

Notice of Race (NOR) Open House Regatta Sunday, May 25, 2025

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 This regatta will consist of one race for PHRF (A, B, C, CC-SPIN, CC-NS) sailboats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, one-design classes, and other cruising class sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC.

1.2 The format for all boats will be one short-distance, staggered start race around government and drop marks. CC-NS will be sailed allowing only one (1) headsail downwind.

1.3 This Notice of Race (NOR) will constitute the complete NOR for this event unless updated on the FBYC website (<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29048>) on the event site on Regatta Network.

2. RULES

2.1 The Organizing Authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club

2.2 Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28*.

2.3 Alterations, deletion, and addition of the rules may be made by the following documents; any conflict will be resolved in favor of the later document in the list.

Event Specific Notice of Race

Event Sailing Instructions

3. ENTRIES AND QUALIFICATION

3.1 In the event of a conflict between the SER (Safety Equipment Requirements) and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

3.2 Qualification. Races are open to PHRF Handicap, One Design class boats, as well as any Cruising Class (CC-Spin & CC-NS) boats. **Boats without ratings will be assigned a courtesy rating.**

3.3 A competitor who will not have reached his/her 19th birthday by December 31 of the current year may race as a Junior.

3.4 Registration. A completed entry on the corresponding Regatta Network event site, prior to the start of the first race of the event, is required for each event. A boat may not enter in more than one class in a start sequence. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to see that the completed online registration is submitted no later than the start of the event's first race, or by the deadline specified in the Event Notice.

3.5 Ratings: A boat entered in a CBYRA sanctioned Handicap Division class shall have a valid rating or measurement certificate on file with the appropriate CBYRA organization. PHRF entries shall also conform fully to the requirements described on the Entry Form under Class Information, unless otherwise stipulated in the Event Notice for a particular race or series. The Event Sailing Instructions may have additional requirements. The Race Committee may assign ratings to boats not holding valid certificates only for the purpose of club scoring in non-CBYRA sanctioned events (i.e. FBYC Cruising and Classic Divisions) or non-sanctioned classes. Such ratings are at the discretion of the Race Committee and not subject to appeal.

3.6 Sail Numbers: For any sanctioned event, a boat shall display either US SAILING sail numbers, or the numbers listed by CBYRA, or the sail numbers listed in the roster of sail numbers as maintained by her class. It is the responsibility of the entrant to clearly identify the boat and its class. It is acceptable for a boat to race using sails that differ from that boat's proper sail number, so long as the skipper informs the Race Committee of the change prior to the first start of the day, and receives its acknowledgment.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 SCHEDULE

0900: Skippers Meeting (will receive start time)

1100: Warning for the first start for one staggered start, short-distance race around government and drop marks.

1300: Raft-up begins - join after completing the race. Raft breaks up at 1600.

1700: On shore social at clubhouse

4.2 TIME LIMIT If one boat in a class finishes within three (3) hours of the actual start time of the race for that class, then the race will be valid for all boats in that class. All boats must finish within 1h 30m of the first finisher or 1500, whichever is later.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29048> on the event Regatta Network site no later than 0800 the day of the event.

6. SKIPPERS' MEETING

6.1 A Skippers' Meeting and Flag Raising will be held at the Flagpole on the Jackson Creek side at 0900 of the day of the race. Any changes to the SIs for the races will be reviewed at this meeting.

7. RACING AREAS AND COURSES

7.1 Starts will be in Godfrey Bay and sail to the Bay around marks at the entrance of the Piankatank and then back to a finish near the club pier in Fishing Bay.

7.2 The course will use government marks in the Piankatank River and Piankatank Channel:

Start - the vicinity of Godfrey Bay.

X (drop mark 1)

R "12" - leave to starboard

R "8" - leave to port

FBYC B (yellow tetrahedron) - leave to starboard

Y (drop mark 2 - due east of FBYC B) starboard

G "5" - leave to port

G "7" - leave to port

R "8" - leave to starboard

R "12"- leave to starboard

Z (drop mark 3)

Finish - Between Z and Signal Boat, in the vicinity of the FBYC dock.

8. SCORING

8.1 All boats will be scored using the Portsmouth Rating in the order of their finish. Boats with PHRF ratings will be converted to Portsmouth. Boats without PHRF ratings will be assigned a courtesy rating. All Portsmouth scoring will utilize DPN-2.

9. AWARDS

9.1 As described in the Sailing Instructions

9.2 Every attempt will be made to announce and post results on the official notice board at the conclusion of each day's racing. Visiting boats desiring a copy of the race results should find them at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29048> on the event Regatta Network site or can contact the Offshore Division Lt. Commander.

10. INSURANCE

10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 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.

12. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS

12.1 Fishing Bay Yacht Club extends club privileges to visiting boats and crews participating in the events listed in the Sailing Events book. Boats desiring to layover should please contact the General Manager upon arrival – [804-334-7575](tel:804-334-7575). For those arriving via car, please observe all posted speed limits on Fishing Bay Road.