

# **ABANDONED** (at 1200 hrs May 25) **Due to Sea Conditions** **- to be Re-scheduled**

## **NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE**

**SATURDAY May 26, 2007**

**Vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy 'G3'**



#### **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 Bubba Futch) 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: Tom Holland, 1011 Bulkhead Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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 permits. All classes will start together.

#### **6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Registration and Competitors Meeting, will be held May 25, 7:30 p.m. at Sister's Creek Marina facility at the dock, look for S/V "Osprey".

Registration:	Race Committee arrival - <b>7:00 PM; May 25, 2007</b>
Competitors Meeting:	<b>7:30 PM; May 25, 2007</b>
Warning signal:	<b>9:30 AM; May 26, 2007</b>

#### **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 "Osprey".

7.2 The course will be from the start in the vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy 'G3' 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 "Osprey" 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. There will be one start. The start (class) flag will be the # One Flag (white with red dot).

8.4 The preparatory flag for all classes with is the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute "P" flag.

8.5 Individual and general recall 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.

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

8.7 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.

8.8 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. 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 Cumberland Island. 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

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies awarded for each class.

## 12.0 POST-RACE

Race results will be announced **AND TROPHIES AWARDED** at Cumberland Island Sunday May 27 at the social. The results will later be posted on the NFCC website [www.nfccsail.com](http://www.nfccsail.com) and the FCSEA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Race results will be announced at the next NFCC General Meeting,

**FURTHER INFO:** Contact Tom Holland, 904-472-4496

### **Special Notice Concerning Sister's Creek Marina**

Permits have been secured for dockage at Sister's Creek Marina for the evening of May 25. The permit window starts at 5pm on May 25. 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 Other Memorial Day Weekend Events**

The NFCC Cruising Captains, Peter and Alena Korous are planning a social event, for Sunday May 27 at Cumberland Island; look for an email from Alena soon.