

THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA
5-6 December 2009
The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073, USA

**ONE DESIGN
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 Rules 35 and A4.1 of the RRS are changed by SI 13.
- 1.4 Rule A4 is changed by SI 10.3.

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 also be published on the Rudder Club Web Site at <http://www.rudderclub.com>.

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 and on the Web Site. Changes after 09005 December will be in the form of a Notice to Competitors except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect..

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 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed" The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Five races are scheduled. Additional races may be scheduled for individual classes at that class's request.
- 5.2 Class divisions shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 5.3 Schedule:

SATURDAY 5 December - One design, and Portsmouth classes Three races. Additional if requested by class representative.

Registration: 0930-1045

Competitor's meeting: 1100

Warning signal for first class: 1155

SUNDAY 6 December - One design.

Multihull classes sailing the distance race on Sunday will sail in accordance with the Cruiser (Distance Race) Sailing Instructions.

Warning signal for first one design class less multihull distance racers: 0955

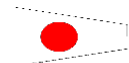
*Note - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1230.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

Class

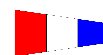
A- Class Catamarans P1



Hobie 18 P2



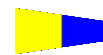
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Flying Scot P4



Snipe P5



Monohull Open P6



Spare (as assigned) P8



Spare (as assigned) P9



7 RACING AREA

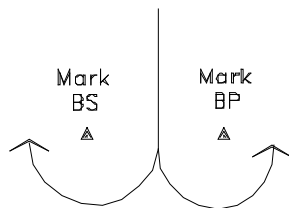
The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 Courses will be as depicted on illustration A and depict 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 aft on the starting line side of the committee boat. The designation shall consist of a letter and a number designating the course. The letter/number 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 as shown in the



example below.

8.4 If the Race Committee sets a offset mark in the vicinity of the windward mark, boats shall sail around both marks leaving them on the prescribed side.

9 MARKS

Marks A, BS, and BP will be yellow cylinders. Marks DA and DC will be orange cylinders. The Offset mark will be a large orange spheroid. Mark C will be a yellow tetrahedron. A new mark laid in accordance with Change of Course procedures will be a yellow tetrahedron. The start and finish marks will be orange spheres.

10 START

10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race

Committee/Signal Boat and a mark 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.

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 the 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 an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a mark 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 yacht in each starting class to finish is 90 minutes from her start. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes (corrected time where applicable) after the first yacht in her class will be scored "DNF". This changes rule 35 and A4.1.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1Protests 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.

14.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.

15 SAFETY

- 15.1** On the first race of each day, 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.
- 15.2** Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing a race or retiring before racing has ended for the day shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- 15.3** All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 15.4** Yachts 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.

16 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Open classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (HC) System. One race must be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If more than 5 races are completed her worst score will be discarded. For those boats participating in the distance race on Sunday, that race will be counted as one race in the one design series.

- 17 PRIZES** 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 6 December.

