

Palm Beach Sailing Club
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Third Annual BLUE Regatta for Autism
March 12, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. AUTHORITY AND RULES

This is a pursuit-start regatta organized by the Palm Beach Sailing Club. The regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules), 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 race is open to all self-rescuing sailboats, minimum 15' length overall, minimum crew of two people. All entries must carry an operating VHF radio.

4. CLASSES

4.1. Entrants are eligible to register for one of the following Classes:

PHRF/SPINNAKER	PHRF of Southeast Florida certificate required.
CRUISING CANVAS * (JAM)	Yachts not ordinarily raced. Only working sails allowed: i.e. Main, jib, mizzen. No spinnakers or specialty sails.
CRUISING CATAMARANS	Yachts not ordinarily raced with full accommodations.
PERFORMANCE MULTIHULLS	Yachts ordinarily raced with minimal accommodations.
BEACH MULTIHULLS	Smaller boats normally launched from beach.
DAYSAILING KEELBOATS	i.e. VX1, Sonar
DAYSAILING DINGHYS	i.e. V15, Lightning, Snipe

*Note - Race Committee will assign yachts a rating based on information supplied with entry.

4.2. RATINGS

The Race Committee will adjust a rating to the closest number to “0” or “5” in order to maintain starting times on the minute. (Example: A PHRF Rating of 162 will be adjusted to 160, A PHRF Rating of 183 will be adjusted to 185).

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 per vessel if received by 1800 on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Online registrations only through **BlueRegattaPalmBeach.com**. The entry fee includes one t-shirt and one dinner. Additional crew dinners \$25 with registration or \$30 at the door.

5.3. Late entry fee \$150 per vessel if received no later than 1600 on Friday, March 11, 2016, which is the absolute cut-off time.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 11, 2016 Mandatory Skipper’s Meeting 1900, PBSC

Saturday, March 12, 2016 First Warning 1055
Cash Bar 1700, PBSC
Awards Party Shrimp Boil 1900, PBSC

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This is a pursuit race. Each competitor will be assigned a start time based on handicap rating. The OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS showing the course to be sailed and starting time assignments will be distributed at the Skipper’s Meeting.

8. PROPOSED COURSE TO BE SAILED

The Race Committee intends to set four inflatable marks, one (Mark “A”) near shore and approximately 7/8 nautical mile south of the Lake Worth Inlet, a second mark (Mark “B”) approximately one mile east, a third mark (Mark “C”) near shore in the vicinity of the Breakers Hotel and a fourth mark (Mark “D”) approximately one mile east of Mark “C”. The course to be sailed will be posted on a board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat and announced by the Race Committee. It is the intention of the Race Committee to set a twelve nautical mile course. Staggered starts will be made by handicap rating from highest to lowest time allowance. Individual starting times will be posted and distributed at the Skipper’s Meeting.

9. DOCKAGE AND ANCHORAGE

A limited number of participating boats may anchor near the Club in Lake Worth east of the Intracoastal Waterway. The Palm Beach Sailing Club will provide courtesy shuttle service for the Awards Party Shrimp Boil. Call the Club on Channel 16 or by telephone at (561) 881-0809. Docking at the Club is limited to 15 minutes.

10. SCORING

10.1. Because this is a pursuit start, a yacht's finish position determines her score. Should the course be shortened, the Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" of the Rules will apply.

10.2. 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".)

11. PRIZES

Individual trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in each class. The King or Queen of the Gulf Stream Trophy will be awarded to the skipper raising the most money for the school. Additional trophies may be awarded based on criteria selected by the Race Committee.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12.1. For additional information regarding the Third Annual BLUE Regatta, please visit BlueRegattaPalmBeach.com or call the PBSC office at (561) 881-0809.

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

12.3. All proceeds benefit local Autism Spectrum Disorders programs.

Thank you for your support!