

Second Annual BLUE Regatta

**March 14, 2015
Notice of Race**



1. AUTHORITY AND RULES.

This is a pursuit-start regatta organized by the Palm Beach Sailing Club. The regatta will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules), the rules of PHRF of Southeast Florida, and the rules of any One Design classes competing, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING.

Competitor advertising restrictions will not apply, but boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY.

The regatta is open to all monohulls and catamarans over 23 feet in length. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Regatta Network website at www.regattanetwork.com.

4. CLASSES

4.1 Entrants are eligible to register for ONE of the following Classes:

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| PHRF | (PHRF of Southeast Florida certificate required). |
| ARC * | (Assigned Rating Class - Spinnakers and specialty sails allowed). |
| ONE DESIGN | At least four yachts of the same type. |
| CATAMARANS | (Current MASF or PHRF/SEF Rating Certificate required for One Design class) * |
| CRUISING CANVAS * (JAM) | (For yachts not ordinarily raced. Only working sails allowed: i.e. Main, jib, mizzen. No spinnakers or specialty sails) |

*Note - Race Committee will assign yachts a rating based on information supplied with entry.

4.2 RATINGS

The Race Committee will adjust a rating to the closest number to "0" or "5" in order to maintain starting times on the minute. (Example: A PHRF Rating of 162 will be adjusted to 160, A PHRF Rating of 183 will be adjusted to 185).

5. ENTRIES

5.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry of any yacht at any time prior to the start of the race.

5.2 Entry Fee: \$100.00 per vessel if received by 1800, March 12, 2015. Entries through the Regatta Network website only, (regattanetwork.com). The entry fee includes one dinner. Additional crew dinner, \$25.00.

5.3 Late entry fee \$150 per vessel if received no later than 1600 on March 13, 2015, which is the absolute cut-off time.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, March 13, 2015: Mandatory Skipper's Meeting 1800, Palm Beach Sailing Club

Saturday, March 14, 2015: First Warning 1155
Awards and FUNdraising party, PBSC, 1700

In honor of the historic Pi Day, teams celebrating Pi will receive special attention. Bribery in the form of donations to Seminole Trails School will be cheerfully accepted.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions showing the course to be sailed and starting time assignments will be distributed at the Skipper's Meeting.

8. COURSE TO BE SAILED.

The Race Committee intends to set four inflatable marks, one (Mark "A") near shore and approximately 7/8 nautical mile south of the Lake Worth Inlet, a second mark (Mark "B") approximately one mile east, a third mark (Mark "C") near shore in the vicinity of the Breakers Hotel and a fourth mark (Mark "D") approximately one mile east of Mark "C". The course to be sailed will be posted on a board on the starboard side of the Signal Boat and announced by the Race Committee. It is the intention of the Race Committee to set a twelve nautical mile course. Staggered starts will be made by handicap rating from highest to lowest time allowance. The Race Committee will place One-Design and other special fleets in the starting order by an assigned rating. Individual starting times will be posted and distributed at the Skipper's Meeting.

9. DOCKAGE AND ANCHORAGE

A limited number of participating boats may anchor near the Club in Lake Worth east of the Intracoastal Waterway. The Palm Beach Sailing Club will provide courtesy shuttle service for the Awards and FUNdraising party, call the Club on Channel 16 or telephone (561) 881-0809. Docking at Palm Beach Sailing Club is limited to 15 minutes.

10 SCORING

10.1 Because this is a pursuit start, a yacht's finish position determines her score. Should the course be shortened, the Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" of the Rules will apply.

10.2 Scoring will be by Class or by Section within a Class. A Class may be divided into Sections according to rating handicaps and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee. Each entry is eligible for scoring in only one Class or Section within a class. (This changes Appendix "A".)

11. PRIZES

Individual trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in each class. The King or Queen of the Gulf Stream Trophy will be awarded to the skipper raising the most money for the school. Additional trophies may be awarded based on criteria selected by the Race Committee.

12 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

12.1 For additional information regarding the Second Annual BLUE Regatta, please visit: www.pbsail.org or call Scott Roads (561) 644-5124.

12.2 Every yacht entered shall carry liability insurance of at least \$300,000 per incident.

12.3 All proceeds after expenses benefit Seminole Trails Elementary School students enrolled in the Autism Spectrum Disorders program. Please let us emphasize, THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT! There will be recognition for individual, corporate and yacht fundraising efforts. Please, no whining about ratings or decisions of the Race Committee.

Thank you for your support!