

2025 Jere Dennison Legacy Regatta

Saturday, Aug 2, 2025

Notice of Race

1. RULES

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

1.2 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Skippers must be at least 60 years of age on race day. Crew may be of any age, but may not take the tiller during races, except during an emergency, or the boat is subject to protest and may be disqualified.

2.2 Skippers who are at least 70 years of age on race day may also compete for the Vintage Skipper Award.

2.3 The event is open to Flying Scot, Melges 15, and other recognized One Design classes having 3 or more entries, as well as Classic and Portsmouth classes also having 3 or more entries.

2.3.1 The Classic Division is open to any Classic boat design of 25' length or under at the waterline and will be scored using DPN-2.

2.3.1.1 A determination of a yacht's qualification as a Classic design and the assignment of ratings for yachts that may not have an official Portsmouth Handicap Rating will be made by the Regatta Organizational Committee. Therefore advance registration for those entering to race in this division is strongly encouraged.

2.4 Any class not meeting the 3 boat minimum of entries by the skippers meeting will be moved to a combined Portsmouth Handicap fleet and scored using DPN-2.

2.5 Competitors competing with Portsmouth Handicap classes must enter their boat's US Sailing Portsmouth DPN-2 Code in Regatta Network. See Appendix E:
<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing-documents/appendix/>

2.5.1 Boats reassigned to the Portsmouth class for failure to meet the 3 boat minimum will have their entries updated by the RC to include a Portsmouth DPN-2 rating.

2.6 All entries must complete the required event registration on the Regatta Network (RN) by the end of the Skippers' Meeting. Boats not registered will not be scored..

2.7 Sail Numbers: All boats will race using sail numbers as registered. Boats without sail numbers may have a designation defined by the RC. Boats not using the registered/designated sail numbers may not be scored for that race.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Saturday, August 2, 2025

3.2 Event Schedule

0900-1000 Late Registration, Check in at the porch of the main clubhouse

1030 Skippers' Meeting

1200 Warning Signal for the first race

3.3 No races will be started after 1500.

3.4 Refreshments, Cookout and Awards will happen as soon as practical after racing.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event Regatta Network site no later than 0800 the day of the event.

5. RACING AREA

5.1 The racing area(s) will be in Fishing Bay or the mouth of the Piankatank River as designated by the Race Chair at the skippers meeting.

6. SCORING

6.1 One completed race shall constitute the regatta.

6.2 Low-point scoring will apply.

7. AWARDS

7.1 This Regatta is a Special Event. Prizes will be awarded to qualifying skippers as determined by the Event Chair and Race Chair. A Vintage Skipper Award will be given to the sailor skipper of at least 70 years of age who places highest in each boat class.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

8.1 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.

9. Insurance

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

10. CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS

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

10.2 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, the Event Chair, or the Race Chair, 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.

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

11. NOTICE TO VISITING BOATS

11.1 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.