



## HERB ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE

### NOTICE OF RACE

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

(St. Johns River Inlet -to- St. Mary's River Inlet)

The sailing instructions will be posted on the [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com) website before the race.

A permit has been secured for boats participating in the race to dock at Sister's Creek Boat Landing from 4:00PM Friday afternoon September 4<sup>th</sup> through 9:00AM Saturday morning September 5<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the Permit will be available by e-mailing the Race Committee listed at the bottom of this notice. Copies will also be available at Sister's Creek from the Race Committee. Each boat docking at Sister's Creek must have a copy on board.

Those interested in docking in Fernandina at the City Dock are encouraged to call the City Marina at 904-491-2090 to make their own arrangements. Depending on space available, mention that you are part of the sailboat race sponsored by the North Florida Cruising Club as they will try to dock those boats in the same area. This is not a guarantee of space available.

This is race Number 6 of the 6 FCSA Offshore Race Series.

1. **RULES :**

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the PHRF Rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

2. **MANAGEMENT :**

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

3. **ELIGIBILITY :**

Classes will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and PHRF Cruiser Class. 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. Otherwise, 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](http://www.sailjax.com).

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.

It is recommended that yachts participating in the race be prepared for emergencies and contingencies. All yachts should be safety checked and meet Coast Guard Requirements.

4. **ENTRY FEES :**

NFCC Members = \$ 25.00

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

Each boat must submit the signed Standard Entry Form for Yacht Racing with the registration fee to the North Florida Cruising Club Race Committee no later than one hour prior to the first warning flag starting the race. They can also be mailed to the Race Committee address listed at the bottom of this notice, submitted to the Race Committee at the North Florida Cruising Club's monthly meeting Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, between 7:00PM and 9:00PM at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club, or given to the Race Committee aboard "Bernoulli", which will be docked at Sisters Creek Friday night September 4<sup>th</sup>. If the signed form is e-mailed to the Race Committee, the fee must be submitted to the Race Committee no later than one hour prior to the warning flag of the first race.

5. **SKIPPERS MEETING :**

There will no Skippers Meeting. All boats participating must check in with the Committee Boat (on the water) after it is anchored and prior to the first class flag being displayed. Any changes to the Race Instructions will be posted on a white board on the starboard side of the committee boat at that time.

6. **THE START :**

The racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480. The starting area will be approximately 500 yards north of the St. Johns Entrance Buoy "R4". The starting line will be between the committee boat (Bernoulli) and a yellow inflatable buoy.

7. **STARTING SEQUENCE :**

Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser Classes : (Starts First) Standard 5 minute start per RRS 26.  
Spinnaker Class : (Second and final start) Standard 5 minute start per RRS 26.

8. **THE FINISH :**

The finish will be near the St Mary's Entrance Buoy "G11". A committee boat is planned to be on station. See the Race Instructions for more details.

9. **TIME :**

Warning Flag for the first Race will be approximately 9:00 AM Saturday September 5, 2009.

A cut-off time will be listed in the Sailing Instructions for this Race. Yachts not finishing shall make every effort to contact and notify the Race Committee of their decision.

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.

10. **RADIO :**

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 when on station for the start and finish of the race. During the race yachts should monitor channel 16.

11. **SELF STEERING :**

Yachts may be sailed with assistance of self steering gear, electric, or wind (modifies RRS52).

12. **RACE COMMITTEE CONTACT :**

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### START TIME :

The starting sequence for the first race will not start before 9:00 AM Saturday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. It will occur after the committee boat is on station. The AP pendant will be displayed until the committee boat is on station. Approximately 5 minutes after the committee boat is on station, the AP flag will be lowered along with 5 short blasts from a horn on the committee boat. After approximately 5 minutes there will be another 5 short blasts. Approximately 1 minute later the class flag for the first race will be raised with one blast of the horn.

Raising of the class flag shall begin the starting sequence. One blast of a horn will accompany each raising or lowering of a flag. The flags signify the starting sequence, the horns are a courtesy.

The starting sequence for the second race will be approximately five minutes after the start of the first race.

### STARTING LOCATION :

The starting line will be between a yellow inflatable buoy and an orange flag on the committee boat – “Bernoulli”. The committee boat will be on the racers starboard side when approaching the start line in the direction of starting.

The starting area will be approximately 500 yards north of St. Johns River Marker R4. The starting area will be at approximately 30 Deg-24.140 min N, 81 Deg-21.605 min W.

### CLASS FLAGS :

Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser -- Gold Flag	(First Race/Start)
Spinnaker Class -- Pink Flag	(Second Race/Start)

### FINISH LINE :

The finish will be a line between St. Mary's River Entrance markers R10 and G11. The direction of finish is from east to west.

The coordinates of R10 are : 30 Deg-42.729 min N, 81 Deg-21.592 min W.  
The coordinates of G11 are : 30 Deg-42.646 min N, 81 Deg-21.555 min W.

The committee boat will make every effort to be on station for the finish of the race. The committee boat will be on station to at least 3:00 PM that afternoon. The committee boat will leave before that time if all racers have finished the race before 3:00 PM. If the committee boat is not on station, racers are required to take their own time when they cross the finish line.

If two or more boats are in close proximity of finishing at the same time, the first boat shall wait and take the time of the second boat, if possible. Finishers taking their own time shall relay the times to the race committee by Tuesday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

The cut-off time for the race is 7:00 PM.

### **RACE COURSE :**

The course for the Non Spinnaker and Cruiser Classes is from the start line directly to the finish line between St. Mary's Entrance R10 and G11.

The course for the Spinnaker Class will be listed on a white board on the starboard side of the committee boat. The course to be sailed will be described as follows :

Course 1	Start to Finish
Course 2	Start to STJ to Finish
Course 3	Start to STM to Finish
Course 4	Start to STJ to STM to Finish

All roundings are to port, (round the mark leaving the mark on the port side of the boat)

For reference the following coordinates are provided :

STJ (off Mayport) :	30 Deg-23.590 min N, 81 Deg-19.140 min W.
STM (off St. Mary's) :	30 Deg-42.901 min N, 81 Deg-14.644 min W.

### **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS :**

Any changes to the racing instructions will be posted on the white board on the starboard side of the committee boat.

### **DISTANCES :**

The actual race distances will be calculated after the race taking into account the actual location of the committee boat at the start.

For reference, the straight line distance from the starting area to G11 is approximately 18.5 nm.

### **SCORING AND TROPHIES :**

Scoring will be by the low point system and based on the order of finish in each class.

Trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats finishing in each class. The number of awards will be determined by the Race Committee.