



# Blue Max Race

Saturday March 31, 2007

## Notice of Race

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) 2005-2008, the prescriptions of US SAILING, and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Race management is by North Florida Cruising Club, race sponsor is Holland Marine.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser Classes.
- 2.2 All boats must have a valid FCSA 2007 PHRF rating.
- 2.3 All boats shall have their sail numbers on the mainsail, spinnakers, and each headsail having a LP measurement exceeding 130% of the base of the foretriangle.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the FCSA Standard Entry Form copy found on [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com); or register at the starting line on race day. Advance registration forms must be post marked by March 26th and mailed with entry fee to the attention of the Race Committee at Holland Marine, 1011 Bulkhead Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

3. **SCHEDULE** - Competitors will gather at the Starting Line south of the Buckman Bridge.  
0930-1000 Registration (race committee will have a powerboat to collect entry forms)  
                    There will be no Competitor's Meeting  
1025           Warning signal for first class  
ASAP          Awards (*Battle Flags*) presentation at the end of races at Holland Marine facilities.

4. **FEES** - Entry Fee \$30; \$25 for NFCC members and 2007 members of US Sailing. Make checks payable to North Florida Cruising Club.

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The sailing instructions are available on [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the white board port side of RC boat.

6. **VENUE** - The racing area will be in the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492. The race will start south of the Buckman Bridge and will end at Government Marker 20 off the Old Navy Docks in Green Cove Springs.

7. **THE COURSES** - The race course will be displayed on a white board on the port side of RC boat.

8. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

### 9. SCORING

- 9.1 The Low-point Scoring System, Appendix A, Rule A4.1 of the racing rules, will apply for this regatta.
- 9.2 Results will be posted in the Windscoop and on [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com)

10. **PRIZES** - First, second and third place prizes (*Battle Flags*) will be awarded in all classes.

11. **INFORMATION** - Point of contact: Race Captain Tom Holland 904 284-3349.

The Race Captain invites all competitors to dock at Holland Marine for the night, enjoy the social and award of Battle Flags!



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## Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES** - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* 2005-2008; the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Will be displayed on a white board on the port side of RC boat.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Will be displayed on a white board port side of RC boat.
4. **SCHEDULE OF RACES** - Competitors will gather at the Starting Line south of the Buckman Bridge.
  - 0930-1000 Registration (race committee will have a powerboat to collect entry forms)  
There will be no Competitor's Meeting
  - 1025 Warning signal for first class
  - ASAP Awards (*Battle Flags*) presentation at the end of races at Holland Marine facility.
5. **CLASS FLAGS** (classes may start in any order and more than one class maybe started at a time)
  - Spinnaker #1 Flag (white with red dot).
  - Non-Spinnaker #2 Flag (blue with white dot).
  - Cruiser #3 Flag (red, white and blue strip).
6. **RACING AREAS** - In the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492. The race will start south of the Buckman Bridge and will end at Government Marker 20 off the Old Navy Docks in Green Cove Springs.
7. **THE COURSES** - The race course will be displayed on a white board on the port side of RC boat.
8. **MARKS** - Government marks between the Buckman and Shands Bridges maybe used as well as set marks "W" (windward) and "L" (leeward).
9. **THE START**
  - 9.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end of the line and a mark set at the port end.
  - 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
10. **THE FINISH** - The finish will be between Government Marker 20 at the starboard end of the line and the orange flag on the race committee boat on the port end.
11. **TIME LIMITS** - There will be no time limit for finishing the race.
12. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
  - 12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race committee and presented within 45 minutes after the race committee boat has docked. Protests will be heard in the order of receipt as soon as possible.
  - 12.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes following the time limit.
13. **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
  - 13.1 Check in by sailing past the race committee boat at the start line before the start sequence begins.
  - 13.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by sailing by the RC boat or hailing "Race Committee" on VHF Channel 68.
  - 13.3 All skippers shall hold a brief safety meeting with their crew before leaving the dock to include man overboard procedures, designating a PFD for each crew member, and instructing all crew to be on the lookout for other boats and obstacles and report sightings to the skipper.
14. **OFFICIAL BOATS** - Official boats will be marked as follows: race committee boat RC flag.
15. **PRIZES** - Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second, and Third Place Awards in all Classes.
16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.