11:45 am
	Skippers' meeting	Sunday	October 24	12:00 pm
	Warning flag	Sunday	October 24	13:00 pm

4.2 Early registrations may be mailed or delivered in person to the Rudder Club, 8533 Malaga Ave, Orange Park, FL 32073 and must be received by Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The race entry form must be completed in full and the release of liability signed, and must be accompanied by the entry fee. The race committee assumes no responsibility for registrations submitted by mail.

### **Entry Fee**

5 The entry fee is \$25. US Sailing members who present proof of current membership have an entry fee of \$20. This race is not free to members of the Rudder Club. Checks should be made payable to the Rudder Club.

### **Sailing Instructions**

6 Sailing instructions will be available before the Skippers Meeting on Sunday.

### **Courses**

7 Courses will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. The sailing area will be north of the Buckman Bridge and south of the Fuller Warren Bridge.

### **Scoring**

8.1 Boats with the lowest corrected time within their class win.

8.2 For the purpose of the Women's Sailing Series, results will be forwarded to the Northeast Florida Women's Sailing Network. The designations DNC, DNS, OCS, DNF, DSQ, RET will be reported for their use in the series results. Consult the rules of that series for more information.

### **Prizes**

11.1 First and second place prizes will be awarded in all PHRF classes with three or four boats finishing. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in classes with five or more boats finishing. Results will be announced via VHF channel 72.

### **Information**

13 For a registration form, call the Rudder Club 264-4094. Or download from [www.rudderclub.com](http://www.rudderclub.com) or [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com).

# Sailing Instructions

**1. RULES** - The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (except as any of the foregoing are altered by these Sailing Instructions), class rules (for boats sailing as a class), and by these Sailing Instructions. The Regatta is designated Category B.

**2. ENTRIES** - Eligible yachts are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Rudder Club in advance or during the registration period as set forth in the Notice of Race. Display of sail numbers shall be in accordance with class rules.

### **3. SAFETY**

- 3.1 All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment. All yachts are reminded that under fundamental rule 4 "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."
- 3.2 Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing yachts interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and possible disqualification.

**4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be announced via VHF Channel 72.

### **5. START:**

There will be three short blasts approximately one minute before each class start sequence. Races will be started by the warning signal (class flag) raised five minutes before the start of the class. The start for remaining classes will be made as soon as practical beginning with three short blasts as above.

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**8. CLASS FLAGS** - Class flags will be announced at the sailors meetings.

**9. RACING AREA** - The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

### **10. THE COURSES**

10.1 The courses will be announced at the sailors meeting. The Race Committee boat will display the courses to be sailed by the different classes from a board on the boat.

- 10.2 The start/finish line is closed.

### **11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Marks other than the start/finish line will be large orange or yellow inflatable marks or E, W, L and Gov. Marks 1,3,5,7,and 9 may be used.

- 11.2 The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and a small ball at the port end.

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**13. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK** - To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

**14. TIME LIMITS** - Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the race committee as it crosses the finish line.
- 15.4 A boat that has protested another boat shall notify the race committee as it crosses the finish line.

**16. SCORING** – PHRF time allowances applied to the distance assigned to the race will be used to score the race.

**17. SAFETY REGULATIONS** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT** - Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**19. PRIZES** - First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in classes of more than five finishing yachts. First and second place prizes will be awarded in classes of four to five finishing yachts. A first place prize will be awarded in classes of three or less finishing yachts.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, other damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.