THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA



2 - 3 December 2006 The Rudder Club of Jacksonville 8533 Malaga Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073, USA

Notice of Race

- 1. RULES The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (except as any of the foregoing are altered by the Sailing Instructions); and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 2. ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES The rules of all classes with yachts 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.
- **3. ADVERTISING -** The regatta is classified as a Category "C" Event in accordance with ISAF Rule 20.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 4.1 Eligible yachts are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Rudder Club in advance or during the registration period as set forth in the Notice of Race. Display of sail numbers shall be in accordance with class rules.
- 4.2 It is anticipated that yachts will be divided into the following racing classes: "A" Class Catamaran, Flying Scot, Snipe, 420's, Laser, Portsmouth mono-hull, Portsmouth multi-hull, and Cruising/PHRF Classes. Additional classes may be accommodated provided the minimum requirement of Rule 4.3 is met.
- 4.3 A minimum of three registered yachts is necessary to constitute a class.
- 4.4 -PHRF class yachts are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 2 December - One design, and Portsmouth classes

Registration: 0930-1045

Competitor's meeting: 1100 Warning signal for first class: 1155

SUNDAY 3 December - Cruisers , One design and Portsmouth classes.

Cruiser Registration: 1000 - 1115 Competitor's (Cruisers) meeting:

1130

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

Warning signal for cruiser classes and multihull long distance race: 1255

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

6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

6.1 - Yachts may register in advance by completing the registration form and sending it with the appropriate fees to:

Regatta Chairman Dick Allsopp c/o The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc. 8533 Malaga Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073

6.2 - Advance registration shall be postmarked no later than 20 November 2006

7. FEES

- 7.1 Entry Fee \$25.00 \$20.00 - Entrants with current US Sailing membership card in their possession or listed on the US SAILING Web Site. as a member. Entrance fee for Rudder Club members as per Rudder Club provisions.
- 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, registration forms and sailing instructions will also be available on Gator Bowl Regatta Web Site at http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/.

- **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 Gator Bowl Web Site http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/.
- 12. SCORING The Low-point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply. A yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. One race is necessary to constitute a series. A minimum of 3 races are necessary before a competitor's worst race will be discarded.
- **13. PRIZES** Five prizes will be offered in classes of more than 10 yachts. Four prizes in classes of eight to ten; three in classes of five to eight; two in classes of three to five

and one in classes of three yachts. Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 3 December 2006.

- **14. Participation** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- **15. FURTHER INFORMATION** For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chairman Dick Allsopp 3385 Sequoia Rd. Orange Park, FL 904-278-0329 dallsopp@ussailing.net



The Rudder Club of Jacksonville, Inc. 8533 Malaga Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073 (904)264-4094

RACE REGISTRATION FORM

2006 Gator Bowl Regatta

Captain	Sail Number	Sail Number		
Address	Boat Make/Model	Boat Make/Model		
City/State/Zip	Boat Name			
Telephone_	Class/Rating:	Class/Rating:		
Emergency Contact:	Saturday 2 Decemb	Saturday 2 December & Sunday3 December		
Name	One Design	/ NA		
Address	Portsmouth Monohull	/		
City/St/Zip	Portsmouth Multihull	/		
Telephone				
Yacht Club Affiliation		/		
	PHRF Non-Spinnaker	/		
Member? Yes No				
Rudder Club US SAILING	Paidparticipating on Saturday			
Crew Names:				
	Release of Liability			
To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby wa protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other property damage suffered by myself or my crew as liability for such injury or damage.	r organization or official) involved with the	event with respect to personal injury or		
I agree to abide by the rules, regulations and sailing	g instructions of this yacht race.			
Captain's Signature	Date			
Parent/Guardian's Signature if a minor				

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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** The Regatta is designated Category C.
- **1.4** Rules 35 and A4.1of the RRS are changed by SI 13.

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 also be published on the Gator Bowl Web Site at http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/.

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 2 December will be in the form of a Notice to Competitors except that any change to the schedule of races will be poste 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 and their starting order shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- **5.3** Schedule:

SATURDAY 2 December - One design,

and Portsmouth classes Three races.

Registration: 0930-1045 Sailors meeting: 1100

Warning signal for first class: 1155

SUNDAY 3 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

Multihull Open	P1	
A- Class Catamarans	P2	
Multihull Spare (as assigned)	Р3	24 A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Flying Scot	P4	
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Snipe	P5	
420	P6	
Monohull Open	P8	
Spare (as assigned)	P9	
Spare (as assigned)	P0	

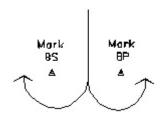
7 RACING AREA

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 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 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.



9 MARKS

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

10 START

- 10.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the following addition:

 An attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be sounded five minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start.

 Flag F will be removed with one sound one minute before the warning signal.
- 10.2 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.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

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.

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 yacht in each starting class to finish is 90 minutes from her start. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first yacht 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.
- 14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.
- 15.2 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- 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.
- 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 3 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.
- 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.

