



BLUE REGATTA FOR AUTISM

SATURDAY, MAR 11, 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. AUTHORITY & RULES

The Palm Beach Sailing Club invites you to participate in the Fourth Annual Blue Regatta for Autism benefiting the Potentia Academy, a not-for-profit private school for children with special learning needs including autism spectrum disorders <http://www.potentiaacademy.org>

Please let us emphasize, THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT. There will be recognition for individual, corporate and yacht fundraising efforts. Donations made be made directly to the Palm Beach Sailing Club or via GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/pbsc-blue-regatta-for-autism> - please share this link with your crew!

This is a pursuit-start regatta organized by the Palm Beach Sailing Club. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, 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 self-rescuing sailboats minimum 15' LOA minimum crew of two people. All entries must carry an operating VHF radio. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the Regatta Network website at www.regattanetwork.com.

4. CLASSES

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

- PHRF with Spinnaker (PHRF of Southeast Florida rating required)
- Cruising Jib and Main (PHRF of Southeast Florida rating required)
- True cruising multihulls (MASF rating required)
- Performance cruising multihulls (MASF rating required)



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- Day-sailing keelboats
- Day-sailing dinghies
- Beach multihulls

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 – cut-off is 6:00 pm Thurs March 9, 2017. Entries are through the Regatta Network website **only** – www.regattanetwork.com

5.3 The entry fee includes one dinner. Additional crew dinners \$25.00. Contact office@pbsail.org

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Pre-race mixers for skippers and crew to match up – Fri Mar 3rd & Wed Mar 8th, 6:30 pm at Palm Beach Sailing Club – contact fleetcaptain@pbsail.org

Mandatory Skipper's Meeting - Fri Mar 10th, 7:00 pm at Palm Beach Sailing Club

Warning for first start - Sat Mar 11th at 11:55 am

Awards and Dinner – Sat Mar 11th at 6:00 pm (bar open at 5:00 pm) at Palm Beach Sailing Club

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 is scheduled to be 12 nautical miles in length with multiple points of sail. A 6 mile (short course) will be used if conditions dictate.

9. SCORING / AWARDS

9.1 As this is a pursuit start, a yacht's finish position determines her score. Should the course



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be shortened, the Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" of the Rules will apply.

9.2 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".)

9.3 Minimum 3 entries: first place; 4-6 entries : first & second place; 7-9 entries: first, second, & third place.

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10.1 For additional information regarding the Fourth Annual BLUE Regatta, contact Fleet Captain Alex Hill at fleetcaptain@pbsail.org

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

10.3 All proceeds after expenses benefit the Potentia Academy 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. Donations made be made directly to the Palm Beach Sailing Club or via GoFundMe at: <https://www.gofundme.com/pbsc-blue-regatta-for-autism> - please share this link with your crew!

Thank you for your support!