



Snowbird Regatta 2025*
(*first of the three SSS Spring Blossom events)



Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron

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Sarasota, FL

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices and results will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Pavilion at SSS.
- 2.2. An unofficial notice board may be maintained on the regatta's website.
- 2.3. In the event of a conflict the Official Notice Board shall prevail.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **1030** on the day it will take effect, 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. The signals made ashore will be displayed from the SSS flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes."

5. CLASS FLAG

- 5.1. The class flag will be the class insignia on a flag unless otherwise listed on the notice board. A "T" Flag will be used to combine fleets and scored Portsmouth.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1. PHRF
 - 6.1.1. Assigned at the skippers meeting or on the racecourse.
- 6.2. ONE-DESIGN
 - 6.2.1. The diagrams in **ADDENDUM 1** illustrate the one design courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
 - 6.2.2. The course designation will be posted on the RC Signal boat.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. PHRF rounding marks
 - 7.1.1. Squadron marks and government marks
- 7.2. One-design Rounding Marks
 - 7.2.1. Rounding marks and change marks will be identified on the notice board or on the RC boat or in ADDENDUM 1.
- 7.3. If one of the two gate marks are missing, the remaining gate shall be rounded to port. This modifies RRS 34.

- 7.4. If the offset mark is missing, competitors need only to round the windward mark. This modifies RRS 34.

THE START

- 7.5. Start sequence
 - 7.5.1. PHRF Multihull will have a Fleet Start at 1330 [RRS 26].
 - 7.5.2. First PHRF Monohull start at 1250 as a pursuit race (reverse handicap start).
 - 7.5.3. One-design races will be started by using [RRS 26].
- 7.6. Start Line
 - 7.6.1. PHRF starting line will be between a Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end permanent mark, or a port end pin boat displaying an orange flag
 - 7.6.2. ONE-DESIGN starting line will be between a Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and the course side of a port end inflatable mark, or a port end pin boat displaying an orange flag.
- 7.7. The RC may attempt to hail premature starters either audibly or by VHF. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

8. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 8.1. One-design
 - 8.1.1. The race committee may adjust the bearing of a mark up to approximately 15 degrees or change the course length up to approximately 20% before the first boat rounds the previous mark without signaling a change. This changes RRS 33.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1. PHRF
 - 9.1.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of an inflatable mark or a permanent mark.
- 9.2. One-design
 - 9.2.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of an inflatable mark.

10. TIME LIMITS

	Race Target Time	Race Time Limit	Finish Window
PHRF	2 hours	4 hours	Applies per class
ONE DESIGN	20-40 minutes	60 minutes	10 minutes

- 10.1. Failure to meet the Race Target Time is not grounds for redress.
- 10.2. A boat may be scored "in place" at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 10.3. A boat not finishing in the "Finish Window" will be scored TLE.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5.
- 10.5. ONE-DESIGN No rolling sequence shall be started after 15:30. This modifies NOR 7.2.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1. Boats **will** report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC signal boat upon finishing either verbally or by VHF.
 - 11.2. Scoring inquiries, protests and request for redress forms are available at the SSS office.
 - 11.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the race committee Finish Boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board at SSS.
12. Notices will be posted after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the notice board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 13.2. Low Point System in Appendix "A" shall apply except that
 - 13.2.1. A boats score shall be the sum of all the races with no throwout. This modifies RRS Appendix A2.1.
 - 13.2.2. A boat recorded TLE shall be scored with 2 more points than the last boat to finish that race. This modifies RRS Appendix A5.2.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Check-in Procedures
 - 14.1.1. Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgement from the Race Committee.
- 14.2. A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.
- 14.3. Motorboat operators of a motorboat less than 26 feet in length shall be attached to an Engine Safety Cut-Off Switch before the engine is started and at all times when it is operational.

15. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 15.1. One-design
 - 15.1.1. Unless expressly permitted by the class rules, crew substitutions are prohibited unless there is an injury or emergency.
 - 15.1.2. Any substitutions shall attempt to be of similar size and must be authorized by petitioning the Race Committee."
- 15.2. Unless prohibited by class rules, substitution of damages or lost equipment will be allowed provided they comply with class rules.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1. Coaches/ team leaders must register with the Race Committee and declare the boats supported.
- 16.2. Coach/team leaders and other support staff shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or

retired or the Race Committee has signaled a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

- 16.2.1. The race area is defined by 100 yards from the lay lines.
- 16.3. No wake of any kind, obstructing a competitor's course or wind is permitted.
- 16.4. Failure to keep clear is a protestable infraction may result in a penalty including a percentage or a DSQ of the supported competitor(s) at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 16.5. Coach/support boats shall carry a working VHF radio and monitor the race on channel [71] One Design and [78] PHRF.
- 16.6. Support boats may be required to act as safety boats upon instruction from a race official.

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 17.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones or any other communication device.

18.2. VHF Ch 71 - One Design

18.3. VHF Ch 78 - PHRF

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Start Mark - Green

Mark 1 - Orange Tetrahedron

Mark 1a - Small ball type mark

Mark 2s/2p – Orange Tetrahedrons

Mark 1.2 – Orange Cylinder

Finish - Small ball type

