

THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

Notice of Race

Race 2-3 December 2023

One Design and Portsmouth

9 December 2023 PHRF

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

8533 Malaga Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

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 in addition for the PHRF Race by the PHRF Rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.

1.2 Racing Rule 77 is changed as follows: Except for boats racing in PHRF, Flying Scot, Thistle and Snipe classes (where 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.

2 ADVERTISING Advertising is permitted.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form online or during the late registration period as set forth in this Notice of Race. On-line registration will be on the U.S. Sailing Regatta Network as set forth in NOR Rule 5, Registration.

3.2 It is anticipated that for the One design and Portsmouth Race boats will be divided into the following racing classes: Flying Scot, Thistle, "A" Boat, Hobie 18, Portsmouth Monohull, and Portsmouth Multihull. Additional classes may be accommodated provided the minimum requirement of NOR Rule 3.4 is met.

3.3 PHRF boats will be divided into Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser for the PHRF Race on 10 December. In the event there are insufficient boats in the Non-spinnaker and Cruiser Classes to form two separate classes, they will be raced as one class with the same start and same course. They will be scored as one class for Gator Bowl Trophies but may be scored separately for First Coast Sailing Association Fall Series trophy purposes.

3.4 A minimum of three registered boats is necessary to constitute a class.

3.5 PHRF class boats are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 SATURDAY 2 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 2 December.)

1155: Warning signal for first class

Dinner - After racing

4.2 SUNDAY 3 December - Two one-design/Portsmouth races are planned.

0955: Warning signal for first one design class. *Note - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1330 (1:30 pm).

4.3 SATURDAY 9 December

1000 -1115: PHRF Late Registration

1130: PHRF Competitors 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 9 December.) One race is planned; however, additional races for spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes may be conducted.

1255: Warning signal for PHRF classes and race. Food and refreshments are available for all participants following racing.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 Boats are encouraged to register on the Gator Bowl Official Web Site at:

One design/Portsmouth on Saturday and Sunday

2 & 3 December:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27065>

PHRF on Saturday 9 December:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27066>

5.2 Boats that have not registered online will be given an opportunity to late register online during the late registration periods on Saturday and Sunday.

5.3 A list of entries may be viewed on the Official Web Sites above.

6. FEES

6.1 The Entry Fee for one design classes and Portsmouth classes is \$50.00. This includes the \$38.00 race registration fee and one \$12.00 dinner ticket.

6.2 The entry fee for Rudder Club members is in accordance Rudder Club By-Laws but does not include

a dinner ticket. Tickets may be purchased in accordance with 6.5 below.

6.3 The Entry Fee for PHRF Race is \$30.00 which includes a \$30.00 race registration fee. For non-Rudder Club Members who have registered for the One Design/Portsmouth event, there is no additional fee for the PHRF Race; however re-registration is required.

6.4 There is a late registration fee of \$10 for same day race registration.

6.5 Additional Saturday Night 2 December Dinner Tickets may be purchased for \$12.00.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS This notice and sailing instructions will be available on event web sites as follows: One Design/Portsmouth – <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27065>
PHRF: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27066>
and posted on the official bulletin board on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will; posted on the event web sites as above; posted on the official bulletin prior to 1000 on the morning of each race and be distributed by e-mail to those on-line entrants registering with an e-mail address. 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. Oral changes may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

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

9 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

10 COURSES This will be as shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. The course to be sailed for each race will be displayed from a white board on the Race Committee Boat.

11 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.

12 PENALTY TURNS Rule V1 (Appendix V), the One-Turn Penalty Rule, will be in effect.

13 PRIZES First through fifth place prizes will be awarded for classes of more than fifteen boats. 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 and Portsmouth Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 3 December 2021. Trophies for the PHRF race will be presented at the Rudder Club following the event.

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 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

15.1 Use of radios and other electronic devices by boats in the Flying Scot and Thistle Classes will be in accordance with class rules.

15.2 PHRF and Portsmouth boats with DSC capable VHF radios are encouraged to have obtained a Mobile Marine Service Identity (MMSI) number http://www.cruisingclub.org/pdfs/safety_dsc_distress_comm_form.pdf and have their VHF radio connected to their GPS

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

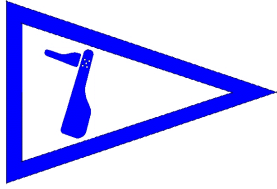
For further information, please contact: Jonathan Hamilton, jon.hamilton4@comcast.net, 904-635-0270 or Tom Davis spookboat@att.net .

