

THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

4-5 December 2010
The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073, USA

Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, and by the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 77 is changed as follows: Except for boats racing in PHRF Flying Scot and Snipe classes, all boats shall display on the main sail unique identification numbers. These numbers shall be in addition to class insignia and manufacturer's model number.

2 ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES

The rules of all classes with boats participating as a class are altered so that membership in the class is not required. Flying Scots need to be FSSA members to be scored in the District series. Boats participating in a PHRF event must be members of the First Coast Sailing Association.

3 ADVERTISING

Advertising shall not be displayed.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 4.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form on-line or during the registration period as set forth in this Notice of Race. On-line registration will be on the [US SAILING Regatta Network](#).
- 4.2 It is anticipated that boats will be divided into the following racing classes: Flying Scot, Hobie 18, Hobie 16, Snipe, 420's, Laser, Portsmouth mono-hull, Portsmouth multi-hull, Multihull Long Distance (Portsmouth) and PHRF classes. Additional classes may be accommodated

provided the minimum requirement of Rule 4.3 is met.

- 4.3 A minimum of three registered boats is necessary to constitute a class.
- 4.4 PHRF class boats are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 **SATURDAY 4 December** - One design, and Portsmouth classes. Three races are planned.

0930-1045: Late Registration
1100: Competitor's meeting. (Attendance is optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.)
1155: Warning signal for first class
Dinner - After racing

- 5.2 **SUNDAY 5 December** - PHRF, Multihull Long Distance, One design and Portsmouth classes. One PHRF/MH distance race and two one design races are planned.

0955: Warning signal for first one design class.
***Note** - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1230.

1000 - 1115: PHRF Late Registration
1130: PHRF Competitor's meeting (Attendance is optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.)
1255: Warning signal for PHRF classes and multihull long distance race.
Food and refreshments are available for all participants following racing.

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Boats are encouraged to register in advance on the US SAILING Regatta Network at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=3354.
- 6.2 Boats that have not registered in advance will be given an opportunity to late register on-line or with paper forms during the registration periods on Saturday and Sunday.
- 6.3 A list of entries may be viewed at http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=3354&custom_report_id=2

7 FEES

- 7.1 The Entry Fee for one design classes is \$40.00. This includes a \$30.00 race registration fee and one \$10.00 dinner ticket.
- 7.2 The Entry Fee for PHRF and Multihull Long Distance Racers is \$30.00 which includes a \$30.00 race registration fee.
- 7.3 There will be a \$5.00 processing fee for all registrations processed during late registration including Rudder Club entries.
- 7.4 Additional Saturday Night Dinner Tickets may be purchased for \$10.00. The Race Registration fee will be discounted for Rudder Club members in accordance with Rudder Club By-laws. Multihulls who have entered as a one design, Portsmouth class for the Saturday Race will not be charged an additional entry fee for the Multihull Long Distance Race on Sunday.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to this Notice or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the exterior bulletin board prior to 1000 on the morning of each race. Subsequent changes will be made in the form of a Notice to Competitors. Schedule changes will be posted prior to 1900 (7:00 PM) on the day prior to the race. This notice, sailing instructions, and changes thereto will also be available on the Rudder Club Web Site at <http://www.rudderclub.com/gator.html>.

9 REGATTA SITE

The regatta site will be the Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc.

10 RACING AREA

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

11 COURSES

Courses will be as shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions and on the [Rudder Club Web Site](#). Course to be sailed will be displayed from a white board on the Race Committee Boat.

12 SCORING

One race is necessary to constitute a series. When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all her scores excluding her worst score. Flying Scots participating in the FSSA District Series will be scored in accordance with FSSA rules in addition to being scored for the Gator Bowl.

13 PRIZES

First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in classes of more than five finishing boats. First and second place prizes will be awarded in classes of four to five finishing boats. A first place prize will be awarded in classes of three or less finishing boats. Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 5 December 2010.

14 PARTICIPATION

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Completion and submission of a registration form for this regatta constitute an acceptance of and agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions.

15 DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC)

PHRF boats with DSC capable VHF radios are encouraged to have obtained an Mobile Marine Service Identity (MMSI) number and have their VHF radio connected to their GPS.

For more information see

http://www.cruisingclub.org/pdfs/safety_dsc_distress_comm_form.pdf .

