

NOTICE OF RACE

BLUE MAX RACE

Saturday, April 18, 2009

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NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB



1.0 RULES :

- 1.1 The NFCC Spring River Race shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012, except as modified by Section 5 of this Notice of Race; the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for this Race/Regatta.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY :

- 2.1 Classes will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser Class.
- 2.2 Participating yachts must have a valid 2009 PHRF rating as defined by the FCSA PHRF list, or by presenting the Yacht's Certificate for inspection. In addition, a copy of a current non-local PHRF Rating certificate (if not issued by FCSA) must be submitted for review and possible adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings. Temporary ratings may be obtained prior to the race/regatta. Obtain forms from the FCSA official website www.sailjax.com.
- 2.3 All yachts in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes shall have sail numbers displayed on mainsails, spinnakers, and headsails with LP measurements equal to or exceeding 135% of the base of the triangle (>135% of J). Yachts in the Cruiser Class shall have sail numbers on the mainsails as a minimum.
- 2.4 Prior to racing, each yacht shall be properly registered by completing the Standard Race Entry Form found at www.sailjax.com and shall submit the proper fee. The race entry form may be mailed to the race committee before the race (see race committee address below – not responsible for mail service), or given to the race committee before the start of the race, or given to the race committee on the race committee boat on station before starting to race.

3.0 SCHEDULE :

- 3.1 The first start of the race will be at 12:00 PM (Noon) on Saturday April 18, 2009. See the Sailing Instructions for flag colors and order of start.
- 3.2 See the Sailing Instructions for times and location of the Skippers Meeting and/or starting on the water. All boats must have their registration and fee to the race committee at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race. All boats must check in with the race committee at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race.

4.0 FEES :

4.1 Entry Fees are as follows :

NFCC Members = \$ 25.00

Non-NFCC = \$ 30.00 (\$25.00 with proof of US Sailing Membership)

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS :

5.1 See the Sailing Instructions for the skippers meeting time and location and/or starting the race on the water. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the www.sailjax.com website by 12:00 PM Thursday, April 16, 2009.

6.0 VENUE :

6.1 The racing area will be on the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

6.2 The course will be one direction from the vicinity of Fleming Island Marina (the old Whitney's Marina) to Green Cove Springs.

7.0 THE COURSE :

7.1 The race will start in the vicinity of the Fleming Island Marina outside dock.

7.2 The finish line will be at one of the government navigation buoys in the vicinity of Green Cove Springs. See the Sailing Instructions for the course description.

8.0 PRIZES :

8.1 Awards will be furnished for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class.

9.0 RACE COMMITTEE CONTACT :

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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(Orange Park to Green Cove Springs)



SCHEDULE OF RACE :

- Registration : Registration must be given to the race committee before the start of the first race.
- Skippers meeting : The Skippers meeting will be Saturday morning, April 18th, at 11:00 AM, at the Gazebo at the docks at Fleming Island Marina.
- Warning Signal for first start : Approximate 11:55 AM

STARTING SEQUENCE : First Start – Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker
Second Start - Cruiser

STARTING CLASS FLAGS : Red – Spinnaker & Non Spinnaker
Green – Cruiser

STARTING LINE : The starting line will be between the Committee boat stationed approximately 200 yards of the east dock at Fleming Island Marina and a yellow marker.

STARTING TIMES : Unless changed at the skippers meeting, the approximate the starting times will be as follows. **Note, flags made on the committee boat shall govern the starting sequence over horns at the start.**

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| 11:54 AM | Notice that the race will commence in about 1 minute (5-horn blasts) |
| 11:55 AM | Class Flag up for first start (1 horn blast) |
| 11:56 AM | Preparatory Flag up for first start (1 horn blast) |
| 11:59 AM | Preparatory Flag down for first start (1 horn blast) |
| 12 Noon | Class flag down (start) for first start (1m horn blast) |
| 12:05 PM | Class Flag up for second start (1 horn blast) |
| 12:06 PM | Preparatory Flag up for second start (1 horn blast) |
| 12:09 PM | Preparatory Flag down for second start (1 horn blast) |
| 12:10 PM | Class flag down (start) for second start (1 horn blast) |

COURSES :

Spinnaker Class : Start off of Fleming Island dock between the Committee boat and the yellow marker
Marker Red 12 (leave to starboard)
Marker Green 15 (round to port) Head back north
Marker Green 13 (round to port) Head back south
Markers Green 17 & 19 leave to port
Finish between Red Marker 20 and the Committee Boat in Green Cove Springs

Non-Spinnaker & Cruiser Class :

Start off of Fleming Island dock between the Committee boat and The yellow marker
Marker Red 12 (leave to starboard)
Markers Green 17 & 19 leave to port
Finish between Red Marker 20 and the Committee Boat in Green Cove Springs

Note : Should the committee boat not yet be on station at the finish, boats are to take their own time. Take the time when any part of the boat passes an imaginary line starting at Marker 20 and extending due west (270 Deg.) of the marker and your boat is with-in two boat lengths of Marker 20.

OFFICIAL TIME :

All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours in 24 hour format. Race committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: 202-762-1401 or 202-762-1069.

CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS :

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made on land at the Skippers Meeting.

DISTANCE : Approximate distance Spinnaker = Class 12.5 nm.
Approximate distance Non-Spin & Cruiser Classes = 10.5 nm

RADIO : Race Committee will monitor channel 68

POST RACE : After the race, boats will be allowed to dock at Holland Marina for one night at no charge.

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