



## **BLUE REGATTA FOR AUTISM**

**SATURDAY, MAR 11, 2017**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1. AUTHORITY & RULES**

The Palm Beach Sailing Club invites you to participate in the Fourth Annual Blue Regatta for Autism benefiting the Potentia Academy, a not-for-profit private school for children with special learning needs including autism spectrum disorders <http://www.potentiaacademy.org>

Please let us emphasize, THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT. There will be recognition for individual, corporate and yacht fundraising efforts. Donations made be made directly to the Palm Beach Sailing Club or via GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/pbsc-blue-regatta-for-autism> - please share this link with your crew!

This is a pursuit-start regatta organized by the Palm Beach Sailing Club. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, the rules of PHRF of Southeast Florida, and the rules of any One Design classes competing, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

#### **2. ADVERTISING**

Competitor advertising restrictions will not apply, but boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

#### **3. ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta is open to all self-rescuing sailboats minimum 15' LOA minimum crew of two people. All entries must carry an operating VHF radio. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Regatta Network website at [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com).

#### **4. CLASSES**

Entrants are eligible to register for ONE of the following Classes:

- PHRF with Spinnaker (PHRF of Southeast Florida rating required)
- Cruising Jib and Main (PHRF of Southeast Florida rating required)
- True cruising multihulls (MASF rating required)
- Performance cruising multihulls (MASF rating required)



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- Day-sailing keelboats
- Day-sailing dinghies
- Beach multihulls

### **5. ENTRIES**

5.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry of any yacht at any time prior to the start of the race.

5.2 Entry Fee: \$100.00 per vessel – cut-off is 6:00 pm Thurs March 9, 2017. Entries are through the Regatta Network website **only** – [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com)

5.3 The entry fee includes one dinner. Additional crew dinners \$25.00. Contact [office@pbsail.org](mailto:office@pbsail.org)

### **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Pre-race mixers for skippers and crew to match up – Fri Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wed Mar 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at Palm Beach Sailing Club – contact [fleetcaptain@pbsail.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@pbsail.org)

**Mandatory Skipper's Meeting** - Fri Mar 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Palm Beach Sailing Club

Warning for first start - Sat Mar 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:55 am

Awards and Dinner – Sat Mar 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (bar open at 5:00 pm) at Palm Beach Sailing Club

### **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions showing the course to be sailed and starting time assignments will be distributed at the Skipper's Meeting.

### **8. COURSE TO BE SAILED**

The race is scheduled to be 12 nautical miles in length with multiple points of sail. A 6 mile (short course) will be used if conditions dictate.

### **9. SCORING / AWARDS**

9.1 As this is a pursuit start, a yacht's finish position determines her score. Should the course



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be shortened, the Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" of the Rules will apply.

9.2 Scoring will be by Class or by Section within a Class. A Class may be divided into Sections according to rating handicaps and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee. Each entry is eligible for scoring in only one Class or Section within a class. (This changes Appendix "A".)

9.3 Minimum 3 entries: first place; 4-6 entries : first & second place; 7-9 entries: first, second, & third place.

### **10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

10.1 For additional information regarding the Fourth Annual BLUE Regatta, contact Fleet Captain Alex Hill at [fleetcaptain@pbsail.org](mailto:fleetcaptain@pbsail.org)

10.2 Every yacht entered shall carry liability insurance of at least \$300,000 per incident.

10.3 All proceeds after expenses benefit the Potentia Academy students enrolled in the Autism Spectrum Disorders program. Please let us emphasize, THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT. There will be recognition for individual, corporate and yacht fundraising efforts. Donations made be made directly to the Palm Beach Sailing Club or via GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/pbsc-blue-regatta-for-autism> - please share this link with your crew!

Thank you for your support!

Skipper/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB**  
**2017 FOURTH ANNUAL BLUE REGATTA FOR AUTISM**  
**MARCH 11TH**

WAIVER OF AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.  
I, \_\_\_\_\_ fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my use of sailing equipment and my participation in sailing activities, classes, or instruction; (b) my participation in such activities and/or use of such equipment may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to: bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers, agents or club members of the Palm Beach Sailing Club, Inc. I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibilities for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or conduct of the owners, employees, officers, agents, or club members of Palm Beach Sailing Club, Inc.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, and discharge Palm Beach Sailing Club, Inc. and its owners, employees, officers, agents, or club members from any and all claims, suits, or causes of action for bodily injury, negligence, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, or otherwise which may arise out of my participation in the 2017 Fourth Annual Blue Regatta for Autism.

In consideration of your accepting my application to participate in the above event, I hereby waive, release and discharge any and all claims for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may subsequently accrue to me or my crew, as a result of my participation in yacht racing. This release is intended to release the promoters, sponsors, the Palm Beach Sailing Club, the officials, any involved municipalities and other public entities from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in yacht or sailboat racing, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above. I further understand that serious accidents occasionally occur during yacht or sailboat racing and that participants in yacht or sailboat racing occasionally sustain mortal or serious personal injuries, and/or property damage, as a consequence thereof. I knowingly assume the risks of yacht or sailboat racing and release all of the persons or entities mentioned above whom might otherwise be liable to me or to my heirs or assigns for damages. I agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and sailing instructions of the Palm Beach Sailing Club, the NOR for this regatta/event and the United States Sailing Association.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND/OR RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB, INC., AND/OR ITS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND CLUB MEMBERS FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.

Signed This \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

Signed By Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**MINOR PARTICIPANTS MUST COMPLETE & SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING**

WARNING: YOU ARE SIGNING A BINDING RELEASE FORM. DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING EVERYTHING

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S NATURAL GUARDIAN

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY, YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT EVEN IF PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE THAT YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND PALM BEACH SAILING CLUB AND ITS REPRESENTATIVE HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

I have read and attest that I agree with the above and all the terms on the front side of this document

Print Name of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_