



John Paul Jones Overnight Regatta 2017 June 16th and 17th

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

The regatta is organized by the Kittery Point Yacht Club (KPYC), Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA), and Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Race Committees

1. Rules:

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, this notice of race and sailing instructions, and the rules of applicable class associations (except as altered by this notice of race and sailing instructions).

2. Classes and Divisions:

2.1 There will be three classes: Racing, Open and Cruising. If there are 5 or more boats of any one design class, this class will be scored separately.

2.2 Class flags will be as follows: Racing class will fly the "F" flag (white diamond on red field), open class will fly the "E" flag (blue over red) and cruising class will fly the "D" flag (Blue line centered on yellow field); if One Design classes are racing they will fly their class flag.

2.3 Open Class – Is defined as a yacht that registers in the cruising class and chooses to take her racing rating to fly her spinnakers.

3. Eligibility:

3.1 Boats must be approved per the Sailing Instructions, registered and listed on the online entry list with a valid PHRF handicap. Registration forms are available at www.kpyc.net and www.sailpsa.org. **The deadline for registration is Thursday June 15th, 2017. Registration is required and can be done on line at www.regattanetwork.com/event/13806 the fee is \$40.00, which includes two tickets to the skippers meeting and social Thursday June 15th @ 7:00 pm; additional tickets are \$5.00 per person. The awards dinner and social will be held on Saturday, June 17th at 5:30 pm. The fee for the dinner is \$10.00 per guest.**

4. Schedule of Race:

4.1 Race 1: Portsmouth Harbor, NH over an ocean course to Rockport, Sandy Bay, MA is scheduled for Friday June 16, 2017

4.1.1 The warning signal will be made at 11:00 hours GPS time with the Cruising and Open Class starting 5 minutes after at 11:05 hours.

4.2 Race 2 – John Paul Jones Regatta: Rockport, MA to Portsmouth Harbor, NH is scheduled for Saturday June 17, 2017.

4.2.1 The warning signal will be made at 11:00 hours GPS time with the Racing, Cruising and Open Class starting 5 minutes after at 11:05 hours

4.3 Check in before your start time. Yachts are required to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to their start time with their class flag displayed on the backstay. Boats that withdraw from a race or decide not to start after coming into the racing area, must so advise Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible. Sail numbers shall determine a yacht's identification. Once the Race Committee boat is on station at the starting line, a yacht is required to check by leaving the stern of the Race Committee boat to starboard. Yachts that withdraw from a race or decide not to start, SHALL advise Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible on VHF Channel 68. Sail numbers are required and shall determine a yacht's identification. The sail numbers must match on all sails (Boat name can be used if no sail number is available).

4.4 All yachts will remain clear of the starting line designated to a minimum of 3 boat lengths below and five boat lengths either side of the pin and RC boat during the 5 minute prior to any boats starting time. Boats are requested to remain clear of finish line when other boats are finishing.

4.5 Effort will be made to hail on VHF channel 68 (PHRF boats) any boats that are OCS. It is ultimately the skipper's responsibility to know they were OCS and return to clear. Lack of hail will not be grounds for redress.

4.6 Notice of race will be located at www.regattanetwork.com/event/13806 site. Amendments will be announced at the captains' meeting. It is the skipper's responsibility to be aware of any amendments to the sailing instructions. Results of protests will be posted on the KPYC Bulletin Board.

4.7 All participants must agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, class rules, and all other rules that govern this event.

5. COURSE Area (see appendix A)

5.1 These are destination races between Portsmouth, NH and Rockport, MA. Starting line and finish lines will be announced prior to each race. To ensure an orderly start the race committee may decide to use a windward buoy at the start of each race.

6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

6.1 All boats shall be properly equipped, be fully seaworthy and shall be self-righting and properly ballasted as well as be in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard and the requirements of the New Hampshire Boating Law.

6.2 All boats shall comply with their class rules regarding safety equipment.

6.3 Skippers and owners shall be exclusively responsible for compliance with such requirements and be prepared to have boats inspected at any time.

7. RADIO USE

7.1 All entrants are required to have aboard a VHF Radio and monitor Channel 68 at all times, start, race, and finish.

7.2 RRS 41 is in effect. This includes cell phones.

8. PROTESTS

8.1 Protests will be submitted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section A.

8.2 Mandatory arbitration will be held for protests involved Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

8.3 Protest filing deadline is 1 hour after the last boat finishes.

8.4 Protests must be filed with designated protest committee. Protest forms will be available at the protest locations.

8.5 All protests will be arbitrated prior to formal protest committee review.

8.6 Protests not decided in arbitration will move to the protest room.

9. SCORING & TIME ALLOWANCES

9.1 PHRF yachts will be scored using Time on Time format.

9.2 Any boat not finishing by 21:00 on June 16th, and 17:00 on June 17th will be scored DNF. RC has the right to extent this time as it sees fit.

9.3 Leg of the race will be scored separately. The main event is that John Paul Jones Regatta on June 17th. Races on the 16th are scored but meant to be more relaxed. For these two races the cruising class may elect to race under their racing rating and fly a light air headsail and be scored in the open class.

10. PRIZES

The first three boats in each class and race will receive recognition. Prizes will be awarded by the Kittery Point Yacht Club at the Saturday awards dinner and social.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The KPYC reserves the right to amend this notice of race. Any amendments to this Notice made prior to June 15th, 2017 will be made available at the Captain's meeting.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk.

12.2 KPYC, PSA, SBYC and participating sponsors do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participant or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this regatta.

12.3 The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of its skipper, who must ensure that the boat is thoroughly sound and seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper must be satisfied as to the

soundness of the hull, spars, gear, rigging, sails and gear. He must ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of the boat in any way limits and reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

12.4 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race, and to notify the Race Committee if the boat withdraws after starting any race.

13. Conduct

13.1 The boat owner/captain will be responsible for the conduct of their crew offshore and onshore. KPYC will not allow a serious breach of good conduct by any participant.

13.2 The KPYC Race Committee reserves the right to eject any boat, its captain and crew, from the regatta and social events and to reject them from any future KPYC Regattas.

Appendix A: Courses



Course 1