

THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

December 2017

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

ONE DESIGN AND PORTSMOUTH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 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 Rule A4 is changed by SI 10.3.
- 1.4 Rules 35, A4 and A5 of the RRS are changed by SI 13.
- 1.5 Rule 61.3 "Protest Time Limit" is changed by SI 14.1.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Official notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. Notices in addition may be published on the event website at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/>

3.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board on the Rudder Club north wall prior to 1100 on December 1. Changes will also be published on the Regatta Network Event Web Site. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Oral changes may be made on the water and will be communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

4.0 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 When AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Five races are scheduled for all classes. Additional races may be run at the discretion of the Race Officer and if requested by a Class

Representative.

- 5.2 Class divisions shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board and for those not attending the Competitors Meeting they will appear on the registrant list on event web site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17>

- 5.3 Schedule:

SATURDAY 1 December - One design, and Portsmouth classes. Three races are planned. 0930-1045: Late Registration

1100: Competitor's meeting.
(Attendance is optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.)

1155: Warning signal for first class

Evening: Dinner - After racing

SUNDAY 2 December - Two one-design/Portsmouth races are planned.

0955: Warning signal for first one design class. ***Note** - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1230.

- 5.4 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class		Pennant
Multihull Portsmouth	P1	
Flying Scot	P2	
Monohull Portsmouth	P3	
Spare (as assigned)	P4	
Spare (as assigned)	P5	
Spare (as assigned)	P6	

7.0 RACING AREA

7.1 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.

8.0 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Courses will be as depicted on Attachment 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 two letters designating the course. The letter 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.
- 8.4 If the Race Committee sets an offset mark in the vicinity of the windward mark, boats shall sail around both marks leaving them on the prescribed side.

9.0 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1L will be an inflated orange cylinder. Marks 1, 2P, and 2S will be inflated yellow cylinders. An offset mark for the long course, if set, will be an inflated yellow tetrahedron and will be left to port.

10.0 START

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and red inflated sphere set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat relative to the first leg of the course.
- 10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other classes.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start." This changes RRS A4.

11.0 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

11.1 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.

12.0 THE FINISH

12.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a white sphere set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat relative to the final leg. (Opposite side of the committee boat from the starting line) This is to accommodate conducting starts for some classes while others are finishing.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each starting class to finish is 90 minutes from her start. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first boat in its class will be scored "DNF". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14.0 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. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Arbitration, Appendix T of the RRS, is in effect.

15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Open classes will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick System.
- 15.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

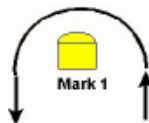
16.0 SAFETY

- 16.1 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee prior to their warning signal by sailing past the Committee Boat on the non-course side and announcing their sail number.
- 16.2 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out.
- 16.3 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 In accordance with Rule 42.3(h), providing no significant advantage is gained, a boat may employ propulsion by using an engine or other method to remain clear of a non-racing vessel when required by Inland Rules.

17.0 PRIZES

- 17.1 First through fifth place prizes will be awarded for classes of more than fifteen boats. 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 and Portsmouth prizes will be awarded on Sunday 2 December.

Round –the-Buoy Courses (Attachment A)

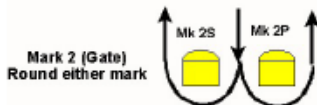
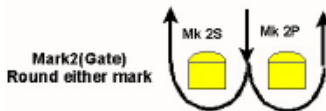


Not to Scale



Mark 1
Not a mark of the course

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Windward Leeward Short

WS

Course Start, 1, 2P or 2S, 1, Finish

Windward Leeward Long

WL

Course Start, 1L, 2P or 2S, 1L, Finish