

Notice of Race

Regattas in The Abacos (RiTA)

June 22nd to June 28th, 2025

Hosted by the RiTA Organising Committee



1. Rules. The event will be governed by:
 - 1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS)
 - 1.2. The Race Committee may set rules specific to this event which may supersede parts of the RRS.
2. Advertising:
 - 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
 - 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority (sponsor flags on backstay)
3. Entry & Eligibility:
 - 3.1. The RiTA series of races is open to all seaworthy sailboats which are not less than 20 feet in length and who have a PHRF rating or equivalent for the SE USA area or as determined by the race committee.
 - 3.2. Competitors must have submitted a complete Registration Form and payment to the Race Committee before 0900 on the day of the race they intend to partake, together with the required registration fee(s).
4. Registration & Fees:
 - 4.1. Early Registration ends May 22nd 2025.
 - 4.2. Competitors may register anytime until 0900 of the day of the race for any of the daily races.
 - 4.3. Registration fees are \$110 Per Race, or \$525 for the entire regatta. Early Registration rate of \$425 for the entire regatta if paid in full and registration form received on or before the early registration cut off day at 1700 hours.
5. Event Format:
 - 5.1. The Race Committee will attempt to accommodate all registered competitors as far as possible.
 - 5.2. The regatta will constitute a 5 races series.
 - 5.3. Each class will comprise a minimum of 3 boats. If enough competitors attend additional classes will be created on an "as needed" basis and determined by the Race Committee.
 - 5.4. Intended classes of boats for this event will 1) PHRF with spinnaker, 2) PHRF without spinnaker 3) multi hull class and 4) 'mothertub' class for slower, heavier cruising vessels who do not have PHRF certificate and ratings may change during the event between races. More classes will be added if the number of competitors registered allows.
- 5.5. Schedule of Events:
 - 5.5.1. Sunday June 22nd, 2025 - Registration & Skippers Meeting At Green Turtle Cay, Tranquil Turtle, Bluff House 1600 hours.

Monday June 23rd, 2025 - Race #1 Green Turtle Cay, "Round The Bouys", Start Time 1100. Awards presentation & party at New Plymouth Basketball court, Start time 1700.

Tuesday June 24th, 2025. Lay Day, no race. Fleet moves to Guana Cay. Party at Grabbers 1700 hours

Wednesday June 25th - Race #2 Great Guana Cay "Round the Bouys" start at 1100. Awards presentation & party Kidz Cove, Guana Cay Start time 1700

Thursday June 26th, Race #3 – Race will begin near Guana Cay and end outside Marsh Harbour. Course TBA. Start time 1100. Awards presentation & party Marsh Harbour, Colours Restaurant time 1700

Friday June 27th, Race #4– Race will begin outside Marsh Harbour and end outside Hope Town Harbour. Course TBA. Start time 1100. Awards presentation & party in Hope Town/Elbow Cay, Seaspray Marina time 1700

Saturday June 28th, Race #5– Hope Town "Round the Bouys" start at 1100. Final awards presentation & party Hope Town Inn & Marina Start time 1700

6. Courses: The races will comprise of 2 'point to point' destination races and 3 'round the bouys' races as outlined in the schedule above. Details of the courses will be included in the Sailing Instructions provided at the skippers meeting June 22nd, 2025. There will be complimentary dinghy tow for tenders not larger than 10 feet to assist competitors during races #3 and #4. The organization take no responsibility for damage to or loss to tenders/dinghies. The dinghy tow start and end locations will be near the start/finish of the race and identified by a yellow tow rope and white RiTA flag.
7. Scoring & Penalties: The low point scoring system of Appendix A will be used. Penalties and protests in accordance with RRS 2025-28. There will be no 'drop race'.
8. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The Directors, Flag Officers, and Staff Members of the RTIA Regatta Race Committee and any and all Sponsors shall not be held liable for, nor will accept any responsibility for any injury or loss of life to participants or others. In addition, RTIA shall not be responsible or held liable in any way, for any loss of, or damage to any vessel or property damage suffered in any way, from any cause, occurring during, or related to any and all RTIA race activity or any event or activity associated with the Regatta. The safety of a yacht or sailing vessel and her crew, the decision as to whether or not to start, and having started, whether or not to continue is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht's skipper.
9. Prizes: There will awards for the top 3 finishers of class of each daily race. There will be awards for the overall winner in each class on the final day of racing except the 'mothertub' cruising class.