



THE RIVER CITY REGATTA

March 1st & 2nd

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

8533 Malaga Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073

Notice of Race

1. RULES The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, the rules of PHRF, (except as any of the foregoing are altered by these Sailing Instructions); and by these Sailing Instructions. Regatta is designated Category A.

2. ENTRIES Eligible yachts are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Rudder Club and paying the entry fee of \$25. A \$5 discount applies to members of US Sailing. Appendix P (Definitions for Competitor Eligibility) of the RRS will be in effect for this regatta. Group US1 and Group US2 competitors are eligible to compete. Display of sail numbers shall be in accordance with class rules.

3. SAFETY

3.1 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal flotation devices and other required equipment. All yachts are reminded that under fundamental rule 4 "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."

3.2 Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing yachts interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or other contestants and possible disqualification.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the north wall of the Rudder Club.

5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on March 1.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the north side of the Rudder Club.

6.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered), means "The race is postponed: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 March 1st: three triangle races for one-design classes.
March 2nd: one distance race for PHRF and one-design classes.

7.2 Class divisions and their Class flags shall be announced at the competitors meeting and posted.

7.3 Schedule of Events

March 1st

Registration: 11:00am –11:30am

Sailors meeting: 12:00 pm

Warning signal for first class: 12:50 pm

March 2nd

Registration 11- 11:50 am

Sailor's Meeting 12:00 pm

Warning signal for first class 12:50pm

8. RACING AREA

8.1 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.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Race courses will be announced at the sailor's meeting.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks may be either government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), SJRSA Race Marks, or orange/ yellow tetrahedrons. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. SJRSA marks will be designated by their Alphabetic designator.

10.2 Unless otherwise specified, the Start/Finish line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and a mark set toward the left side of the course from the RC boat.

10.3 A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No yacht shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

11. START

11.1 Races will be started using the starting system RRS. Class flags will be announced at the sailor's meeting.

11.2 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

12.1 A change of course will be signaled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a race committee boat that will display code flag "CHARLIE" and sound a horn periodically per rule 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 For all courses the finishing line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby port end mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes corrected time after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did not Finish" (1 plus the last finish boat). This changes rule A4.2

15. PROTESTS

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 one hour after the Race Committee boat docks. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 10 minutes following the protest time limit.

16. SCORING The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17. PRIZES Results will be announced the Rudder Club following the race. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded.

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Organizing Authority
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Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US SAILING will apply.
- 1.3 The rules of the First Coast Sailing Association for boats racing in PHRF classes will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board on the north wall of the Rudder Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted 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: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Saturday 1 March: **1255** pm (one-design boats)

Sunday 2 March: **1225** pm Distance Race
(one-design boats and cruisers)

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class		Pennant
Multihull Open	P1	
A- Class Catamarans	P2	
Spare (as assigned)	P3	
Flying Scot	P4	
Snipe	P5	
Monohull Open	P6	
Spare (as assigned)	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 COURSES

8.1 The Attachment A diagrams illustrate the courses for one-design boats. The Race Committee boat will display the courses to be sailed by the different classes from aboard the signal boat.

8.2 Distance race courses will be marked in accordance with SI 9.2. The Race Committee boat will display the courses to be sailed by the different classes from aboard the signal boat.

9. MARKS

9.1 One design marks will be inflatable cylinders and tetrahedrons.

9.2 Distance race marks may be either government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), FCSA Race Marks, or inflatable marks. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. FCSA marks will be designated by their Alphabetic designator. An inflatable mark set to windward of the starting line as a windward mark will be designated "W", WHISKEY. Approximate positions are shown in Attachment B.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11. **CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK** - 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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a buoy marking the other end of the line.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 One Design - The time limit for the first boat in each one design starting class to finish is 60 minutes from her start. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

13.2 Distance Race - The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes corrected time after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish." This changes rule 35 and rule A41.

14. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered in the office within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall notify the race committee as it crosses the finish line.

14.4 A boat that has protested another boat shall notify the race committee as it crosses the finish line.

15. SCORING

15.1 One design classes will be scored in order of finish. PHRF and Cruiser Classes will be scored using time on distance. Open classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (HC) System.

15.2 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.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.2 All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.

16.3 Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing yachts interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and possible disqualification.

17. **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.

18. 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, other damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.