

Rat Island Yacht Club  
Out'nBack Sailboat Race  
November 5th, 2017  
NOTICE OF RACE

**1. Rules**

The Out'nBack sailboat race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

**2 Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 The series is open to any self-righting sailboat having a self-draining cockpit and an enclosed cabin and One-design class sailboats without cabins.
- 2.2 Sailboats not competing in the One-design class must have a current PHRF rating. A copy of the rating certificate may be sent to the Rat Island Yacht Club by mail, e-mail, or delivered to the RIYC Commodore.
- 2.3 Individual One-design class boats will be assigned a rating, a class that can supply a minimum of five boats may be scored as a class.

**3 Classes**

Classes will be determined by PHRF or Portsmouth rating **and observed past performance results..** Classes will be grouped by the assigned river turning mark based on a sailboat's predicted performance **or determined by its past performance..**

3.1 As a general guideline...approximate distance from&to the Boathouse Marina Pier...

Classes: PHRF Spinnaker rating less than 190 - Red Marker "38"	- 17 N miles total
PHRF Spinnaker rating more than 190 - Red Marker "40"	- 14 N miles total
PHRF non spinnaker rating less than 220 - Red Marker "40"	- 14 N miles total
PHRF non spinnaker rating more than 220 short range Marker Q14	- 13 N miles total
PHRF non spinnaker rating more than 230 tall range Marker "Iso 34" at 29.42.2N/081.35.1W Northwest of Myrtlewood Point	- 12.25 N miles total
PHRF Cruiser rating less than 250 Green Marker "41"	- 9.25 N miles total
PHRF Cruiser rating more than 250 Red Marker "42"	- 8.25 N miles total
PHRF Cruiser rating more than 270 Red Marker "42A"	- 7.25 N miles total

Portsmouth rated One Design entries are assigned a river turning mark based on rating or past performance.

**Participants without current PHRF endorsements will be assigned a turning Mark by the race chairman based on US Sailing PHRF ratings for their boat for the Out'nBack race.**

**Fewer than five entries in a class may result in combining classes.**

**4. Fees**

There will be an entry fee of 25 dollars payable to the Rat Island Yacht Club.  
Active US Sailing members receive a 5 dollar discount on the entry fee.

**5. Schedule**

5.1 Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

10:00 AM Skipper's meeting and marker assignments at the Boathouse Marina, Palatka, FL  
10:55 AM Warning for First Class to Start, if less than 20 entries, all boats start as one class.

5.2 Further scheduling will be in the Sailing Instructions.

## **6. Sailing Instructions..**

Sailing Instructions will be available on the RIYC Face Book website and accessible on the Events page at [www.ratisland.com](http://www.ratisland.com) and at the skipper's meeting.

## **7. Venue**

St Johns River, Florida, north and south of the Palatka Memorial Bridge.

Start and Finish line will be east of the Boathouse Marina dock.

After race BarBQ party at the Boathouse Marina.

## **8. Courses**

Courses are determined by the sailboat's rating. Faster rated sailboats will sail a longer course to a designated river turning mark. Slower rated boats will sail a proportionally shorter course to a designated river turning mark. The course for the faster rated monohull sailboats is approximately 16 miles. The race is predicted to last 4-5 hours for all classes.

## **9. Penalty System**

RRS 44.1 is modified to a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.

## **10. Radio Communication**

The Race Committee may begin broadcasting weather conditions, course selection, count-down and infractions on VHF Channel 63 at approximately 1030. A boat shall not receive radio transmissions that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular phones.

## **11. Prizes**

The winning boat will be awarded the perpetual Out'nBack trophy to hold until next year's race. No T-shirt, although Rat Gear will be available for purchase.

## **12. 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 or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## **13. Further information**

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