

THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

6-7 December 2025

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

8533 Malaga Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

ONE DESIGN AND PORTSMOUTH SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 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 15.1.

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. Notices may in addition be published on the event web site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30176>

3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board on the Rudder Club north wall prior to 1000 6 December and may in addition be published on the Event Web Site at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30176>. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Oral changes may be made on the water and will be communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

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

- 5.1 Five or more races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Class divisions shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

5.3 Schedule:

SATURDAY, 6 December - One design and Portsmouth classes - Three or more races.

930 – 1000: Late registration

1100: Competitors' meeting

1155: Warning signal for first class

SUNDAY 7 December - One design and

Portsmouth classes -. Two races

Warning signal for first class 955

There will be no Competitor's Meeting on Sunday.

No race sequence will begin after 1330 (1:30pm).

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class		Pennant
Portsmouth Multihull	P1	
Hobie 18	P2	
Spare	P3	
Flying Scot	P4	
Portsmouth Monohull	P5	
Spare	P6	
Spare	P8	

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Courses will be as depicted in 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 The course for each class will be displayed on a white board located on the starting line side of the committee boat. The designation shall consist of two letters designating the course. The letter designations and the mark sequences are as set forth in Attachment A.
- 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.
- 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

Marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be yellow cylinders. Mark 1L will be an orange cylinder. Mark 1L off-set will be a red ball. A new mark laid in accordance with Change of Course procedures will be an orange tetrahedron. The start mark will be a small red tetrahedron, and the finish mark will be a small lime green tetrahedron.

10 START

- 10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a small red tetrahedron 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 that 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 a blue flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a small lime

green tetrahedron 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 The time limit for the first boat in each starting class to finish is 90 minutes from her start. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first boat in its class will be scored "DNF". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14 PENALTIES Rule V1 (Appendix V), the One-Turn Penalty Rule, will be in effect.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 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 last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.
- 15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.
- 15.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, is in effect.

16 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Portsmouth classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick System. One race must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past the committee boat on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.
- 17.2 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- 17.3 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 17.4 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow

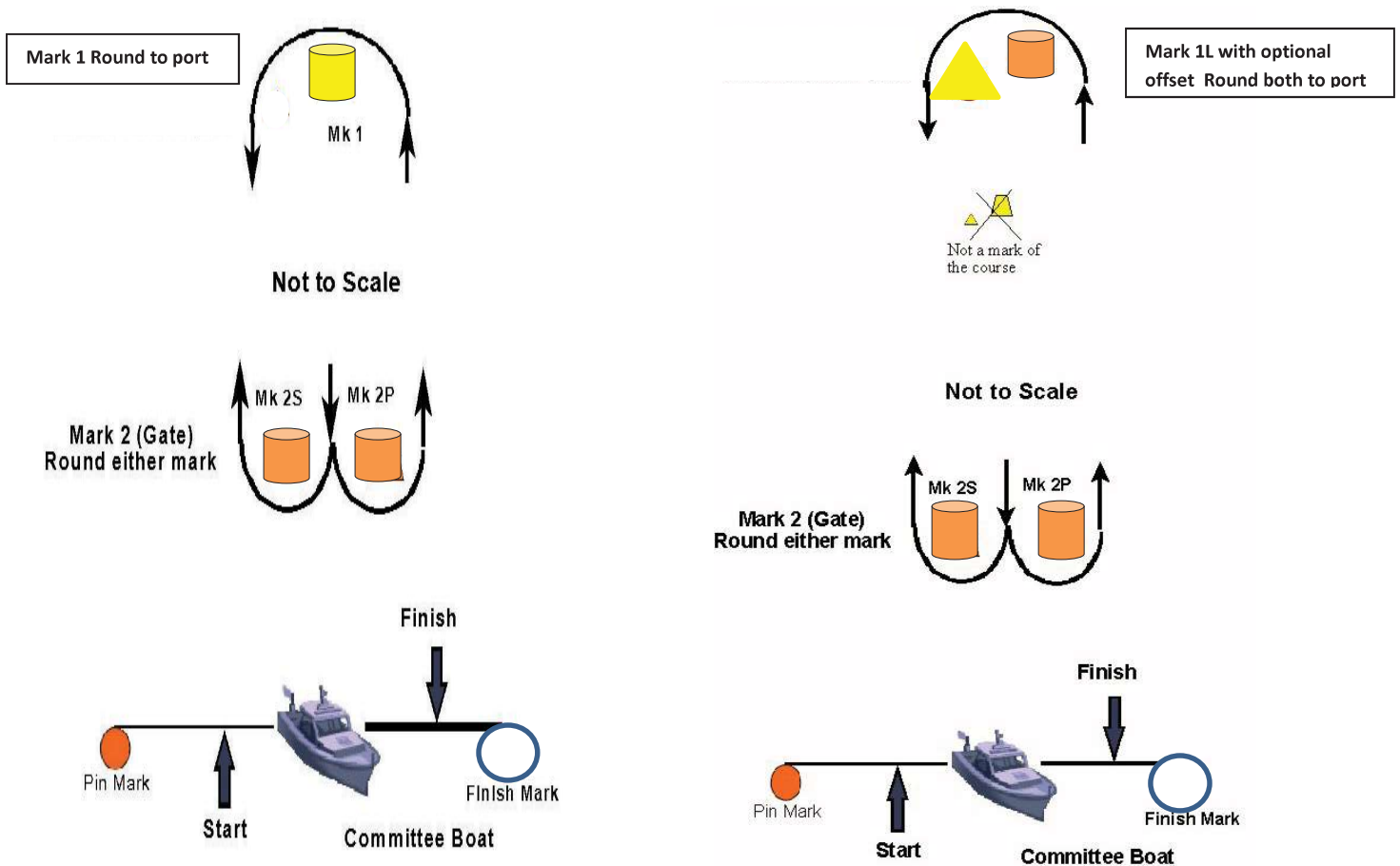
channel, and give way to commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver.

- 17.5 In accordance with Rule 42.3(i), providing no significant advantage is gained, a boat may employ propulsion using an engine or another method to remain clear of a non-racing vessel when required by Inland Rules.

18 PRIZES

First through fifth place prizes will be awarded for classes of more than fifteen boats. 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. One design prizes will be awarded on Sunday 7 December.

Round –the-Buoy Courses (Attachment A)



Windward Leeward Short

WS

Course: Start, 1, 2P or 2S, 1, Finish

Windward Leeward Long

WL

Course Start, 1L, 2P or 2S, 1L, Finish

NOTE: Offset marks and gates are optional.

Attachment A