

2025 OD July 4th Distance Race

Notice of Race

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 The OD July 4th Distance Race is a handicap race open to any One Design boat 24' length and under at the waterline. There will be a single start for all classes. The Portsmouth Yardstick D-PN Handicap System will be used to score finishes using D-PN2. NO OPTIS WILL RACE IN THE LONG DISTANCE RACE DUE TO LONG DISTANCE AND RISK OF OPPRESSIVE HEAT.

2. RULES

2.1 The organizing authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC).

2.2 Races are governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing - 2025-2028*, except as changed by the Sailing Instructions which will take precedence.

2.3. The sailing instructions will be posted online at www.fbyc.net on the event Regatta Network site *no later than* 0800 the day of the event.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

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3.2 Advance registration is required on the event Regatta Network site. Boats not registered will not be scored. Current handicap ratings are found in FBYC Sailing Events Appendix "E", DPN-2 Portsmouth Handicaps, and online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>. For classes not listed in Appendix "E", go [here](#) (pdf US Sailing).

3.3 Sail Numbers: All boats will race using sail numbers as registered. Boats not using the registered sail number will not be scored for that race.

4. SCHEDULE

- 0930** Check-in - Downstairs porch, Main Clubhouse
- 1000** Skippers' Meeting, between the Main Clubhouse and dock on the Fishing Bay side. The PRO will ring the bell by the Clubhouse multiple times to signal the meeting
- 1100** Warning Signal. There will be one start for all classes. The class flag will be the numeral pennant "9" and the course number will be posted on the Signal boat.
- 1700** "Clubhouse Bar & Grill" Opens.
- 1700** On Shore Happy Hour and Gathering
- 1730 - 1900** Food served
- 1700 - 2000** Music and Yard Games

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted online at www.fbyc.net/events/ on the event Regatta Network site no later than 0800 the day of the event.

6. RACING AREA / COURSE

6.1 The racing area(s) will be in the Fishing Bay area and the mouth of the Piankatank River and specific designated area to be indicated in the event sailing instructions. The courses will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.

7. SCORING

7.1 The scoring system will be as defined in Sailing Instructions, except as modified by an individual addendum of the Event sailing instructions. All Portsmouth scoring will utilize DPN-2.

8. PRIZES

8.1 The skipper of the winning boat will receive the Hicks Trophy upon which his/her name will be engraved. Other awards are as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

9.1 Competitors participate in a regatta entirely at their own risk, per 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.

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. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

11.1 The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall be responsible for all actions of his/her crew and guests.

11.2 In the event of a serious breach of conduct or sportsmanship, the destruction of property, or the failure to comply with a request of the Club Manager, a Club Officer, or a member of the FBYC Race Committee, the offending sailor may be evicted from the FBYC premises. The Skipper/Owner will be responsible for all damages, and the Race Committee may rescind the boat's entry at any time during the regatta.

11.3 The consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage crew members or guests will lead to the immediate disqualification of a boat from the event.

12. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS

12.1 FBYC extends club privileges to visiting boats and crews participating in the events listed in the Special Sailing Instructions. Boats desiring to layover shall contact the General Manager at (804) 334-7575 upon arrival.