

# Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

## 2015 Rhumblin Regatta

Saturday, 13 June 2015

## Notice of Race and

# General Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules of the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, except when changed by this Notice of Race and the Special Sailing Instructions.

### 2 Entry Procedure

Competitors may enter by completing an [entry form](#) on the website ([www.rhumblineregatta.com](http://www.rhumblineregatta.com) or [www.SJRYC.com/regatta.net](http://www.SJRYC.com/regatta.net)) and paying the entry fee online no later than **12 June 2015**.

Boats may also enter the day of the event and pay by credit card, cash, or check between 9AM and 10AM during Check-In at the main bar of the SJRYC Clubhouse,

**Entry Fee is \$55.00 if paid by Friday 12 June 2015 via online registration.**

**Entry Fee is \$65.00 if paid on the day of the event.**

Your entry and payment represents that the yacht being registered carries at least \$300,000 of liability insurance.

#### Check-In

It will be required that a representative from each yacht come to the main bar of the SJRYC Clubhouse to check-in between 9:00AM – 10:00 AM EDT on the day of the event.

### 3 Eligibility

The SJRYC Rhumblin Regatta is a PHRF race with four Sections: Spinnaker 1, Spinnaker 2, Cruising Spinnaker, and Jib and Main. It is open to all boats with a valid LMPHRF Certificate. If you do not have a current valid LMPHRF Certificate, a handicap will be assigned with a 10% penalty against similar sisterships. Assigned handicaps are not subject to competitor initiated review or protest.

- Final section splits will be announced via the Special Sailing Instructions on race day.
- *Preliminary* splits for registration will be:
  - Section I Spinnaker boats rating below 81
  - Section II Spinnaker boats rating above 81
  - Section III Cruising Spinnaker boats
  - Section IV Jib and Main boats

#### Note Regarding Cruising Spinnaker Section

Cruising Spinnaker Section yachts may fly an asymmetrical spinnaker as follows:

- ◆ The yacht's LMPHRF spinnaker rating must be used
- ◆ The spinnaker tack line may be led to a spinnaker tack point or block that is mounted on the centerline of the boat, at or forward of the head stay. The spinnaker tack point or block may also be tightly lashed to the forward side of the forestay tang. A yacht may only have one spinnaker tack point for the duration of the race.
- ◆ A spinnaker bow sprit may be used as the spinnaker tack point provided it is not more than 18 inches forward of the head stay when in its fully extended position. If used, it shall remain in its **fully extended position at all times** while attached to the spinnaker.
- ◆ There is no restriction on the spinnaker tack line length.
- ◆ At no time shall an asymmetrical spinnaker be attached to a whisker pole or spinnaker pole

**4 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby or on the grounds of the SJRYC building and prior to the day of the event posted at [www.rhumblineregatta.com](http://www.rhumblineregatta.com)

**5 Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located by the Rhumbline Bar, next to the swimming pool at the SJRYC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, an audible warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP (two flags) is lowered. The AP flag may be substituted by a number flag as indicated at the skippers meeting.

**6 Skippers Meeting, Scheduled Start Times**

A Skippers Meeting will be held at 10:30 AM EDT Saturday, 13 June 2015 at the SJRYC under the large tent at which time the Section breaks will be announced. The warning signal for the first section will be at 11:55 AM EDT with the first start at 12:00 Noon EDT which will be the warning for the next section and so on. The class Section flags will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

**7 Class Starting Sequence**

We will plan to start Sections in the following order: Section I, II, III, and IV; however, the Race Committee reserves the right to announce a change in the starting order.

**8 Racing Area, Course, and Marks, and Missing Mark Rule**

The racing area will be around the permanent markers of the SJRYC Sail Racing Fleet as well as additional inflatable markers. A chart will be distributed at the Skipper's Meeting.

The course will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting. All marks will be cylindrical swim buoys or inflatable markers. All marks must be rounded if within visual range of the published location. In the event of a missing mark, Rule 34 is amended such that if a mark is missing from the published location a "virtual GPS rounding" shall be made by rounding the published position of the missing mark." A competitor making such a mark rounding must notify the race committee via VHF, channel 69, immediately after doing so.

**9 Starting, Finishing Lines, and Starting Procedure**

The starting and finishing lines will be between the Committee Boat and a buoy. The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix Q will be used.

**10 Time Limit**

The time limit for each Section will be five (5) hours for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat finishes in their respective Section will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

**11 Broadcasts and Change of Course after Starting**

All radio broadcasts will be made on VHF channel 69. All yachts will be required to monitor VHF channel 69 during the race. Change of course will be by VHF radio ONLY on channel 69. In the event of a course change, it will be called before the lead boat reaches the mark where the change will take place. A course may be changed for one section but not all sections, for example shortening the course for JaM and not Spinnaker Sections

**12 Protests**

Written protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race in the Board Room of the SJRYC. The decisions of onsite protest will be final, and not open to appeal.

**13 Scoring: Time-on-Distance**

This is a single race Regatta with multiple sections. The winner will be determined using the LMPHRF Time-on-Distance formula.

**14 Withdrawal**

No yacht is to leave the race course after starting without communicating to the Race Committee either visually or via VHF radio on channel 69.

- 15 Awards**  
Trophies will be awarded to the winning yacht of each section. Brag flags will be awarded to the top 3 finishing yachts in sections with 5 yachts or more and to the top 2 finishing yachts in sections having 4 yachts or less. Awards presentation will proceed under the large tent at 7:00 PM EST.
- 15 Dockage**  
Free dockage is available at SJRYC, but call ahead if your yacht requires more than 6ft draft to help us dock you. Dockage is also available at the West Basin Municipal Marina (call Harbormaster 269-983-5432). Visitors will be permitted to raft at any of these locations. Please raft behind other competitors' slips so as not to block boats that are not participants in the Regatta.
- 16 Disclaimer of Liability**  
Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk (see USSA rule 4, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.
- 17 Insurance**  
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Registration via Regatta Net for the event serves as confirmation of this coverage. A copy of the insurance certificate is to be provided by the boat owner at the Regatta check in for any boat registering late at the event on race day.
- 18 Photographers and TV Rights**  
Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.
- 19 Further Information**  
The SJRYC Rhumblin Regatta will be conducted under the "Clean Regatta" guidelines for certification by Sailors for the Sea conservation organization. [www.sailorsforthesea.org](http://www.sailorsforthesea.org)

**Organizing Club: Saint Joseph River Yacht Club 269-983-6393**

**SJRYC Vice-Commodore Fleet: Byron Higgins**

**Regatta Event Chair: Byron Higgins**

**Principal Race Officer: Ken Zimmerman**