

North Florida Cruising Club Women's Regatta "Notice of Race" and "Sailing Instructions"

DATE & PLACE: Sunday, September 17, 1995; Skipper's Meeting at 1200 hrs., Race at 1300 hrs., EST, Navy Jax Yacht Club.

REGISTRATION: The standard Yacht Racing Form accompanying this notice must be completed in full and may be either mailed to Fred Cruess, Race Chairman, 1920 Layton Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32211-4723, (904) 743-0109 by Wednesday, September 13, 1995 or hand delivered to the Race Committee at the regular NFCC meeting on August 17, 1995. Race registrations will be accepted until noon the day of the race, but will incur a \$10.00 late fee after 9:00 p.m. September 13th. All registration forms must be accompanied with full registration fee. NFCC and US Sailing members pay \$15.00; non-members pay \$20.00; late registrants pay an additional \$10.00.

SPECIAL NOTE TO OPC YACHTS: Vessels with PHRF ratings wishing to race in the Open Provisional Class must submit in addition to the racing fee and entry form, an explanation as to why the entering yacht meets the requirements of OPC better than Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class. If accepted into the Open Provisional Class, the Race Committee, at its sole discretion, shall assign a rating to the yacht. The rating will be based on the following: current national PHRF ratings for comparative vessels, experience, and boat equipment.

ELIGIBILITY: All yachts will be assigned to one of three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, or Open provisional Class. At the sole discretion of the Race Committee, the classes may be subdivided to allow for more competitive racing.

MANAGEMENT: The race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club as the organizing authority.

RACING RULES: This race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of International Yacht Racing Union as adopted by the US Sailing Association d/b/a US Sailing f/k/a US Yacht Racing Union (IYRR), the current in effect PHRF-NE Florida Rules (except as altered herein) and these sailing instructions. Any yacht not in compliance with rule 25.2 of IYRR may be penalized 5 seconds per mile of the race course but will still be able to compete. Open Provisional Class will follow the above rules with the exception of PHRF-NE government.

CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Changes in these instructions will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting on the day of the race.

SKIPPER'S MEETING: The Skipper's Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon on September 17th and will take place at Navy Jax Yacht Club.

CHECK-IN: All vessels must check-in prior to the conclusion of the skipper's meeting.

COURSE: The course will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

START: All classes will receive a warning signal at 1250 hrs. and start the race 1300 hrs. This race will be started in accordance with IYRR 4.3 (a) system 2, (ii).

INDIVIDUAL RECALL: If an individual yacht is recalled, the committee boat will display code flag "X" with one sound signal. The race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the yachts concerned on VHF channel 68. Failure to make or hear such hail will neither be grounds for protest nor relieve a yacht of her responsibility to make a proper start.

GENERAL RECALL: If the start is recalled, the committee boat will display the code flag "First Substitute" with two sound signals. After a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after lowering the code flag "First Substitute" with one sound signal. Classes started subsequent to the class for which the General Recall was called shall be postponed accordingly.

POSTPONEMENT: If the race is postponed, the race committee boat will display the code flag "AP" with one sound signal. One minute after the lowering of this flag, the preparatory signal will be displayed.

RACE MODIFICATION: The race Committee may abandon, cancel, change or shorten the race in accordance with IYRR 5.

RESULTS: Finishing order will be scored electronically by corrected time based on rating applied to the elapsed time. Ties will not be broken. Race results will be mailed to each skipper and will be published in the Windscoop and Times Union. Trophies will be awarded at the November NFCC meeting, for 1st-3rd places in spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and Open Provisional Classes. In addition, a First All-Women Class Trophy will be awarded to the first all-women crewed vessel to finish in each class. The Henrietta "Hank" Jefferies Trophy will be awarded to the first all-women crewed vessel to finish based on corrected time. The NFCC meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at the Ramada Inn, I-295 & SR 13, at 1930 hrs.

PROTEST: All protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee within 48 hours after the race. Notice of protest must be given immediately after finishing by hail, and acknowledged by the race committee.

PENALTIES: The 720 degree turns penalty, Appendix B1 of IYRR will apply. Any yacht which exonerates herself from minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race Committee of such action at the finish line.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact: Fred Cruess, Race Captain, (904) 743-0109