



John Paul Jones Destination Regatta 2025 June 14th and 15th

Sailing Instructions

The regatta is organized by the Kittery Point Yacht Club (KPYC), Piscataqua Sailing Association (PSA), and Sandy Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Race Committees

1. Rules:

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2029 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, this notice of race and sailing instructions, and the rules of applicable class associations (except as altered by this notice of race and sailing instructions).

2. Classes and Divisions:

2.1 There will be four classes: Racing, Racing B, Racing C, Short Handed (5 yachts required), and Cruising. If there are 5 or more boats of any one design class, this class will be scored separately.

2.2 Class flags will be as follows: Racing class will fly the "F" flag (red diamond on white field), Racing B will fly the "M" flag (white X on a blue field), Racing C will fly the "V" flag (red X on a white field) and cruising class will fly the "D" flag (blue line centered on yellow field); if One Design classes are racing they will fly their class flag.

3. Eligibility:

3.1 Boats must be approved per the Sailing Instructions, registered and listed on the online entry list with a valid PHRF handicap. Registration forms are available at www.kpyc.net and www.sailpsa.org. **The deadline for registration is Friday June 13th, 2025. Registration is required and can be done on line at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29529 the fee is \$75.00, which includes tickets to the skippers meeting Friday June 13th @ 7:00 pm; additional tickets are \$5.00 per person. The awards dinner and social will be held on Sunday, June 15th at 5:30 pm, which is included in the registration fee for the skipper, crew and guest tickets are \$20.00 per person.**

4. Schedule of Race:

4.1 Race 1: Portsmouth Harbor, NH over an ocean course to Rockport, Sandy Bay, MA is scheduled for Saturday June 14, 2025

4.1.1 The warning signal will be made at 11:00 hours GPS time with the First Class starting 5 minutes after at 11:05 hours. The order of the starts will be determined by the Race Committee at the Skippers Meeting.

4.2 Race 2 –Rockport, Sandy Bay, MA to Portsmouth Harbor, NH is scheduled for Sunday June 15, 2025.

4.2.1 The warning signal will be made at 10:00 hours GPS time with the First Class starting 5 minutes after at 10:05 hours. The order of the starts will be determined by the Race Committee at the Skippers Meeting.

4.3 Check in before your start time. Yachts are required to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to their start time with their class flag displayed on the backstay. Yachts that withdraw from a race or decide not to start after coming into the racing area, must advise the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible. Sail numbers shall determine a yacht's identification. Sail numbers are required and shall determine a yacht's identification. The sail numbers must match on all sails (Yacht's name can be used if no sail number is available).

4.4 All yachts will remain clear of the starting line designated to a minimum of 3 boat lengths below and five boat lengths either side of the pin and RC boat during the 5 minutes prior to any yacht's starting time. Boats are requested to remain clear of finish line when other boats are finishing.

4.5 Effort will be made to hail on VHF channel 68 (PHRF yachts) any yachts that are OCS. It is ultimately the skipper's responsibility to know they were OCS and return to clear. Lack of hail will not be grounds for redress.

4.6 Notice of race will be located at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27904> site. Amendments will be announced at the captains' meeting. It is the skipper's responsibility to be aware of any amendments to the sailing instructions. Results of protests will be posted on the KPYC Bulletin Board.

4.7 All participants must agree to be bound by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, class rules, and all other rules that govern this event.

5. COURSE Area (see appendix A)

5.1 These are destination races between Portsmouth, NH and Rockport, MA. Starting line and finish lines will be announced prior to each race. To ensure an orderly start the race committee may decide to use a windward buoy at the start of each race.

5.2 The starting line for the Portsmouth to Rockport race will be Gunboat Shoals Bouy and the Finish will be C3 in Rockport

5.3 The race committee will determine is any navigation marks between start and finish will need to be honored.

5.3 The starting line for the Rockport to Portsmouth Race will be in the area outside of Rockport Harbor established by the race committee. The Finish will be in the area of Gunboat Shoals.

5.4 The KPYC and SBYC Race Committee reserves the right to change the locations of the start and finish if conditions so dictate.

5.5 The Leading Yacht (no matter its fleet) will notify the Race Committee on VHS Channel 68 when they are 2 NM from the finish to ensure they are at their station.

6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

6.1 All yachts shall be properly equipped, be fully seaworthy and shall be self-righting and properly ballasted as well as follow the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard and the requirements of the New Hampshire Boating Law.

6.2 All yachts shall comply with their class rules regarding safety equipment.

6.3 Skippers and owners shall be exclusively responsible for compliance with such requirements and be prepared to have boats inspected at any time.

7. RADIO USE

7.1 All entrants are required to have aboard a VHF Radio and monitor Channel 68 at all times, start, race, and finish.

7.2 RRS 41 is in effect. This includes cell phones.

8. PROTESTS

8.1 Protests will be submitted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section A.

8.2 Mandatory arbitration will be held for protests involved Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

8.3 Protest filing deadline is 1 hour after the last yacht finishes.

8.4 Protests must be filed with designated protest committee. Protest forms will be available at the protest locations.

8.5 All protests will be arbitrated prior to formal protest committee review.

8.6 Protests not decided in arbitration will move to the protest room.

9. SCORING & TIME ALLOWANCES

9.1 PHRF yachts will be scored using Time on Time format.

9.2 Any yacht not finishing by 19:00 on June 22nd and 17:00 on June 23rd will be scored DNF. RC has the right to extent this time as it sees fit.

9.3 Leg of the race will be scored separately, and the finishes combined to give the final placement for each Fleet. In the event of a tie US Sailing Rules for tie breakers will apply.

10. PRIZES

The first three yachts in each fleet will receive recognition. Prizes will be awarded by the Kittery Point Yacht Club at the Sunday awards dinner and social.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The KPYC reserves the right to amend this notice of race. Any amendments to this Notice made prior to June 22nd, 2024, will be made available at the captain's meeting.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk.

12.2 KPYC, PSA, SBYC and participating sponsors do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participant or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this regatta.

12.3 The safety of the yacht and its crew is the sole responsibility of its skipper, who must ensure that the yacht is thoroughly sound and seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, gear, rigging, sails and gear. He must ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of the yacht in any way limits and reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

12.4 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue in any race, and to notify the Race Committee if the yacht withdraws after starting any race.

13. Conduct

13.1 The yacht owner/captain will be responsible for the conduct of their crew offshore and onshore. KPYC, SBYC, and PSA will not allow a serious breach of good conduct by any participant.

13.2 The KPYC, SBYC, and PSA Race Committees reserves the right to eject any yacht, its captain and crew, from the regatta and social events and to reject them from any future KPYC Regattas.

Appendix A: Courses

