



# THE RIVER CITY REGATTA

March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

*The Rudder Club of Jacksonville*

8533 Malaga Avenue  
Orange Park, FL 32073

## Notice of Race

**1. RULES** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, the rules of PHRF, (except as any of the foregoing are altered by these Sailing Instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions. The Regatta is designated Category A.

**2. ENTRIES** Eligible yachts are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Rudder Club and entry fee of \$25. A \$5 discount applies to members of US Sailing. Appendix P (Definitions for Competitor Eligibility) of the RRS will be in effect for this regatta. Group US1 and Group US2 competitors are eligible to compete. 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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall of the Rudder Club.

### 5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on March 5th.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the north side of the Rudder Club.

6.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

### 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 March 4<sup>th</sup> three triangle races for one design classes. March 5<sup>th</sup> one distance race for PHRF & one design classes.

7.2 Class divisions and their Class flags shall be announced at the competitors meeting and posted.

7.3 Schedule of Events  
March 4th  
Registration: 11:00am –11:30am  
Sailors meeting: 12:00 pm  
Warning signal for first class: 12:50 pm  
March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Registration 11- 11:50 am  
Sailor's Meeting noon  
Warning signal for first class 12:50pm

### 8. RACING AREA

8.1 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.

### 9. THE COURSE

9.1 Race courses will be announced at the sailor's meeting.

### 10. MARKS

10.1 Marks may be either government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), SJRSA Race Marks or orange/ yellow tetrahedrons. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. SJRSA marks will be designated by their Alphabetic designator.

10.2 Unless otherwise specified, the Start / Finish line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and a mark set toward the left side of the course from the RC boat.

10.3 A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No yacht shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

## **11. START**

11.1 Races will be started using the starting system RRS. Class flags will be announced at the sailor's meeting.

11.2 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

## **12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

12.1 A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a race committee boat that will display code flag "CHARLIE" and sound a horn periodically per rule 33.

## **13. THE FINISH**

13.3 For all courses the finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby mark at the port end.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes corrected

time after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did not Finish 1 plus the last finish boat." This changes rule A4.2

## **15. PROTESTS**

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Rudder Club. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman. Protest time will end one hour after the Race Committee boat docks. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 10 minutes following the protest time limit.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

**17. PRIZES** Results will be announced the Rudder Club following the race. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded.