

# **NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB**

## **NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **TOMMY HALL MEMORIAL RACE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010**



**Atlantic Ocean, from St. Marys River Inlet to St. Johns River Inlet**

#### **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; and (3) The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS).

#### **2.0 MANAGEMENT**

This race will be under North Florida Cruising Club management, 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 First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com) )

The NFCC Club Handicapper is Jeff Knoll ( [jeff.knoll@st-barts.com](mailto:jeff.knoll@st-barts.com) )

Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by the FCSA may obtain a provisional new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for formal review.

3.2 A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class shall have sail numbers 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.

#### **4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE**

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form ( [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com) ) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee before 00:00 hrs on race day.

4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Tom Bell, NFCC Race Captain, 3701 Race Track Road, Jacksonville, FL 32259. Registration documents may also be submitted to the Race Captain in St. Marys on Saturday April 24th.

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. A multihull class may also be created with at least three registrants.

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

Competitors Meeting: None

Warning signal for first start: 09:55 AM

#### **7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

7.1 There will be no Notices to Competitors other than this 2-page document.

7.2 If the RC boat is able to come out and set a start line, she will monitor VHF channel 72.

## **8.0 THE START and FINISH**

8.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of St. Marys River Entrance Buoy G-13. The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat (to starboard) and a pin-end buoy or government ATON (to port).

8.2 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 5 minutes after the starting signal of the preceding class. Cruiser Class will start first.

8.3 The warning/class flag for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will be Gold. The warning/class flag for the Cruiser class will be Pink.

8.4 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag.

8.5 Individual and general recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF channel 72 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of starts will not change; 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 5 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

8.8 The finish will be the line between the St. Johns Entrance Buoys G-3 and R-4. Yachts shall take their own time and report it to the Race Committee via telephone 904-398-7343 (messages accepted, but not recommended – follow up with another call just in case). Finish times shall be reported to the RC (one way or another) within 12 hours of finishing.

8.9 **If the RC boat cannot come out to set a start line, self start as follows:** No yacht shall start prior to 10:00:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 9.0). A yacht shall have started when it touches an imaginary line connecting St. Marys entrance buoys G13 and G11, with G13 to starboard and G11 to port.

## **9.0 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. Each yacht's timekeeper shall synchronize their timepiece to this standard.

## **10.0 PENALTIES**

The two-turns 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.

## **11.0 PROTESTS**

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 12:00 Monday April 26. Notice of protest must also be given when reporting the yacht's finish time.

## **12.0 TROPHIES**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flag trophies will be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes.

## **13.0 POST-RACE**

The results will later be posted on the NFCC website [www.nfcssail.com](http://www.nfcssail.com) and the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the New Orleans Café on San Jose Blvd near Julington Creek.

FURTHER INFO: Contact Tom Bell, NFCC Race Captain, 904-591-2878 (cell)

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