

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Frostbite Series
Chatham Sailing Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS — latest version and included amendments).
- 1.4 Racing rule 42.3(h) will be changed as follows to 42.3(i) which states
"Sailing instructions may, in stated circumstances, permit propulsion using an engine or any other method, provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race."

2. ENTRIES

Competitors may enter through the regatta network, event number 21568
https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21568#_home
Payment of \$3 can be made online or via cash or check on the day of the race, before the 1st gun.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES — Regatta Dates – Every other Saturday, beginning:

- Race #1 - December 12, 2020
- Race #2 - December 26, 2020
- Race #3 - January 9, 2021
- Race #4 - January 23, 2021
- Race #5 - February 6, 2021
- Race #6 - February 20, 2021
- Race #7 - March 6, 2021

Races will begin at noon (12:00 pm) on each Saturday. The start lines will be in the Wilmington River, in the vicinity of Government Marker G23. There will be multiple starts if needed for different classes, using a 5-minute start sequence.

There will be 1 race per day.

4. RACING AREAS

Primarily in the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers. Perhaps into the Wassaw Sound depending on where the wind is.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1 The courses will be laid out to take best advantage of wind and location. Hopefully one day of windward and leeward legs.

- 5.2 Courses will be announced via VHF Channel 71.

6. MARKS – STARTING AND FINISH LINES

6.1 The courses will consist of a start line and windward/leeward marks. The start line will consist of an orange hippity-hop on the left end of the start line and Government Marker G23 on the right. We will try to use fixed marks in the river if the tide level allows. All government aids to navigation must be adhered to unless they are specified as rounding marks for a course.

6.2 The start line is OPEN after the start of each race until the beginning of the next one.

6.3 The finish line will be the start line.

7. THE START & FINISH

**Races will be started by using RRS 26.
The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy/ball.
Race Committee will hail starting instructions and starting order on VHF channel 71.
Rhodes 19 and Non-spinnaker classes will start together.
J-24s and Spinnaker classes will start together.**

The finish line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy/ball. (Same as the starting line.) Race Committee will record each boat's time.

8. TIMING — there will be no committee boat on station at the finish. Each boat is requested to keep their own elapsed time, and report their finish time and/or elapsed time to edowens@mindspring.com after the race.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM - The Scoring Penalty, per the RRS.

10. PROTESTS

Since it will be difficult to have face-to-face meetings with skippers or protest committee while observing COVID-19 distancing protocols, we hope that any protests can be settled on the water by the parties involved.

If an external judgement is required, protests shall be delivered to the Primary Race Officer via text (563-505-6521) within 30 minutes after the end of races. She will call the involved parties by telephone to hear complaints.

11. SCORING

11.1 The scoring will be the low point system.

11.2 We will use the best 5 corrected results across all 7 races to amass a summary races result for the series (i.e. 2 throwouts).

12. TRASH DISPOSAL

Any boat observed littering the river will be marked DSQ for 1 race.

13. PRIZES — TBD – no promises

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.