



GOSPORT REGATTA 2021



Organizing Authority

The Piscataqua Sailing Association

Sunday, September 19th

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules:

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, and the rules of applicable Class Associations (except as altered by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions).

2. Classes and Divisions:

2.1 This regatta is a pursuit race with handicaps built into the start time of each yacht. Yachts will start based on their PHRF rating i.e. slowest yacht starting first and fastest starting last. There will be two classes Racing, Cruising (no free flying headsail). The OA will endeavor if possible to sub-divide Racing and / or Cruising into smaller divisions. Please refer to the scratch sheet that will be emailed to all registered skippers and posted on the PSA website.

2.2 Cruising Fleet – no spinnakers

The Gosport PHRF Cruising Fleet is a perfect fit for the traditional sail boat that was designed for weekend and extended cruising with the family.

2.3 Racing Fleet

This racing fleet is for boats who wish to fly a spinnaker and/or for specialty boats that were designed and built for one design racing.

Spinnakers cannot be flown during prestart or start but may be set after the yacht has started, that is crossed the start line.

2.4 Specialty Fleets

We will consider adding other specialty or one design fleets if there are at least 5 boats of that type. We will need to know at least two weeks before the race date in order to accommodate these boats and order the awards

2.5 Classic Boats

To qualify for this award a boat need to be designed prior to 1970. The award is based on the best finish for qualifying boats based on strength of finish.

3. Eligibility:

3.1 Boats must be approved per the Sailing Instructions, registered and listed on the online entry list with a valid PHRF handicap.

Schedule of Pursuit Race:

- 4.1** The race from the mouth of the Piscataqua River to Gosport Harbor is scheduled for Sunday September 19, 2021.
- 4.2** This regatta is a pursuit race with handicaps built into the start time of each yacht. Please refer to the scratch sheet for individual start times. There is no distinction of class for this start.
- 4.3** The warning signal will be made at 12:00:00 hours GPS time with the first boat starting 5 minutes later at 12:05:00. No other starting signals will be given. Boats shall not enter the starting area until 5 minutes before their start time. Only Race Committee may protest a violation of this rule. **Any postponements will just be added to every boat's start time. For example: A 10 minute postponement makes all start times 10 minutes later.**
- 4.4** Check in Before Your Start Time. Yachts new or infrequent to PSA events are asked to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to their start time. After 11:55 any boat not checked in can do so via VHF channel 68 at Race Committee's discretion. **Boats that withdraw from racing or decide not to start after coming into the racing area, must so advise Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.**

Sail numbers shall determine a yacht's identification.

- 4.5** All yachts will remain clear of the starting line box designated to a minimum of 3 boat lengths below and five boat lengths either side of the pin and RC boat. Yachts may enter the box during the 5 minutes prior to their starting time.

Boats already finished are requested to remain clear of finish line while other boats are finishing.

- 4.6** Effort may be made to hail on VHF channel 68 (PHRF boats) any boats that are OCS. It is ultimately the skipper's responsibility to know they were OCS and return to clear. Lack of hail will not be grounds for redress nor does lack of hail exonerate OCS yachts.
- 4.7** Notice of Race board will be located on the PSA Web site. Amendments will be announced on Race Day by the Race Committee via VHF Channel 68.
- 4.8** All participants must agree to be bound by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, class rules, and all other rules that govern this event.

5. COURSES

- 5.1** There may be “Around the Buoys / Islands” and “Fixed Mark” racing on the waters off of Portsmouth Harbor and the Isle of Shoals.
- 5.2** Courses will be announced on VHF 68 radio, at approximately 11:30, 11:45, 12:00 and so on throughout the starting sequence. The course number will be announced. Distance and bearing to the weather mark may or may not be given.
- 5.3** Courses: All classes’ courses will be listed on the scratch sheet.
Starting / Finish Line: RC boat to government mark “2KR” or a racing buoy in the vicinity of 2KR. The finish line may be different from the start line, though in the same area.
- 5.4** Marks:
Course marks may be any combination of inflatable and or government buoys and or Islands as spelled out on the scratch sheet

6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** All boats shall be properly equipped, be fully seaworthy and shall be self-righting and properly ballasted as well as be in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Coast Guard and the requirements of the ‘New Hampshire Boating Law’.
- 6.2** All boats shall comply with their Class Rules regarding safety equipment.
- 6.3** Captains shall be exclusively responsible for compliance with such requirements and be prepared to have boats inspected at any time.

6. RADIO USE

- 7.1** All entrants are required to have aboard a VHF Radio and monitor Channel 68 at all times, start, race, and finish.

7. PROTESTS

- 8.1** Protests will be submitted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section A.
- 8.2** Mandatory Arbitration will be held for protests involved Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 8.3** Protest filing deadline is 1 hour after the last boat finishes.
- 8.4** Protests must be filed with designated protest committee.
Protest forms may be available.
- 8.5** All protests will be arbitrated prior to formal protest committee review.
- 8.6** Protests not decided in arbitration will move to the protest room.

9. SCORING & TIME ALLOWANCES

9.1 Yacht Club Trophy - The Oceanic Cup will be awarded by Star Island Corporation to the yacht club with the 3 lowest combined over all finishes. All registered boats from a declared yacht club will be considered. Boats must register under a single club before the end of the captains' meeting and be a current member of that Yacht Club. In the event of a tie strength of victory within the class will determine the winner.

9.2 PHRF yachts will be scored using Time on Distance in reverse for a pursuit racing format.

9.3 Any boat not finishing by 4:00 pm will be scored DNF. RC has the right to extent this time as it sees fit.

10. PRIZES

The first three boats in each class will receive recognition as well as the lowest team score should teams be formed.

Prizes will be awarded at a later date as circumstances allow. Special awards may also be given.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The PSA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any Amendments to this Notice made prior to September 19, 2021 will be made available on Race Day via VHF Channel 68.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITIES 12.1

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk.

12.2 The PSA & any participating sponsors do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participant or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this regatta.

12.3 The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of its skipper who must ensure that the boat is sound, thoroughly sound and seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit, the skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, gear, rigging, sails and gear. He must ensure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of the boat in any way limits and reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the skipper.

12.4 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race, and to notify the Race Committee if the boat withdraws after starting any race.