



THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

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

Notice of Race

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 by the 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 Snipe classes, 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 ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES

The rules of all classes with boats participating as a class are altered so that membership in the class is not required. Flying Scots need to be FSSA members to be scored in the District series. Boats participating in a PHRF event must be members of the First Coast Sailing Association.

3 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 4.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form on-line or during the registration period as set forth in this Notice of Race. On-line registration will be on the [US SAILING Regatta Network](#).
- 4.2 It is anticipated that yachts will be divided into the following racing classes: "A" Class Catamaran, Flying Scot, Hobie 18, Hobie 16, Snipe, 420's, Laser, Portsmouth mono-hull, Portsmouth multi-hull, Multihull Long Distance (Portsmouth) and PHRF classes. Additional classes may be accommodated provided the minimum requirement of Rule 4.3 is met.

- 4.3 A minimum of three registered boats is necessary to constitute a class.
- 4.4 PHRF class boats are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 **SATURDAY 5 December** - One design, and Portsmouth classes.

Late Registration: 0930-1045
Competitor's meeting: 1100. Optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.
Warning signal for first class: 1155
Dinner - After racing

- 5.2 **SUNDAY 7 December** - PHRF, Multihull Long Distance, One design and Portsmouth classes.

Warning signal for first one design class 0955
PHRF Late Registration: 1000 - 1115
Competitor's (Cruisers) meeting: 1130. The competitors meeting is optional for those entries that have in their possession a copy of the sailing instructions and have registered on-line prior to 1 December.

Warning signal for cruiser classes and multihull long distance race: 1255.
Food and refreshments are available for all participants following racing.

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

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Boats are encouraged to register in advance on the US SAILING Regatta Network at https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=2495.
- 6.2 Boats that have not registered in advance

will be given an opportunity to register on-line or with paper forms during the registration periods on Saturday and Sunday.

- 6.3 A list of entries may be viewed at http://http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registrant_list.php?regatta_id=2495&custom_report_id=2

7 FEES

- 7.1 The Entry Fee for one design classes is \$40.00. This includes a \$30.00 race registration fee and one \$10.00 dinner ticket.
- 7.2 The Entry Fee for PHRF and Multihull Long Distance Racers is \$30.00 which includes a \$30.00 race registration fee.
- 7.3 There will be a \$5.00 processing fee for all registrations processed during late registration including Rudder Club entries.
- 7.4 Additional Saturday Night Dinner Tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 respectively. The Race Registration fee will be discounted for Rudder Club members in accordance with Rudder Club By-laws. Multihulls who have entered as a one design class for the Saturday Race will not be charged an additional entry fee for the Multihull Long Distance Race on Sunday.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the exterior bulletin board prior to 1000 on the morning of each race. Subsequent changes will be made in the form of a Notice to Competitors. Schedule changes will be posted prior to 1900 (7:00 PM) on the day prior to the race. This notice, sailing instructions, and changes thereto will also be available on the Rudder Club Web Site at <http://www.rudderclub.com/gator.html>.

9 REGATTA SITE

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

10 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

11 COURSES

Courses will be as shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions and on the [Rudder Club Web Site](#). Course to be sailed will be displayed from a white board on the Race Committee Boat.

12 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.

13 PRIZES

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. Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 6 December 2009.

14 PARTICIPATION

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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