

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE
SATURDAY, September 2, 2006
Vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy 'R4'



1.0 RULES

The race will 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, 2005-2008* (RRS).

2.0 MANAGEMENT

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

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The race is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate from the FCSA. (PHRF Club Handicapper is Dave Kyser davekyser@yahoo.com) A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class shall have her sail number on the mainsails, spinnakers, and all headsails with an LP exceeding 130% of J. A yacht sailing in the Cruiser Class shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.

3.2 Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by the FCSA may obtain a new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) or may renew their rating on the day of the race for the \$30.00 renewal fee.

4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form must be completed in full and filed with the Race Committee before the Competitors Meeting.

4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Lewis Everline, NFCC Race Captain, 3232 Climbing Ivy Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32216

4.3 The entry fee is \$25.00 for NFCC Members, and \$30.00 for non-members (\$25.00 if U.S. Sailing Member). Checks should be made payable to North Florida Cruising Club.

5.0 CLASSES

The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser. Classes may be further divided into Divisions if the number of entries permit. The Cruiser class will be the first start. The Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker classes together will be the second start.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration and Competitors Meeting, will be held September 1, 2006 at Sister's Creek Marina facility at the dock, look for S/V "Sea Wings".

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| Registration: | Race Committee arrival - 07:00 PM September 1, 2006 |
| Competitors Meeting: | 07:30 PM September 1, 2006 |
| Warning signal for first start: | 9:30 AM September 2, 2006 |

Post race activities and trophy awards will be at Fernandina City Marina. Overnight dockage for competitors wishing to stay Saturday night must be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Calls for reservations **will only be accepted on September 2, none will be taken before that date.**

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 Notices to competitors and changes to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Competitors Meeting at the S/V "Sea Wings".

7.2 The course will be from the start in the vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy 'R4' to the Northwesterly Range Tower at N 30 43.55' - W 81 19.68' off the St. Mary's Entrance Channel.

8.0 THE START and FINISH

8.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a pin-end buoy.

8.2 Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

8.3 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made 3 minutes after the starting signal of the preceding class.

8.4 The warning/class flag for the Cruiser class will be yellow. The warning/class flag for the combined start of the Non-Spinnaker and Spinnaker classes will be red.

8.6 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.

8.7 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute "P" flag.

8.8 Individual and general recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF channel 68 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of starts will not change; all subsequent starts will be delayed correspondingly.

8.9 Yachts failing to cross the starting line within 20 minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS.

8.10 If a postponement is signaled by display of the "AP" flag, the warning signal for races not yet started will be made not more than 15 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

8.11 The finish will be the Northwesterly Range Tower located at N 30 43.55' - W 81 19.68'. Finish with the range tower to Port. Yachts will be required to take their own time, finishing within 200 ft of the tower, with the tower at 270 degrees magnetic. The official time used for this race will be announced at the Competitors Meeting and over VHF Channel 68 prior to the first warning flag.

9.0 PENALTIES

The two-turn penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44. Any yacht which exonerates herself from a minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race Committee of such action after finishing.

10.0 PROTESTS

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 30 minutes following a horn signal made upon arrival of the Race Committee boat at the dock. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by hail, and acknowledged by the Race Committee. There will be a protest filing fee of \$20, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

11.0 TROPHIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 5 or more entered yachts.

1st and 2nd place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 3 or 4 entered yachts.

1st place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 1 or 2 entered yachts.

12.0 POST-RACE

Race results will be announced **AND TROPHIES AWARDED** as soon as possible after the race at Fernandina City Marina. The results will later be posted on the NFCC website www.nfccsail.com and the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Race results will be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 21st, 7:30 PM at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd.

FURTHER INFO: Contact Lewis Everline, NFCC Race Captain, 3232 Climbing Ivy Trail, Jacksonville, Florida 32216
904-387-6710 (work); 904-534-9933 (cell); e-mail: goingcruising@hotmail.com

Special Notice Concerning Sister's Creek Marina

Permits have been secured for dockage at Sister's Creek Marina for the evening of September 1, 2006. The permit window starts at 5pm on September 1. A copy of the permit will be on the committee boat therefore each boat will not need a copy of the permit.

Special Notice Concerning Fernandina City Marina Docking

Fernandina City Marina will not be taking advance reservation for dockage for the Labor Day Weekend. They will reserve space on the day requested. This means you may contact them on the morning of September 2 for dockage that night. Fernandina City Marina can be reached at 904-491-2090 or by VHF Channel 16.

Special Notice Concerning Other Labor Day Weekend Events

A social event is being planned by the NFCC Cruising Captains for Sunday, September 3, 2006 in conjunction with this race. Please contact K.C. Knapp or Katy Sullivan at 904-781-0289 or katb4us@bellsouth.net for information and details.