Browser codes:

One Design/Portsmouth –

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27065>

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ONE DESIGN AND PORTSMOUTH 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 Rule A4 is changed by SI 10.3.
- 1.4 Rules 35, A4 and A5 of the RRS are changed by SI 13.
- 1.5 Rule 61.3 "Protest Time Limit" is changed by SI 15.1.

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 may in addition be published on the event web site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27065>.

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 prior to 1000 2 December and may in addition be published on the Event Web Site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27065>. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Oral changes may be made on the water and will be communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

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 When AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Five races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Class divisions shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

5.3 Schedule:

SATURDAY, 2 December - One design and Portsmouth classes - Three races.

930 – 1000: Late registration

1100: Competitors' meeting

1155: Warning signal for first class

SUNDAY 3 December - One design and

Portsmouth classes -. Two races

Warning signal for first class 955

There will be no Competitor's Meeting on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class		Pennant
Portsmouth Multihull	P1	
Hobie 18	P2	
Thistle	P3	
Flying Scot	P4	
Portsmouth Monohull	P5	
Spare	P6	
Spare	P8	

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on 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 in Attachment A and indicate 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 on the starting line side of the committee boat. The designation shall consist of two letters designating the course. The letter 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.

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

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be yellow cylinders. Mark 1L will be an orange cylinder. Mark 1L off-set will be a yellow tetrahedron. A new mark laid in accordance with Change of Course procedures will be an orange tetrahedron. The start mark will be a small red tetrahedron, and the finish mark will be a small lime green tetrahedron.

10 START

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a small red tetrahedron 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 during the starting sequence of other classes.
- 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 that 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.

12 THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be between a blue flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a small lime green tetrahedron 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 its class will be scored "DNF". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PENALTIES Rule V1 (Appendix V), the One-Turn Penalty Rule, will be in effect.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 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 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.
- 15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.
- 15.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, is in effect.

16 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Portsmouth classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick System. One race must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- 17.3 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 17.4 Boats 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.

- 17.5 In accordance with Rule 42.3(i), providing no significant advantage is gained, a boat may employ propulsion using an engine or another method to remain clear of a non-racing vessel when required by Inland Rules.

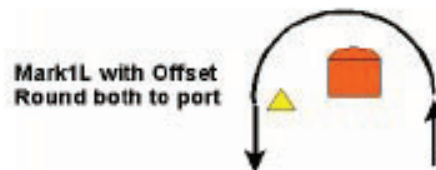
18 PRIZES

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. One design prizes will be awarded on Sunday 3 December.

Round –the-Buoy Courses (Attachment A)



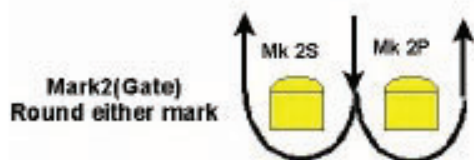
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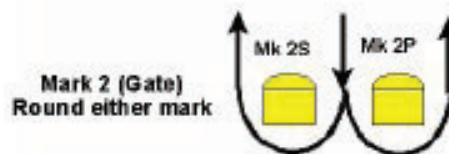
Mark1L with Offset
Round both to port



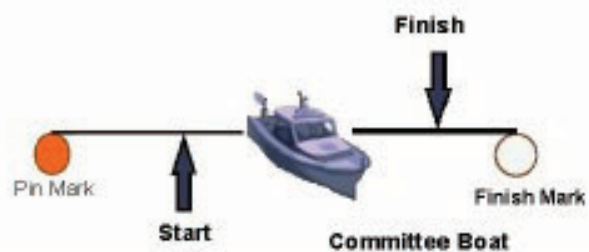
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Mark2(Gate)
Round either mark



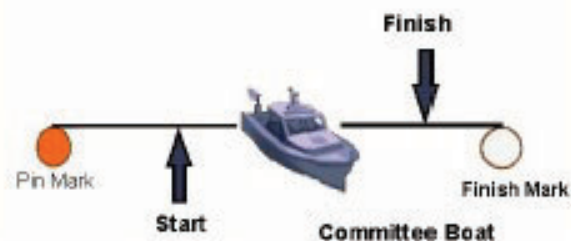
Mark 2 (Gate)
Round either mark



Windward Leeward Short

WS

Course Start, 1, 2P or 2S, 1, Finish



Windward Leeward Long

WL

Course Start, 1L, 2P or 2S, 1L, Finish