



# Geechee Sailing Club

47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S REGATTA

MARCH 21 - 22, 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE



### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 7pm on Thursday, March 19, on the Regatta Network Event Site: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30715>

### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at the Regatta Network Event Site.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Hailing Channel **72**.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on the VHF Hailing Channel.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all self-righting yachts with a PHRF rating between 40 and 300 whose length overall is 17' or greater.
- 4.2 Other yachts may participate at the discretion of the Geechee Sailing Club.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering on the Event Site above by Friday, March 20, 8pm.
- 4.4 Late Entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 4.5 Classes are defined as follows:
  - 4.5.1 Day 1 (Saturday) Fleet Racing: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Rhodes 19. Additional classes may be created for five or more similar boats.
  - 4.5.2 Day 2 (Sunday) Pursuit Racing: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.
- 4.6 Additional Information: A Crew Board is active. Go to **Newsroom & Results** menu at top of Event Site.

### 5 FEES

The entry fee is \$75 which includes one short-sleeve collared regatta shirt (moisture wicking, breathable, UPF 50) plus Skipper and Crew access to the Saturday Social. Additional tickets for Saturday night can be purchased for \$10 per person. Additional shirts are \$25 each.

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Friday, March 20 - Competitor's meeting at 7pm via Zoom
- 6.2 Saturday, March 21

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is Saturday at **11am**.

Two additional races may be held as time and conditions permit. If no races are completed on Saturday, then fleet racing may be rescheduled to Sunday in lieu of a pursuit race.

Evening Social: 5-8pm at Molly McGuire's on Wilmington Island

6.3 Sunday, March 22

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the pursuit race is Sunday at **11am**.

Sunday's Pursuit Course Start Sheet with times will be made available on the Event Site by 9pm on Saturday.

7 **VENUE** - Races will be sailed in the Wilmington River, Wassaw Sound, and Atlantic Ocean.

8 **COURSES**

8.1 Courses will be around government and drop marks.

8.2 Starting sequences for the first race on Saturday will sound close to marker 23.

8.3 Sunday's starting area will be emailed to the registered participants by 9pm Saturday.

8.4 Predefined courses will be in the Sailing Instructions.

9 **PENALTY SYSTEM** - RRS Appendix V applies.

10 **SCORING & RATINGS:**

10.1 Ratings will be assigned by the Geechee Sailing Club based on the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Handicapping Policies and Procedures.

10.2 Races on Saturday will be scored time-on-time.

10.3 The Pursuit Race will be scored time-on-distance.

10.4 Low Point Scoring system RRS A2 will be used. There will be no throw-outs.

10.5 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11 **RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

12 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of [\$250,000|\$1,000,000] per incident or the equivalent.

13 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second, and Third Place in each class for both fleet racing and pursuit racing. Additional awards, such as a Sportsmanship Award, may be given at the discretion of the Race Committee.

14 **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CREW**

Boats shall not have more than N people over 16 years old aboard, where N is: LOA times 0.3 minus 2, with all fractions rounded up.

15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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