



NOTICE OF RACE: Gaboon Race

48th Annual – since Phil started it.

Organizing Authority: Hampton Yacht Club 4707 Victoria Blvd Hampton, VA 23669

Pursuit Race

Sunday, December 6, 2026



SCAN to REGISTER & Event Details Page:

RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Hampton Yacht Club General Sailing Instructions will apply, supplemental Sailing Instructions may be posted to the online event details page.

COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online at the event details page.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

4.1 Eligible boats must be entered electronically through the event details page and received no later than 1600 on the day prior to the race.

4.2 Eligible boats must provide proof of a valid rating certificate applicable to their class (PHRF, ORC, etc.)

4.3 Any fleet change must be done via e-mail waterfront@hamptonyc.com, prior to the entry deadline.

ENTRY FEE

5.1 Individual Event Entry

- a. The entry for HYC/CCVR Members is \$60
- b. The entry for non members is \$75

QUALIFYING SERIES

6.1 This event will count towards the HYC Cup.

VENUE and COURSE

7.1 **COURSE:** Designated Harbor Marks will be used:

Start, A (Star) , E (Port) , H (Star), I (Star), B (Port) , A (Star) , Finish (8.2 nm)



7.2 Course and starting times will be available at the Check-In table in the lounge after 1000 the day of the race. Watches may be synchronized with RC time at Check-In Table in the lounge before the race.

SCORING

8.1 After starting, racing is boat-for-boat (first to finish wins!). The RC will record and post the order of finish plus the results for each fleet in the lounge following racing. To relieve congestion and facilitate identification of premature starters, a yacht may not maneuver within 100 yards of the starting line until 4 minutes before its starting time.

8.2 Except for PHRF Cruising, boats wishing to race without spinnakers will receive an 18 sec/mile allowance and may use double-headsails.

EQUIPMENT

9.1 All boats must meet US Sailing's "Nearshore" Safety Equipment Requirements.

SCHEDULE and ORDER OF STARTS

10.1 Pursuit Start (Staggered start) beginning at **1200**. (Fastest boat starts last!)

10.2 **STARTING TIME INSTRUCTIONS:** The start time for each yacht will be posted at the Check-In Table in the HYC lounge. Starting times are established by applying a PHRF handicap allowance. CR ratings will be used.

10.3 Sound signals will be made at 1155 and 1200 and will be announced on VHF-72. Boats starting prematurely will be hailed via VHF-72 and required to restart. No Flag "X" will be displayed, this changes RRS 29.1 and General Sailing Instruction 11.1.

TIME LIMIT

11.1 The first boat must finish before 1500. After the first boat finishes, boats not finished within 60 minutes will be scored DNF.

PROTESTS

12.1 Protests must be submitted in writing within one hour after the last boat finishes.

AWARDS/SOCIAL

Overall awards (including the coveted Gaboon Spitoon), Beverages and chili will be served immediately following racing at the HYC Clubhouse.

FURTHER INFORMATION

RC CHAIR / PRO: John McCarthy (757)814-8518 saltydog.pro@live.com