



THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

1 December 20

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

8533 Malaga Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

PHRF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.
- 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club and the Event Web Site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20423>
Notices may in addition be published on the Rudder Club Web Site at www.rudderclub.com/

3 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 1130 10 December and on the Event Web Site at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/20423>
Oral changes may be made on the water and will be communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 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 SCHEDULE OF RACES – Saturday 12 December -

- 5.1 One windward/leeward races is scheduled for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and Cruiser classes. A distance race using river marks may be optionally run for one or more classes..
- 5.2 In the event there are insufficient boats in the Non-spinnaker and Cruiser Classes to form two separate classes, they will race as one class with the same start and same course. They will be scored as one class for Gator Bowl Trophies but may be scored separately for First Coast Sailing Association trophy purposes.

- 5.3 1000 - 1115: PHRF Late Registration
1130: PHRF Competitors' 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 12 December.)
1255: Warning signal for PHRF classes and race. Food and refreshments are available for all participants following racing.
- 5.4 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class		Pennant
Spinnaker	P1	
Non-Spinnaker	P2	
Cruisers	P3	

7 RACING AREA

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 11292.

8 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 Around-the-buoys courses will be displayed on a white board located aft on the starting line side of the committee boat. The designation shall consist of a two letters designating the course. The letter designations and the mark sequences are as set forth in Attachment A.
- 8.3 Distance Courses shall be indicated on a white board located aft on the committee boat. The board will indicate numerical government navigation markers as shown on NOAA Chart 11292 and letter designators for the position of FCSA marks. An inflated yellow cylinder will be used in lieu of a fixed mark at position E. An orange cylinder set to windward of the starting line as a

windward mark will be designated "W", WHISKEY. Approximate positions of government and FCSA marks are shown in Attachment B.

- 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. In the event only a single mark is set it will be rounded leaving to the port side
- 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 MARKS

Mark 1, will be an inflated orange cylinder. Marks 2S and 2P will be an inflated yellow cylinder. If a distance race is signaled, marks will be river navigation marks and if set Mark W.

10 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 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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 THE FINISH

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 of the course (opposite side of the committee boat from the starting line). This is to accommodate conducting starts for some classes while others are finishing.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for around-the-buoys courses shall be 3 hours from her start for the first boat in each starting class. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first boat in her class will be scored "DNF." This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.2 The time limit for river courses for the first boat in each starting class to finish is 3 hours from her start. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first boat in her class will be scored "DNF." This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 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 Race Committee boat docks. This changes RRS 61.3. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.
- 14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Arbitration, RRS Appendix T, is in effect.

15 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. One race must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.
- 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 using an engine or other method to remain clear of a non-racing vessel when required by Inland Rules.

17 PRIZES

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. Prizes will be awarded on Saturday 12 December following racing.