

# 2025-26 Frostbite Series



Presented by:

## **Chatham Sailing Club**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

Current as of: Nov 8, 2025

The Chatham Sailing Club Race Committee shares the same passion that all the local racers have for a fun and competitive Regatta. With the help of The Landings Sailing Club, we will be hosting a series of races over the winter months to be used for crew training and friendly outdoor activity. This series is open to boats over 19'.

Regatta Dates –

Race #1 – November 15, 2025

Race #2 – January 10, 2026

And then every other Saturday:

Race #3 - January 24, 2026

Race #4 – February 7, 2026

Race #5 - February 21, 2026

Race #6 – March 7, 2026

Registration and updates will be via a google form. Use the link below to register before each race:

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

Click the link below to see current registrants:

[Current Registrants](#)

The registrants list will be cleared after each race day. Registrants will be the boats registered for the upcoming race date.

Schedule –

The first class start will be at 12 PM. The start/finish line will be in the Wilmington River, in the vicinity of Government Marker G23. There will be multiple starts if needed for different classes, using a 5-minute start sequence.

The Landings Sailing Club committee boat will often be on station to run starts and keep scores. If the committee boat is not available for a race, then starts will be managed by other racers and each boat will record and report their own finish times via email to dpwlsn@gmail.com.

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2025-26 Frostbite Series is the Chatham Sailing Club Race Committee. The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event; the right to determine the eligibility of any boat/class/rating; removal for safety violation; final ruling on rule interpretation; make changes when needed.

Safety –

Please make sure all boats are safe and adhering to local, state, and Coast Guard regulations. Safety First!

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS — latest version and included amendments).
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except for breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark. For breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark, the Two-Turns Penalty shall apply.
- 1.3 A boat which runs aground may use her engine to help free her-self without improving her position as allowed by RRS 42.3(i).

### **2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1 We will refresh the google doc each week to reflect the date of the race. There will be no fee for the series as we plan to keep expenses to a minimum.

#### **2.2 CLASSES**

Spinnaker equipped boats  
Non-spinnaker equipped boats  
Rhodes 19

If there is a Race Committee boat, the following colors are assigned to the class flags:

Spinnaker Yellow Flag  
Non-spinnaker White Flag  
Rhodes 19 Rhodes 19 Class Flag

### **3. SCHEDULE OF RACES — There will be 1 or more races per day.**

### **4. RACING AREAS**

Primarily in the Wilmington and Skidaway Rivers. Perhaps into the Wassaw Sound depending on where the wind is.

### **5. THE COURSES**

- 5.1 The courses will be laid out to take best advantage of wind and location, consisting of windward and leeward legs. Government markers will often be used as turning marks.

- 5.2 Courses will be announced via VHF Channel 71.

### **6. MARKS – STARTING AND FINISH LINES**

- 6.1 The course will be set by the RC. We will try to use fixed marks in the river if the tide level allows. All government aids to navigation must be adhered to unless they are specified as rounding marks for a course.
- 6.2 If there is no Race Committee boat, the start/finish line will consist of Government Marker G23 and an orange hippity-hop east of G23. The start line is OPEN after the start of each race until the beginning of the next one. This may be changed by on-the-water instructions before the warning signal.

6.3 If there is a Race Committee boat, the start line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy/ball. The finish line will be between the blue flag on the Race Committee boat and an inflatable buoy/ball.

## 7. THE START & FINISH

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

7.2 The Race Committee will hail starting instructions and starting order on VHF channel 71.

7.3 Approximately 1 minute prior to Warning Signals for each Class, as a courtesy, the Race Committee will make several short sound signals.

8. TIMING — On occasion, The Landings Sailing Club committee boat will be on station for the starts and finishes. If that boat is not available on certain days, the race start will be managed by a racing boat. In that case, each boat is requested to keep their own elapsed time and report their finish time and/or elapsed time to the PRO, Doug Powelson, [dpwlsn@gmail.com](mailto:dpwlsn@gmail.com) after the race.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM - The Scoring Penalty, per the RRS.

## 10. PROTESTS

Since it will be difficult to have face-to-face meetings with skippers or a protest committee, we hope that any protests can be settled on the water by the parties involved.

If an external judgment is required, protests shall be delivered to the Primary Race Officer via text (912-665-5485) within 30 minutes after the end of races. We will call the involved parties by telephone to hear complaints.

## 11. SCORING

11.1 Race day scoring will be the low point system. The series scoring will be the high point system. PHRF corrected times will use the Time over Time calculation.  $TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF)$ . One Design Class racing for 3 or more boats of the same class. PHRF racing will have two classes: Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker.

11.2 We will use the best 5 corrected results across all 6 race dates to amass a summary race result for the series (i.e. 1 throwout).

## 12. TRASH DISPOSAL

Any boat observed littering the river will be marked DSQ for 1 race.

13. PRIZES — Bragging rights, who really needs more “things.”

## 14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.