

**NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ELPHICK MEMORIAL**  
**November 6, 2004**

**DATE & PLACE:** Saturday, November 6, 2004, one-half mile north of St. Johns River Entrance Marker "R-4" off Mayport, Florida.

**REGISTRATION:** The standard race entry form must be completed in full and filed with the Race Committee before 9:00 p.m., Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Yachts shall also be permitted to register on the water on the day of the race up until 10:00 AM. The Race Committee assumes no responsibility for delivery of entries submitted by mail. Entries will also be accepted at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00 for NFCC members, \$35.00 for Non-members.  
(Non-members \$30.00 with current US Sailing card)

**ELIGIBILITY:** All yachts must have a valid PHRF certificate from the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA). (PHRF Club Handicapper is Bubba Futch.) A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Racing Division must have her sail number on the mainsails, spinnakers, and all headsails with a LP exceeding 130%. Her sail numbers are those allotted to her by US Sailing, her class, or her hull number. A yacht sailing in the PHRF Cruiser Division must have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.

Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) may obtain a new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) or may renew their rating after the race prior to the post race ceremony.

**CLASSES:** PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and PHRF Cruiser. Classes will be further divided into divisions if practical.

**MANAGEMENT:** This race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

**RACING RULES:** This Regatta shall be governed in order of precedence by: (1) this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions; (2) the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA); and (3) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2001-2004.

**CHANGES:** Changes in these sailing instructions will be announced at 10:15 PM on VHF CH 68, and the Race Committee will display Code Flag "L".

**MEETING:** **THERE WILL BE NO SKIPPER'S MEETING.**

**CHECK-IN:** All yachts must check-in via VHF CH 68 or by sailing within hail of the Committee Boat before 10:10 AM. The Race Committee will register arriving boats on the water up until 10:00 AM. Payment will be due as soon as the race is completed and prior to awarding the trophies.

**COURSE: Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker** – Triangle with Windward/Leeward leg. Start between the Race Committee boat and the yellow starting mark that will be set approximately one-half mile due north of Marker R “4”. Proceed northwesterly to Nassau Sound sea buoy “N6A” and round to starboard, and then proceed southeasterly to “STJ” and round it to starboard then proceed westerly toward the yellow cylindrical marker (open finish line) approximately one-half mile due north of Marker R “4” and round it to starboard, then proceed back to “N6A” and round to starboard and proceed to finish between the race committee boat and the yellow finishing mark.

**Cruiser Class** - Start between the Race Committee boat and the yellow starting mark that will be set approximately one-half mile due north of Marker R “4”. Proceed northwesterly to Nassau Sound sea buoy “N6A” and round to starboard, and then proceed southeasterly to “STJ” and round it to starboard then proceed westerly toward the finish line approximately one-half mile due north of Marker R “4” to finish between the race committee boat and the yellow finishing mark.

**Special Notes concerning the course:** The courses may be changed to mitigate the weather conditions, i.e. direction of wind and sea conditions.

**START:** The start of the PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes will be at approximately 10:30 AM with the warning signal at 10:25 AM. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26. The warning signal for the Cruiser Division will be made after the starting signal of the preceding class. **The Class flag for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes will be a Red flag. The Class flag for the Cruiser Class will be a Yellow flag.** The Preparatory flag will be **solid Blue**. All yachts must cross the starting line within thirty (30) minutes of their start time or will be scored DNS. Starts will be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 “Starting Races”.

**In the event a large number of boats are unable to make the start within the first 5 minutes, the Race Committee per rule 32.1e, may abandon the race and start another.** In this event, the new race’s warning signal will be made one (1) minute following the removal of the “N” Abandon Race flag unless the “AP” Postponement Flag is displayed.

**PENALTIES:** The 720 degrees turns penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2. Any yacht which exonerates herself from a minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race Committee of such action at the finish line.

**RECALLS:** Individual Recall will be in accordance with RRS 29.2, and General Recall will be in accordance with RRS 29.3.

**TIME LIMITS:** **All boats not finished by 2:30 PM will be scored DNF.** This instruction changes rule 35. Any changes in time limits for completing the race will be announced over the radio on Channel 68 prior to the start of each class.

**PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race and postmarked no later than Tuesday, September 7th. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by hail or by VHF radio, and

acknowledged by the Race Committee. There will be a protest filing fee of \$20.00, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

**POST-RACE:** Race results will be provided as soon as possible after the race. The results will be posted on the NFCC website and the First Coast Sailing Association Web Site and ashore if possible as soon as practical after the race. Trophies will be presented after the race Saturday evening if practical at Metropolitan Park. Otherwise, an awards presentation will be held at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd. All unclaimed trophies may be picked up at the General meeting as well. All participants are invited.

**INFO:** For more information, contact Don Gilbert, Race Captain  
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