

**NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Annual St. Augustine Race**



**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011**

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

The race will be managed by the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 Open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate from the First Coast Sailing Association [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com).

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

3.3 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/Standard-Race-Entry-Form.pdf](http://www.sailjax.com/Standard-Race-Entry-Form.pdf) ) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee before 23:00 hrs Friday, May 27.

4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Mike Murawsky, NFCC Race Captain, 2839 Harvest Moon Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek quay on Friday evening.

4.3 The entry fee is \$25.00 for NFCC Members, and \$30.00 for non-members (\$25.00 if US Sailing Member). Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.

### **5.0 CLASSES**

The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser. Classes may be further divided into Divisions if the number of entries permit. A Spinnaker Cruiser Class & Multihull Class may also be created with at least three registrants. (This is the 4<sup>th</sup> race in 2011 for yachts competing in the FCSA Ocean Series.)

### **6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Competitors Meeting:	None
All Classes Start Race:	09:30 AM

### **7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

7.1 There will be no posted documents used for Notices to Competitors. Instead...

7.2 Notices to Competitors pertaining to the start and running of the race will be available via telephone message. Check for such notices by calling **Mike Murawsky's Phone (904) 317-6515 and listening to the Voice Mail Message.** The Notices will pertain to, but not be limited to, weather, USGC Notices, or any reason that may cause postponement or abandonment of the race. The notices will be recorded by 0730 Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call and check for notices after 0730 Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.0 THE START**

8.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy G-3.

8.2 **No RC boat is anticipated to be available to set a start line; yachts shall self start as follows:** No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0). A yacht shall have started when it touches an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys G-3 and R-4, with G-3 to starboard and R-4 to port.

### 8.3 If a RC boat does come out to set a start line, yachts shall start as follows:

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.

8.3a 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.

8.3b The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag.

8.3c 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.

8.3d Yachts failing to cross the start line within 20 minutes of their start signal may be scored DNS.

8.3e 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.

## 9.0 THE COURSE

Spinnaker Fleet Race Course – After the start proceed 2.17 nm to the First Turn Mark – St. Johns Lighted Buoy 'STJ' (N 30° 23.589 / W 81° 19.140). Leave 'STJ' to starboard. Continue for 28.80 nm to the Finish (refer to 10.0).

Non-Spin & Cruiser Class Race Course – After the start proceed 29.30 nm directly to the Finish (refer to 10.0).

## 10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line extending 300 feet south from 'STA' (N 29° 54.912' – W 81° 15.280'). Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second) when it is within 300 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 000° magnetic. As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver and simultaneously sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts (hence the turning maneuver and courtesy horn).

10.2 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 by radio for this purpose, a yacht may telephone the RC at 904-317-6515 ( or as a back-up: 904-398-7343 ). In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than 2 hours following its finish (telephone messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

10.3 DO NOT DELAY OR FORGET TO REPORT YOUR FINISH TIME TO THE RC.

## 11.0 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.

## 12.0 PROTESTS

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 10:00 Sunday, May 29. Notice of protest is also required when reporting the yacht's finish time.

## 13.0 TROPHIES

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

## 14.0 POST-RACE

If all works well, **results will be announced at the NFCC Sponsored Dock Party between 1700 and ?? Saturday Evening on a designated dock at the Conch House Marina. Non-racing cruisers are 'expected' as well.**

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 on Thursday, June 16, 7:30 PM at *New Orleans Cafe* on San Jose Blvd, northwest of the Julington Creek crossing.

FURTHER INFO: Contact: Mike Murawsky, NFCC Race Captain, (904) 317-6515 [mike@uptecinc.com](mailto:mike@uptecinc.com)

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