

NOTICE OF RACE



Port Canaveral Yacht Club

INTRODUCTION

The 2025 Canaveral Cup Regatta, sponsored by Port Canaveral Yacht Club (PCYC), will accommodate two offshore racing divisions during a fun weekend. The regatta will occur July 11th – 13th, 2025 with races being conducted on Saturday July 12th and Sunday July 13th. Other Yacht Clubs as well as individual sailors are cordially invited to participate and we hope that all racers will leave our club with an appreciation of the hospitality extended by the membership of PCYC.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) in effect at race time with the following exceptions. No sailboat motors shall be operating once the 5-minute warning for the first race of the morning or afternoon series begins.

DIVISIONS/ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all sailboats of suitable seaworthiness to participate in ocean racing in the Atlantic Ocean. The seaworthiness of a boat is solely determined by the skipper and crew aboard the vessel. Minimum Sailboat length is 20 feet. Minimum crew size shall be 3 including the skipper. The designated skipper shall be 21 years of age or older. There shall be no restriction on crew changes between races. Children aged 16 and under will not count as crew. All participating yachts shall be provisioned with a 5-watt minimum VHF radio capable of tuning to channels 9, 12, 16, 71, 72, and 73. No racing yachts shall be sailed with assistance of self-steering gear, or powered propulsion.

Monohull Sailboats will be entered into two Divisions:

Division I - Performance Boats with or without spinnakers.

Division II - Cruising boats with or without spinnakers.

During Registration, competitors must declare their intention to fly a spinnaker and will be handicapped accordingly. Once the intention to fly a spinnaker is made, it cannot be changed for subsequent races or sailing days during the Regatta. If sufficient racer registrations are received, the Division 1 Performance Boats with and without spinnakers may be split into two separate Divisions, Division 1A Spinnakers, Division 1B without spinnakers. Cruising boats will not be separated into spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions regardless of the number or entrants.

Multihull Sailboats will be entered into two Divisions:

Division III - Performance Boats with or without spinnakers.

Division IV - Cruising boats with or without spinnakers.

During Registration, competitors must declare their intention to fly a spinnaker and will be handicapped accordingly. Once the intention to fly a spinnaker is made, it cannot be changed for subsequent races or sailing days during the Regatta. If sufficient racer registrations are received, the Division 3 Performance Boats with and without spinnakers may be split into two separate Divisions, Division 3A Spinnakers, Division 3B without spinnakers. Cruising boats will not be separated into spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions regardless of the number or entrants.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available both in print and on the PCYC web page.

VENUE

All courses will be in the Atlantic Ocean south of the Port Canaveral Inlet.

COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be listed in the sailing instructions. Assuming weather conditions are acceptable, two races are planned for Saturday July 12th and one race is planned for Sunday July 13th.

All races will be Olympic Triangle race courses that consist of a start/finish line, a windward mark (mark A), a wing mark on a reaching leg (mark B), and a leeward mark (mark C). The start/finish line will be formed by a pin (buoy) and the race committee boat (RC). All marks are to be rounded to port. Mark C shall not be considered a mark of the course on the first and last legs of the race.

Division 1 & 3 boats will do two laps around the triangle plus a final windward-leeward leg. Therefore the course is as follows: Start (pin & RC) – A – B – C – A – B – C – A – Finish (pin & RC)

Division 2 & 4 boats will do one lap around the triangle plus a final windward-leeward leg. Therefore the course is as follows: Start (pin & RC) – A – B – C – A – Finish (pin & RC)

HANDICAPPING

Racing will be handicapped according to the PHRF system administered by First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA). Only PHRF ratings from First Coast Sailing Association will be accepted. If you had an FCSA certificate in 2024 you may apply directly to FCSA for a renewal. Competitors should submit their FCSA certificate with their regatta application. Corrected times will be calculated using Time-on-Distance. Please send your FCSA PHRF rating to the PCYC Fleet Captain: Shane Hoevelman; shane@hmzinv.com

SCORING

Scoring will be done according to Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Low Point System will be used. Three are scheduled, however only one race must be completed to complete the regatta. All races completed will be scored. No scores will be excluded. Ties will be broken according to RRS section A8.

BERTHING

Dockage should be available at PCYC as well as at Cape Marina and Ocean Club Marina. Indicate your request for dockage on your application.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from the Race Committee with competitors will be primarily via VHF radio on channel 72. Except in an emergency, no vessel shall make or receive radio transmissions not available to all competitors. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded to the first three places in each division. The winners of each division will also be inscribed on the base of the Canaveral Cup which is displayed in perpetuity in the Port Canaveral Yacht Club trophy case.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Rule 4 of the RRS "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 regatta.

INSURANCE

Each competitor shall be insured with third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday July 11, 2025	
1700 -1900	Commodore's Welcome, Late Registration and Skippers Meeting
Saturday July 12, 2025	
0700 – 0800	Late Registration, Coffee & Donuts
1030	Start for Division 1 of the first race, followed by the start for Division 2. The Second race will follow as soon as practical after the finish of the first race. If both Division 1A and Division 1B classes exist, Division 1A will start before Division 1B.
1600	Celebration at PCYC
1800	Casual Dinner at PCYC \$25/head, Cash Bar
Sunday July 13, 2025	
0730 - 0800	Coffee & Donuts
1030	Start for Division 1 of the third race, followed by the start for Division 2.
1700 (estimated)	Awards Presentation, Open Bar, Casual Dinner. Timing of award presentation is dependent on race calculations and protest issues.

EVENT COST

Advanced Registration for all competitors with a FCSA PHRF certificate. (Before July 1, 2025)	\$107
Late Registration	\$155
Cash Bar	Per Drink Charge
Coffee & Donut Breakfast	Free
Casual Dinner	\$25/person