



THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

Notice of Race

One Design and Portsmouth Races

6-7 December 2025

PHRF13 December 2025

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville

8533 Malaga Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, and in addition for the PHRF Race by the PHRF Rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.

1.2 Racing Rule 77 is changed as follows: Except for boats racing in PHRF, Flying Scot, and Thistle classes (where class rules apply), all boats shall display on the main sail unique identification numbers. These numbers shall be in addition to class insignia and manufacturer's model number.

2 ADVERTISING Advertising is permitted.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form online or during the late registration period as set forth in this Notice of Race. On-line registration will be on the U.S. Sailing Regatta Network as set forth in NOR Rule 5, Registration.

3.2 It is anticipated that for the One design and Portsmouth Race boats will be divided into the following racing classes: Flying Scot, Hobie 18, Portsmouth Monohull, and Portsmouth Multihull. Additional classes may be accommodated provided the minimum requirement of NOR Rule 3.4 is met.

3.3 PHRF boats will be divided into Performance Spinnaker, Performance Non-spinnaker, Cruiser Spinnaker, and Cruiser Non-Spinnaker for the PHRF Race on 14 December. In the event there are insufficient boats in the Performance Non-spinnaker and Cruiser Classes to form separate classes, they will be raced 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 Fall Series trophy purposes.

3.4 A minimum of three registered boats is necessary to constitute a class.

3.5 PHRF class boats are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 SATURDAY 6 December - One design, and Portsmouth classes. Three races are planned.

0930-1000: Late Registration

1100: Competitor's 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 6 December.)

1155: Warning signal for first class. Three races are planned.

Dinner - After racing

4.2 SUNDAY 7 December - Two one-design/Portsmouth races are planned.

0955: Warning signal for first one design class. *Note - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1330 (1:30 pm).

4.3 SATURDAY 13 December

1000 -1030: 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 13 December.) One race is planned; however, additional races for Performance classes may be conducted.

1255: Warning signal for PHRF classes and race. Food and refreshments are available for all participants following racing.

5 REGISTRATION

5.1 Boats are encouraged to register on the Gator Bowl Official Web Site at:

One design/Portsmouth on Saturday and Sunday

6 & 7 December:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30176>

PHRF on Saturday 13 December:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30175>

5.2 Boats that have not registered online will be given an opportunity to late register online during the late registration periods.

5.3 A list of entries may be viewed on the Official Web Sites above.

6. FEES

6.1 The Entry Fee for one design classes and Portsmouth classes is \$50.00. This includes the \$38.00 race registration fee and one \$15.00 dinner ticket.

6.2 The entry fee for Rudder Club members is in accordance with Rudder Club By-Laws but does not include a dinner ticket. Tickets may be purchased in accordance with 6.5 below.

6.3 The Entry Fee for PHRF Race is \$30.00.

6.4 There is a late registration fee of \$10 for same day race registration.

6.5 Additional Saturday Night 6 December Dinner Tickets may be purchased for \$15.00.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS This notice and sailing instructions will be available on event web sites as follows: One Design/Portsmouth

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30176>

PHRF

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30175>

and posted on the official bulletin board on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will; posted on the event web sites as above; posted on the official bulletin prior to 1000 on the morning of each race and be distributed by e-mail to those on-line entrants registering with an e-mail address. Subsequent changes will be made in the form of a Notice to Competitors. Schedule changes will be posted prior to 2000 (8:00 PM) on the day prior to the race. Oral changes may be given on the water in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

8 REGATTA SITE The regatta site will be the Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc.

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

10 COURSES This will be as shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. The course to be sailed for each race will be displayed from a white board on the Race Committee Boat.

11 SCORING One race is necessary to constitute a series. When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all her scores excluding her worst score. Flying Scots participating in the FSSA District Series will be scored in accordance with FSSA rules in addition to being scored for the Gator Bowl.

12 PENALTY TURNS Rule V1 (Appendix V), the One-Turn Penalty Rule, will be in effect.

13 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 boats. First and second place prizes will be awarded in classes of four to five finishing boats. A first-place prize will be awarded in classes of three or less finishing boats. One Design and Portsmouth Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 7 December 2025. Trophies for the PHRF race will be presented at the Rudder Club following the event.

14 PARTICIPATION Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this regatta are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Completion and submission of a registration form for this regatta constitute an acceptance of and agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions.

15 ELECTRONIC DEVICES

15.1 Use of radios and other electronic devices by boats in the Flying Scot Class will be in accordance with class rules.

15.2 PHRF and Portsmouth boats with DSC capable VHF radios are encouraged to have obtained a Mobile Marine Service Identity (MMSI) number http://www.cruisingclub.org/pdfs/safety_dsc_distress_comm_form.pdf and have their VHF radio connected to their GPS

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

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