



GOSPORT REGATTA 2024



Sailing Instructions

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Organizing Authority-Piscataqua Sailing Association

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

Classes: This regatta is a Pursuit Race with start times calculated by Performance Handicap Race Fleet, PHRF, handicaps. Depending on the number of entries, there will be 5 classes. There will be Racing, (Smuttynose, White, Appledore classes based on PHRF rating), Cruising, (Star class), (no free flying headsail) and J24 classes.

Eligibility: Boats must be approved per the Sailing Instructions, registered and listed on the online entry list with a current 2024 PHRF certificate.

Schedule of Pursuit Race:

Starting by 2KR, the first warning will be 10:55 with the first start at 11:00.

Starting by Gunboat, G1, the first warning will be 11:25 with the first start at 11:30.

Unless there is a postponement sequence, no other starting signals will be given. If there is a postponement, new start times will be adjusted to include the delay due to postponement. For example: A 10 minute postponement makes all start times 10 minutes later.

Check in before the first warning time. Yachts are asked to check in by sailing past Race Committee prior to first warning time.

Check in after the first warning time. After 10:55 (2KR start) or 11:25 (Gunboat, G1, start), yachts not checked in should do so via VHF channel 68. 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.

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.

Race Committee will attempt to hail on VHF channel 68 any boats that are on course side, OCS, early. 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.

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.

Courses:

Yachts will start either by Government Mark, 2KR or by Gunboat, G1. The race will finish near the Government Mark, 2KR. Yachts will race around Government marks as well as around Appledore Island, Smuttynose Island, Cedar Island and Star Island depending on conditions. Actual course(s) will be determined on Race Day pending conditions and will likely vary with class.

Courses 1-10 are attached to this Sailing Instruction. Courses 1-5 start by 2KR and finish by 2KR. Courses 6-10 start by Gunboat, G1, and finish by 2KR.

Marks may be inflatable, government marks or land masses.

Safety Requirements:

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. All boats shall comply with their Class Rules regarding safety equipment.

Skippers shall be exclusively responsible for compliance with such requirements and be prepared to have boats inspected at any time.

Radio Use: All entrants are required to monitor VHF Channel 68.

Protests:

Protests will be submitted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section A.

Mandatory Arbitration will be held for protests involved Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

Protest filing deadline is 1 hour after the last boat finishes.

Protests must be filed with designated protest committee. Protest forms may be available.

All protests will be arbitrated prior to formal protest committee review. 8.6 Protests not decided in arbitration will move to the protest room.

Scoring:

The Oceanic Cup will be awarded to the local yacht club with the 3 combined best finishes.

The Cedar Classic Yacht Trophy (Boats built in 1974 or prior) will be awarded for best finisher overall.

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

Any boat not finishing by 4:00 pm will be scored DNF. Race Committee can extend this time.

Awards: The first three boats in each class will receive recognition.

Amendments: PSA reserves the right to amend this Sailing Instruction. Any Amendments will be made available on Race Day via VHF Channel 68.

Disclaimer of Liability/Responsibilities:

Regatta participants do so at their own risk

Piscataqua Sailing Association and 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.

The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of its skipper. Neither the establishment of regulations nor the inspection of the boat in any way limits or reduces the responsibility of the skipper.

It is the responsibility of each skipper to decide whether or not to start/finish the course as well as notify Race committee of intentions to withdraw.