



2026 Cock Island Race

Notice of Race

Sponsored by: Portsmouth Boat Club and Safety Town
Friday and Saturday, June 12th and 13th, 2026

Official Sailing Instructions, updates and other information posted at
www.cockislandrace.com

Entries: Entry fee of \$100.00 due no later than Wednesday, June 11th. **Early Bird Registration rate of \$85.00 applies for Registrations paid on or before April 17th.**

Registration opens **February 16th**. There is a 100-boat limit. [Register online](#). **Questions** should be addressed to Jimmy Schools at jimmyschools@yahoo.com. Details and updated information is available at www.cockislandrace.com.

Classes: 2026 PHRF of the Chesapeake splits will apply to PHRF classes but may be modified by the number of entrants. There will be monohull racing in PHRF Classes A, B, C, N (non-spinnaker/single headsail) and CC NS (non-spinnaker/single headsail). All boats registering in PHRF classes **MUST** furnish a valid current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating **no later than June 10th**. There will also be one or more Cruising classes for non-rated boats. Cruising Class boats will have a non-appealable courtesy PHRF rating assigned by the Race Committee. There will also be a Schooner Class and a Multi-hull Class which shall rate/score themselves.

Start/Finish: The start/finish line will be on the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River, just off the Portsmouth Seawall near Tidewater Yacht Marina.

Starting Signals: The starting sequence will commence at 9:00 am ET, using RRS Rule 26 as modified by the [Cock Island Race Sailing Instructions](#).

Course: The potential courses will be defined in the [Cock Island Race Sailing Instructions](#) posted at www.cockislandrace.com, which may be updated as late as 8:00 am on June 12th. These courses will be around marks in the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads. Actual race course will be announced/displayed at the seawall start/finish line by 8:30 am ET the morning of the Race.

Time Limit: The time limit is 3:00 pm ET. Boats not finished by that time will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

Protests: In order to protest, a skipper must comply with RRS Rule 61 and inform the Race Committee at the finish line immediately upon finishing; the boat must deliver the protest in writing, using RRS format, to the RC Chair at the Portsmouth Boat Club no later than 4:00 pm ET on race day. The protest will be heard prior to the awards ceremony.

Reliance Upon Web-site for Sailing Instructions and Amendments to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. It is your obligation to **check the web-site** at www.cockislandrace.com **as no separate notice is required to be given of an amendment** to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions may be amended on the web-site up until 8:00 am on June 12th.

Schedule:

Friday the 12th

5:00-8:00 pm Boat Check-in at Portsmouth Boat Club. Check-in, pick-up your Swag Bag, have some beers & hors d'oeuvres & meet your fellow Racers!
6:30 pm Skipper's Meeting (mandatory) at the Portsmouth Boat Club

Saturday the 13th

7:30 am Continental Breakfast at Tidewater Yacht Marina
9:00 am-3:00 pm Racing! (well, *RACING* for some, and "racing" for others!)
4:00-9:00 pm Live Music (5:00 PM), Food and Libations at the Post-Race Party at North Landing downtown Portsmouth. Old Portside location.
6:00 pm Awards Ceremony

Note: The Portsmouth Boat Club is located at 20 Elm Avenue, Portsmouth. On Friday, a shuttle will run from 4-9:30 pm, every 30 minutes, to and from Tidewater Yacht Marina and the Boat Club. **Please consider tipping the shuttle driver.**



Check out <https://www.cockislandrace.com/> for all updates.