



Geechee Sailing Club

45th ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S REGATTA
MARCH 23 - 24, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 7pm on March 21 on the Regatta Network Event Site <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27399>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Hailing Channel **72**.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF Hailing Channel.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all self-righting yachts with a PHRF rating between 40 and 300 whose length overall is 17' or greater.
- 4.2 Other yachts may participate at the discretion of the Geechee Sailing Club.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering on the Event Site above by March 22, 8pm.
- 4.4 Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.5 Classes are defined as follows:
 - 4.5.1 Day 1 (Saturday) Fleet Racing: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Rhodes 19. Additional classes may be created for five or more similar boats.
 - 4.5.2 Day 2 (Sunday) Pursuit Racing: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.
- 4.6 Additional Information: A Crew Board is active. Go to **Newsroom & Results** menu at top of Event Site.

5 FEES

The entry fee is \$75 which includes one long-sleeve regatta shirt (moisture wicking, odor resistant, stain release, UPF 30+) and Skipper WITH Crew access to the Saturday Social. Additional tickets for Saturday night can be purchased for \$10 per person. Additional shirts are \$25 each.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Friday, March 22
Competitor's meeting at 7pm via Zoom
- 6.2 Saturday, March 23
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is Saturday at **Noon**.
Two additional races may be held as time and conditions permit. If no races are completed on Saturday, then fleet racing may be rescheduled to Sunday in lieu of a pursuit race.
Evening Social: 5-8pm at Molly McGuire's on Wilmington Island
- 6.3 Sunday, March 24
The scheduled time of the warning signal for the pursuit race is Sunday at **11am**.

Sunday's Pursuit Course Start Sheet will be made available on the Event Site by 9pm Saturday evening.

7 VENUE

Races will be sailed in the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and Atlantic Ocean.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be around government and drop marks.
- 8.2 Starting sequences for the first race on Saturday will sound at or close to marker 23.
- 8.3 Sunday's starting area will be emailed to the registered participants by 9pm Saturday.
- 8.4 Predefined courses will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

10 SCORING & RATINGS:

- 10.1 Ratings will be assigned by the Geechee Sailing Club based on the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Handicapping Policies and Procedures.
- 10.2 Races on Saturday will be scored time-on-time.
- 10.3 The Pursuit Race will be scored time-on-distance.
- 10.4 Low Point Scoring system RRS A2 will be used. There will be no throw-outs.
- 10.5 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of [\$250,000|\$1,000,000] per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

First, second, and third place overall winners *in each class* in the Saturday Fleet Races will receive an award. First, second, and third place winners for the Sunday Pursuit Race will also receive awards. New this year: Sunday's awards will have two classes: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

14 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREW

Boats shall not have more than N people over 16 years old aboard, where N is: LOA times 0.3 minus 2, with all fractions rounded up.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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