



Ford Yacht Club

Frostbite Regatta

October 12, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE / SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats with a valid PHRF certificate
- 2.2. Boats not having a PHRF-LE certificate will be assessed a rating at the discretion of the FYC Race Committee. We will do our best to match a proper PHRF-LE rating to your boat.
- 2.3. Entry must be completed on www.noticeofrace.net by 900 hours on the day of racing.

3. FEES

- 3.1. No entry Fee – Donations of \$20 to Sail GI are welcome.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. First start will be at 1100 hours on October 12, 2025
- 4.2. The RC reserves the right to move the race as necessary depending on weather and participation.

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the Ford Yacht Club's Peg Spriggs Pavilion near the fuel dock in the East Basin
- 5.2 There will be a mandatory skippers meeting at 0930 hours at the Ford Yacht Club Peg Sprigg's Pavillion. This is **MANDATORY** to receive your starting time, the R/C boat will not be equipped to determine starting times while on station!

6. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 900 hours on the day of the race.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1. Signals will not be made ashore, any communications before the race will take place at the skipper's meeting.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing area is located South of Grosse Ile and to the West of the international shipping channel.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The course is from R2 to the Detroit River Light and back to R2. All marks are to be passed to port.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks will be:

R2 bouy located at N42.04.344 W083.09.202 (Red Shape)

Detroit River Light at N42.00.052 W083.08.474 (White/Black Light House)

11. START

- 11.1. Races will be started using a pursuit style system with boats expected to use GPS time to start their race.
- 11.2. An attempt will be made to have a single horn blast at 10:55 and again at 11:00 to help skipper's sync their watches if they do not have a GPS
- 11.3. To start the race, boats will need to round R2, keeping the buoy to port. Boats may not round the mark any earlier than their posted start time as listed in the pursuit start sheet. Boat shall go from a Westerly heading to a course heading to complete the rounding, and be within 1-3 boat lengths of the buoy.

12. FINISH

- 12.1. The finish will be similar to the start. Boats will need to round the R2 mark to port to a Westerly direction to officially finish the race. Boats are to take their own finish times.
- 12.2. Crews will also need to note the boat ahead and boat astern

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. Protest forms are available in the Ford Yacht Club lobby and www.ussailing.org. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to a sail committee member, mailbox on the official notice board, sail committee mailbox in the Ford Yacht Club lobby within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat has finished for that boats class.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which shall be posted on the official notice board, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. Time limit for all class is 1500 hours.
- 15.2. Boats failing to finish by 1500 hours will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1. Support boats shall be marked with a "RC" flag or "Race Patrol" flag.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats except as provided in the sailing instructions. The restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2. The Race Committee will make general announcements on and monitor VHF channel 71

18. AWARDS

18.1. Awards shall be presented at the FYC Awards Night

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

20. INSURANCE

20.1. The owner of each participating boat is responsible to maintain liability insurance on his or her vessel. A minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage is recommended.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1. For further information please contact the Ford Yacht Club Race Committee at fycraces@gmail.com