



NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

HERB ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2010

(St. Johns River Inlet -to- St. Marys River Inlet)

Race 7 of the 2010 FCSA Offshore Race Series

Friday night at Sisters Creek: A permit has been secured for boats participating in the race to dock at Sister's Creek Boat Landing from 16:00 Friday afternoon September 3rd through 09:00 Saturday morning September 4th. Copies of the permit will be available at Sisters Creek from the race committee representative.

Saturday night in Fernandina: The race committee has arranged for 500 feet of dockage to be reserved for this regatta at the City Marina. Those planning to dock Saturday overnight in Fernandina should call the City Marina at 904-491-2090 to make reservations – make sure you mention that you are with the North Florida Cruising Club.

Party Saturday evening: The NFCC will sponsor its Rear Commodore's Happy Hour Party at the Indigo Alley Restaurant/Bar on Centre Street from 17:00 to 20:00. We have the second floor and deck to ourselves. \$15 tickets will be available at the August 19th General Meeting or by calling the Rear Commodore himself, John Spierre, at 904-254-0855. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and keg beer are included in the price. It is important that you RSVP for this event – it will help John a lot in working out the details.

NFCC members – invite your non-member race competitors to come and join us at the party.

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 managed by 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 First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - www.sailjax.com). Yachts not having 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 performance classes shall have matching 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.

3.3 Cruising Class yachts may fly a spinnaker if declared when submitting their registration form, but with a -15 sec/nm rating adjustment applied for the race. Yachts using performance sail materials (non-Dacron) cannot compete in Cruising Class.

4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form (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 entry form with the appropriate fee to: Tom Bell, NFCC Race Captain, 3701 Race Track Road, Jacksonville, FL 32259. Registration and fee may also be submitted to the Race Captain at Sisters Creek on Friday evening.

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

Race Start Time: 09:30 hrs

Awards Party: 17:00 hrs (at Indigo Alley in Fernandina)

7.0 NOTICES to COMPETITORS There will be no Notices to Competitors other than this 2-page document.

8.0 THE START and FINISH

8.1 There will be no RC start boat. **Self start as follows:** No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 9.0). A yacht shall have started when it touches an imaginary line connecting the St. Johns entrance buoys R-4 and G-3, with R-4 to port and G-3 to starboard.

8.2 If commercial traffic is anticipated to interfere with the start line at the start time listed above, competitors should use VHF channel 72 to discuss setting a new start time. The RC recommends using 15 minute delays to keep things simple.

8.3 The race will be started in conceptual accordance with RRS 26. Specifically, this means that all engine propulsion power shall be disengaged no later than 4 minutes before the start time.

8.4 Because there will be no RC boat on station at the start, individual recalls cannot be made in the usual sense. "Over early" protests should be made public immediately by hail and by using VHF channel 72. This will give competitors that are in fact over early the maximum opportunity to start again properly.

8.5 Each yacht shall record its own finish time to the second when it touches an imaginary line connecting St. Marys Entrance Buoys G-13 and R-12, with G-13 to port and R-12 to starboard. Each yacht should make an obvious sharp turn thru the finish line in order to make her finish time obvious to other competitors.

8.6 As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee via VHF channel 72. If unable to communicate with the RC by radio for this purpose, a yacht may telephone the RC at 904-398-7343. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later 17:00 hrs Saturday the 4th (telephone messages accepted).

8.7 From the 2009 USCG Light List: St. Johns buoy R-4 is located at N 30° 23' 53.637" - W 81° 21' 36.329"
St. Marys buoy G-13 is located at N 30° 42' 37.067" - W 81° 22' 23.150"

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 no later than 17:00 hrs Saturday the 4th. Notice of protest shall also be given to the RC 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 race results will be announced at the Rear Commodore's Happy Hour Party between 17:00 and 20:00 hrs Saturday evening, to be held on the second floor of Indigo Alley on Centre Street in downtown Fernandina which is within easy walking distance from the City Marina.

The results will later be posted on the NFCC website www.nfccsail.com and the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, September 16th, 7:30 PM at the New Orleans Café on San Jose Blvd near Julington Creek.

FURTHER INFO: Contact Tom Bell, NFCC Race Captain,

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