

*GULF ATLANTIC YACHT CLUB, INC.*  
2009 ANNUAL “SHAMROCK” REGATTA  
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009**

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**Place:** St. Johns River, out of Crystal Cove Marina, north of Palatka, FL (off US 17)

**Date:** Saturday, March 28, 2009

**Registration:** Separate race registration form must be completed in full and delivered to **Mary Bird, 1014 NE 3rd Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601** or completed prior to Skipper's meeting on race date. On-site registration begins at 0930 EDT on race date.

**Entry Fee:** \$35.00 if received by Tuesday, March 24, 2009, or, \$40.00 thereafter.

**Classes:** Portsmouth dinghies and open monohulls, Portsmouth multihulls, PHRF keelboats.

**Eligibility:** Portsmouth boats will be rated based on current US Sailing Portsmouth data. PHRF boats will be rated according to their PHRF NE Florida (First Coast Sailing Association) Certificate or, lacking such certificate, from current US Sailing PHRF data. Ratings are not protestable.

**Sail Numbers:** Boats with current US Sailing numbers or unique class numbers on their mainsails shall use those numbers. Boats without such numbers may, at the discretion of the organizers, be issued temporary numbers or other identifiers.

**Management:** This regatta will be managed by Gulf Atlantic Yacht Club, Inc., (“GAYC”) which is also the organizing authority.

**Intent:** Organized, friendly competition with emphasis on participation by skippers and crews with limited or no racing experience. Keep in mind GAYC's informal motto: “Not the San Diego Yacht Club”.

**Racing Rules:** The Racing Rules of Sailing **2009-12** (“RRS”), including US Sailing Prescriptions, and these Instructions govern the Regatta. The I-flag, Z-flag, and black-flag rules (RRS 30.1, 30.2, 30.3 respectively) are NOT in effect.

**Safety:** The prescription that flotation must be worn at Start and Finish is in effect. In addition, all competitors are required to conform with U.S. Coast Guard regulations concerning flotation and other required equipment. Skippers and crew members alike are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rules 1.1 (“Helping Those in Danger”), 1.2 (“Life Saving Equipment and Personal Buoyancy”) and 4 (“Decision to Race”).

**Check-in:** All skippers (or their designated representatives) must check in at Registration adjacent to the Crystal Cove launch ramp before the Skippers Meeting.

**Skippers Meeting:** 1100 EDT adjacent to the Crystal Cove launch ramp on Race Date. Lunch follows.

**Changes in Instructions:** Changes in these Sailing Instructions, if necessary, will be announced at the Skippers Meeting and repeated prior to each start sequence on VHF Channel 68, as well as available verbally from the Committee Boat.

**Approximate Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal multihulls 1300 EDT  
1<sup>st</sup> warning signal monohulls: 1310 EDT

Three races expected--one race constitutes a regatta.

**Start/Finish Courses and Marks:** To be announced at Skippers Meeting and on VHF Channel 68 prior to each starting sequence. Multihull course expected to be an extension of the monohull course. The Race Committee may shorten the course if necessary in accordance with RRS Rule 32, except that verbal or VHF Channel 68 notice may be used.

**Time Limit:** The time limit for the first boat in each race shall be 2.0 (two) hours. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first boat will be scored "Did Not Finish": These limits modify RRS Rule 35.

**Penalties:** The 720 penalty rule (RRS 44.1, 44.2) is in effect. Any boat which did penalty turns must notify the Race Committee promptly after finishing.

**Protests:** In keeping with "Intent" above, protests are not encouraged. Any protesting boat must notify the Race Committee of the intent to protest promptly after finishing. Protests must be filed with the Race Committee in writing within one hour of the conclusion of the race in question. Protests will be heard in approximately the order in which they were filed.

**Scoring:** Portsmouth: time on time; PHRF: time on distance.

**Prizes:** To be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

**Information:** For general information other than Registration, check the GAYC web page <http://www.gulfatlanticyachtclub.com/>. For information on handicaps and other Notice of Race and Sailing Instruction details, contact either the Principal Race Officer Dave Carlson (352-332-1049; dacarls@gmail.com) or his Assistant, Magalie Laniel (352-562-4030; magalune@gmail.com)