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chairman Dick Allsopp

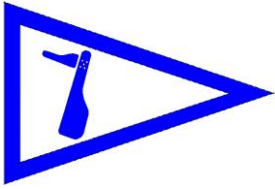
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ONE DESIGN

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US SAILING Prescriptions will apply
- 1.3 Rules 35 and A4.1 of the RRS are changed by SI 13.
- 1.4 Rule A4 is changed by SI 10.3.
- 1.5 Racing Rule 77 is changed as follows: Except for boats racing in PHRF Flying Scot and Snipe classes for which class rules apply, all boats shall display on the main sail unique identification numbers. These numbers shall be in addition to class insignia and manufacturer's model number.
- 1.6 Rule 61.3 "Protest Time Limit" is changed by SI 14.1.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. Notices will also be published on the Rudder Club Web Site at <http://www.rudderclub.com>.

3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board on the Rudder Club north wall and on the Web Site. Changes after 0900 4 December will be in the form of a Notice to Competitors except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect..

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the north side of the Rudder Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means

"The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Five races are scheduled. Additional races may be scheduled for individual classes at that class's request.
- 5.2 Class divisions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board and on the web site for those registering on-line.
- 5.3 **Schedule:**

SATURDAY 4 December - One design, and Portsmouth classes Three races. Additional if requested by class representative.

0930-1045: Late Registration

1100: Competitor=s meeting. (Attendance is optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.)

1155: Warning signal for first class
Dinner - After racing

SUNDAY 5 December - One design. Multihull classes sailing the distance race on Sunday will sail in accordance with the Cruiser (Distance Race) Sailing Instructions.

Warning signal for first one design class less multihull distance racers: 0955

*Note - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1230.

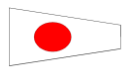
6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted under Race Signals in the RRS.

Class

A- Class Catamarans

P1



Hobie 18

P2



Multihull Open

P3



Flying Scot

P4



Snipe

P5



Monohull Open

P6



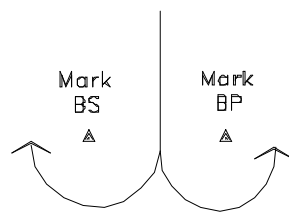
Spare (as assigned)

P8



Spare (as assigned)

P9



8.4 If the Race Committee sets a offset mark in the vicinity of the windward mark, boats shall sail around both marks leaving them on the prescribed side.

9 MARKS

Marks A, BS, and BP will be yellow cylinders. Marks DA and DC will be orange cylinders. The Offset mark will be a large orange spheroid. Mark C will be a yellow tetrahedron. A new mark laid in accordance with Change of Course procedures will be an yellow tetrahedron. The start and finish marks will be orange spheres.

10 START

10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a mark set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat relative to the first leg of the course.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start." This changes RRS A4.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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..

7 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.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Courses will be as depicted on illustration A and depict the approximate angles between legs, the order of rounding, and the side on which each mark is to be left

8.2 The course for each class will be displayed on a white board located aft on the starting line side of the committee boat. The designation shall consist of a letter and a number designating the course. The letter/number designations and the mark sequences are as set forth in attachment A.

8.3 If the Race Committee sets a gate instead of the Leeward Mark, boats shall sail between marks forming the gate from the direction of the last mark and round either the port mark leaving it to port or the starboard mark leaving it to starboard as shown in the example below.

12 THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a mark set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat relative to the final leg of the course. (Opposite side of the committee boat from the starting line.) This is to accommodate conducting starts for some classes while others are finishing.

13 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each starting class to finish is 90 minutes from her start. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first boat in her class will be scored "DNF". This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Protests shall be written on forms available at the Rudder Club. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman. Protest time will end 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 14.2** Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1** On the first race of each day, boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the committee boat on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.
- 15.2** Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing a race or retiring before racing has ended for the day shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- 15.3** All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 15.4** Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel, and give way to commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver.
- 15.5** In accordance with Rule 42.3(h), providing no significant advantage is gained, a boat may employ

propulsion using an engine or other method to remain clear of a non-racing vessel when required by Inland Rules.

16 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Open classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (HC) System. One race must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If more than 5 races are completed her worst score will be discarded. For those boats participating in the distance race on Sunday, that race will be counted as one race in the one design series.

- 17 PRIZES** First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded in classes of more than five finishing boats. First and second place prizes will be awarded in classes of four to five finishing boats. A first place prize will be awarded in classes of three or less finishing boats. One design prizes will be awarded on Sunday 5 December.