



The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Spring, Summer, and Fall Series Races 2026

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Ave.
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Spring, Summer, and Fall Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)*.
- 1.2 This NOR applies for all races in the Rudder Club Series races for the year 2026.
- 1.3 Racing Rule A9 is changed by NOR 8.4.
- 1.4 Appendix V (including One Turn Penalty) will be in effect.

2. ADVERTISING: Advertising shall not be displayed.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 3.1. The races are open to all boats of all classes.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by registering on the official web site at

Spring

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30627>

Summer

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30654>

Fall

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30655>

All registrations will be online.

- 3.3. Separate registration is required for the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series.
- 3.4. Non-Rudder Club member's entry fee is \$15.00. Rudder Club member entry fees are in accordance with Club By-Laws. Rudder Club Members should choose Club Charge at the Regatta Network website, and they will not be billed.
- 3.5. For the entire series, anticipated classes are Portsmouth Monohull and Portsmouth Multihull. Portsmouth Monohull includes Offshore Classes. Races on February 22 and March 22 are part of the Spring PHRF Series and will have PHRF Performance and PHRF Cruiser classes. Races on October 4 and November 1 are part of the Fall PHRF Series and will have PHRF Performance and PHRF Cruiser classes.
- 3.6. A minimum of three registered boats is necessary to constitute a class.
- 3.7. One design classes of over three competitors racing within a Portsmouth

fleet may be scored as a one design class as well.

Portsmouth ratings for Centerboard, Keel, Multihull and Offshore Classes are available to US Sailing Members at

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/portsmouth-yardstick-table-pre-calculated-classes/>

4. SCHEDULE:

- 4.1 Series races are scheduled as follows. Changes of scheduled dates will be promulgated by a change to this NOR.

Spring Series #1 - Sun. 1/11/2026
Spring Series #2 - Sun. 1/25/2026
Spring Series #3 - Sun. 2/08/2026
Spring Series #4 - Sun. 2/22/2026
Spring Series #5 - Sun. 3/08/2026
Spring Series #6 - Sun. 3/22/2026
Make-up Date – Sun. 4/12/2026

Summer Series #1 - Sat. 6/06/2026
Summer Series #2 - Sat. 6/20/2026
Summer Series #3 - Sat. 7/11/2026
Summer Series #4 - Sat. 7/18/2026
Summer Series #5 - Sat. 7/25/2026
Summer Series #6 - Sat. 8/8/2026
Make-up Date – Sat. 8/23/2026

Fall Series #1 - Sun. 09/13/2026
Fall Series #2 - Sun. 09/27/2026
Fall Series #3 - Sun. 10/04/2026
Fall Series #4 - Sun. 10/18/2026
Fall Series #5 - Sun. 11/01/2026
Fall Series #6 - Sun. 11/15/2026

4.2 Registration:

1200 to 1230 (Spring and Fall)
1400 to 1430 (Summer)

4.3 Competitors Meeting:

1300 (Spring and Fall)
1500 (Summer)

4.4 Warning Signal for First Class:

1355 (Spring and Fall)
1555 (Summer)

- 4.5 There will be a minimum of one race for the Portsmouth classes; other races will follow until terminated by the race committee. A maximum of three races will be conducted on each race day.

4.6 In accordance with US Sailing prescription L 5.6, flag "A" displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official websites:

Spring

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30627>

Summer

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30654>

Fall

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30655>

the Rudder Club official bulletin board on the north exterior wall of the club, and at registration.

6 VENUE: The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the South and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the North.

7 COURSE: Courses sailed will be shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions and displayed on a white board on the committee boat.

8 SCORING:

8.1 Scores for each day's racing will be Low Point in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS. One race is necessary to constitute a day's racing.

8.2 Portsmouth boats will be scored using USSA Portsmouth ratings. PHRF boats will be scored Time on Distance using PHRF ratings. PHRF boats should apply for a 2026 rating from FCSA.

8.3 A boat's total score for the Series will be determined by the sum of its scores in each race of each Series (no throw-out races). To qualify for inclusion in the final Series results, a boat shall compete in (i.e., come to the starting area) at least 60 percent of the races completed. PHRF Performance and Cruiser Classes will not be included in the total scoring for the series. Results for each PHRF Performance and Cruiser Class race in the series will be reported to First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) for scoring in accordance with PHRF Rules and Scoring Matrix for the St. Johns River Series.

8.4 Scoring for each series (PHRF Classes excluded) will be based on the US SAILING prescription for scoring a long series.

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/racing-rules/scoring-a-long-series/>

8.5 The HIGH-POINT PERCENTAGE SCORING SYSTEM will apply (PHRF Classes excluded). In order to qualify a boat must have competed (come to the starting area) in at least sixty (60) percent of the races completed. This changes Rule A9.

9 PENALTIES

Appendix V (including the One Turn Penalty Rule) will be in effect.

10 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the Event Web Sites: Spring

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30627>

Summer

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30654>

Fall

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30655>

and on the Bulletin Board located on the Rudder Club's North exterior wall.

10 PRIZES Series prizes will be awarded for the Spring and Fall Series after racing concludes on the final day of each series (PHRF Classes excluded). There will be no prizes for daily racing.

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

12 FURTHER INFORMATION For further information contact Jon Hamilton 904-635-9270, raceoffice@rudderclub.com or the Rudder Club, 8533 Malaga Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32244, 904-264-4094, office@rudderclub.com.