

Saint Joseph River Yacht Club

2026 Rhumbline Regatta

Saturday, 06 June 2026

Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions

1. Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules of World Sailing, except when changed by this Notice of Race and the Special Sailing Instructions.

2. Entry Procedure: Competitors complete an entry via RegattaNet at the link below:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30658

and pay the entry fee online no later than 05 June 2026. Boats may also enter the day of the event and pay by credit card, cash, or check between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM EST during Check-In at the main bar of the SJRYC Clubhouse. Entry Fee is \$65.00 if paid by 11:00 PM EST Friday, 05 June 2025 via online registration. Entry Fee is \$80.00 if paid on the day of the event.

Your entry and payment represents that the yacht being registered carries at least \$300,000 of liability insurance.

3. Check-In: It will be required that a representative from each yacht come to the main bar on the ground floor of the SJRYC Clubhouse to check in between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM EDT on the day of the event.

4. Eligibility: The SJRYC Rhumbline Regatta is a MWPHRF race with Sections for Spinnaker and JaM competitors. It is open to all boats with a valid MWPHRF Certificate. **If you do not have a current valid LMPHRF Certificate, a handicap will be assigned, similar to sisterships.** Assigned handicaps are not subject to competitor-initiated review or protest.

Final Section splits will be announced during the skippers' meeting on race day.

5. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby or on the grounds of the SJRYC building and prior to the day of the event posted at www.rhumblineregatta.com. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located by the Rhumbline Bar, next to the swimming pool at the SJRYC. If a postponement is signaled ashore, an audible warning signal will be made not less than 15 minutes after AP (two flags) is lowered. The AP flag may be substituted by a number flag as indicated at the skippers meeting.

6. Skippers Meeting will be held at 9:00 AM EST Saturday, 06 June 2026, at the SJRYC at which time any Section breaks will be announced. The warning signal for the first section will be at 10:55 AM EST, with the first start scheduled at 11:00 AM EST, which will be the warning for the next section and so on. The class Section flags will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.

7. Class Starting Sequence: We will plan to start Sections in the following order: JaM first, then Spinnaker 2, then Spinnaker 1; however, the Race Committee reserves the right to announce a change in the starting order.

8. Racing Area, Course, and Marks, and Missing Mark Rule: The racing area will be around the permanent markers of the SJRYC Sail Racing Fleet, as well as possible additional inflatable markers. A course chart will be distributed, and the course will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting. All marks will be cylindrical swim buoys or inflatable markers. All marks must be rounded if within visual range of the published location. In the event of a missing mark, Rule 34 is amended such that if a mark is missing from the published location, a "virtual GPS rounding" shall be made by rounding the published position of the missing mark." A competitor making such a mark rounding must notify the race committee via VHF, channel 69, immediately after doing so.

9. Starting, Finishing Lines, and Starting Procedure: The starting and finishing lines will be between the Committee Boat and a buoy. The Sound Signal Starting System of Appendix Q will be used.

10. Time Limit: Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in their respective Section will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

11. Broadcasts and Change of Course after Starting: All radio broadcasts will be made on VHF channel 69. All yachts will be required to monitor VHF channel 69 during the entire race. Change of course will be by VHF radio ONLY on channel 69. In the event of a course change, it will be called before the lead boat reaches the mark where the change will take place. A course may be changed for one section but not all sections, for example, shortening the course for JaM and not Spinnaker Sections

12. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race in the Board Room of the SJRYC. The decisions of on-site protest will be final and not open to appeal.

13. Scoring will be Time-on-Distance. This is intended to be a three (3) race Regatta with multiple sections. The winners will be determined using the MWPHRF Time-on-Distance formula.

14. Withdrawal: No yacht is to leave the race course after starting without communicating to the Race Committee either visually or via VHF radio on channel 69.

15. Awards will be presented to the top three yachts in each section. The awards presentation will proceed at 7:00 PM EST at the SJRYC.

16. A plated dinner will be served from 5 to 8 PM at the SJRYC. Live music entertainment will be from 7 to 10 PM.

17. Free Dockage is available at SJRYC, but call ahead if your yacht requires more than 6ft draft to help us dock you. Dockage is also available at the West Basin Municipal Marina via the DNR Website or call Harbormaster at 269-983-5432. Visitors will be permitted to raft at the SJRYC.

18. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk (see USSA rule 3, Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

19. Insurance: Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent. Registration via Regatta Net for the event serves as confirmation of this coverage. A copy of the insurance certificate must be provided by the boat owner at the Regatta check-in for any boat registering late at the event on race day.

20. Photographers and TV Rights: Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

21. Further Information: The SJRYC Rhumblin Regatta will be conducted under the "Clean Regatta" guidelines for certification by Sailors for the Sea conservation organization. www.sailorsforthesea.org Organizing Club: Saint Joseph River Yacht Club 269-983-6393.

SJRYC Fleet Vice-Commodore: Tony Uhrick

Regatta Event Chair: Jeff Alisch, 269-313-2256

Race Committee Team Leader: Louie Tremblay