



Portsmouth Boat Club

2024 Halloween Race

October 26th 2024

Saturday,

10:00am Start

Notice of Race

Purpose: This race is intended to promote friendly, yet competitive sailboat racing, and racers are expected to recognize and allow for the mixed skill levels of their competitors.

Classes: There will be classes for sailboats at least 20' length-on-deck (LOD). If in doubt, the Race Committee will determine eligibility. The class splits shall be determined to promote competition by similarly performing vessels. Three boats shall normally be entered to establish an individual class. "PHRF of the Chesapeake" ratings or the US Sailing database will be used as required. If a competitor does not have a current PHRF certificate, a courtesy rating will be assigned by the Race Committee. A courtesy rating is final and cannot be protested.

Format: The Race will be held on the Elizabeth River, starting and finishing between the starting flag on the Seawall south of Tidewater Yacht Marina or a nearby anchored RC boat and the flagpole on the end of the ship repair pier northwest of the Berkley bridge at Washington point on the Norfolk side of the River. Government marks will be used to define the course. The race sequence will start at **10:00 am**. See the Sailing Instructions for full information. The course selection shall be displayed at the Start line 10 minutes before the start of the Race.

MONITOR VHF CHANNEL 72 to stay up to date on any changes for START & FINISH LINE

Rules: The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2021 US Sailing/ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions on the Halloween Race webpage. Each competitor will comply with Federal, State, and Local safety requirements. Modifications to the Sailing Instructions during the Race will be posted on the Halloween Race webpage, www.cockislandrace.com/halloween-regatta, no less than twenty-four hours before the Race start or announced by the Race Committee via "come within hail" flag.

Skipper's Meeting: There will **not** be a Skipper's Meeting. Make sure to read, print and follow all Sailing Instructions. All communication regarding the race will be via email or text.

Race after party: There will be a race party at the club house after each race. The clubhouse is located at **Portsmouth Boat Club, 20 Elm Ave, Portsmouth, VA 23705**. The club will provide burgers and hot dogs from the grill along with your favorite sides such as baked beans and chips. Everyone is invited for fellowship and the sharing of greatly embellished sailing stories and all the reason why you didn't win that night's race. **There will be a \$6.00 fee to cover the food cost.** Please bring cash or check to "feed the shark". Check should be made out to Portsmouth Boat Club.

Entry: There is no entry fee for the event. Each skipper shall register on line at the Halloween Race webpage, www.cockislandrace.com/halloween-regatta. Your Registrations must be submitted no later than **5:00 PM on October 25, 2024**. Late registrations, if accepted, will incur a \$4 "feed the shark" penalty.

If you have any questions, contact jimmyschools@yahoo.com or 757 771-1586 cell.