



# **RAT ISLAND YACHT CLUB**

## **APRIL FOOLS REGATTA**

### **NOTICE OF RACE/ SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Race your sailboat from the Palatka Riverfront with the RIYC on April 2, 2023 in a point to point and return race for PHRF boats and buoys racing for Portsmouth boats.

**1. Rules:** The Rat Island Yacht Club (RIYC) is the Organizing Authority for the April Fools Regatta. The regatta shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association..

**2. Eligibility, Entry and Ratings:**

2.1 The race is open to all who wish to participate. Ratings for the point to point will be assigned based on base ratings from the PHRF book, adjusted for more or less sail area or other modifications from base boat as applicable. Boats may sail spinnaker or non-spinnaker but must declare configuration before the start. Buoys races for one-design and/or small boats will sail with Dixie Portsmouth handicaps.

**3. Fees:** Entry fee per sailboat is \$10.00. Checks will be made payable to RIYC.

**4. Schedule:**

Sunday April 2, 2023.  
1100 Skippers Meeting by Bartram Bass at Palatka riverfront.  
1200 First Warning Signal for PHRF class.  
1205 Start for PHRF class.  
1210 Start for Portsmouth class.  
1800 Awards party venue TBA at Skippers Meeting.

For the Portsmouth class, it is the intention of the race committee to run three races. If conditions and time permit, additional races may be added. One

race constitutes a series.

**5. Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions are below.

**6. Venue:** The race will be held in the St. Johns River, off of the Palatka Riverfront, south of the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

**7. Scoring:** Races will be scored according to time on distance based on each boat's handicap and the course length. The Low Point Scoring system shall apply.

**8. Prizes:** For the PHRF class, a trophy will be awarded to the first place finisher on corrected time. For the Portsmouth class, a trophy will be awarded to the first place finisher of the series.

**9. Further Information:** For further information, contact Chris Woolsey at [yjwools@hotmail.com](mailto:yjwools@hotmail.com)

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**1. Course:** The courses will be announced at the Skippers Meetings.

**2. Class Flag:** Class flags are not required, but for start sequence purposes, the Class flag will be a RIYC Burgee.

**3. The Start:** Race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The starting line will be between an orange flag at the committee station on the end of the dock, and the yellow start buoy (pin).

5 minutes before start	Class Flag Raised "RIYC Burgee" Flag	Horn Sound
4 minutes before start	Preparatory Signal "P" Flag raised	Horn Sound
1 minute before start	"P" Flag Removed	Horn Sound
0 time	The Start Class Flag Removed	Horn Sound

The start of the first race for the Portsmouth Class will be a rolling start, so the 12:05 start of the PHRF class will be the First Warning for the Portsmouth class for that race.

**4. The Finish:** The finishing line will be between the orange flag at the committee station and a yellow floating buoy.

**5. Time Limits:** Time limits will be subject to the closing time of the party venue.

**6. Protests:** Protests will be heard on November 32 in the conference room on the third floor of the Boathouse Marina. Competitors are advised to seek absolution via Rule 44 should the need arise.

**7. Radio Communication:** Race committee will communicate on VHF channel 68. (back up channel 78A).

**8. 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 liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**9. Changes to the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions or the Notice of Race will be announced verbally by the Race Committee prior to the start.