

THE MOONLIGHT REGATTA

24 July 2010

The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association, and by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 All US SAILING Prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The regatta is designated Category A.

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.

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. Changes after 1800 Saturday 1 August 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 One race is scheduled.

5.2 Class divisions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.

5.3 Schedule:

registration: 1800 – 1900 Saturday 1 August

sailors' meeting: 1900 - 1930

warning signal for first class: 2025

6 Class Flags

Class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted under Race Signals in the RRS. Spinnaker is pennant P1 (white pennant with red circle). Non-spinnaker is pennant P2 (blue pennant with white circle).

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 Race courses will be announced at the sailors' meeting.

9. Marks

9.1 Marks will be government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), marks established by First Coast Sailing Association, or inflatable marks set by Race Committee. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart.

9.2 A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No yacht shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

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.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area.

11. The Finish

The Finish Line will be between a mark set off the Rudder Club dock and an orange flag displayed on the dock.

12. Time Limit

The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes corrected time after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes rule 35 and rule A41.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Rudder Club. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman by 1230 on Sunday 25 July. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.

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

14 Safety

14.1 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.

14.2 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out.

14.3 All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.

14.4 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.

15 Prizes

Results will be announced at the Rudder Club at 1400 Sunday 25 July. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded for each class.