

Notice of Race

DuPont CUP REGATTA 2012

Saturday, April 14th, 2012



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YACHT CLUB

NOTICE:

Epping Forest will host a Blessing Of The Fleet in the Marina on Sunday, April 15th, after the DuPont Cup and all visiting yachts are invited to participate.

- The DuPont Cup Regatta has been contested annually at Epping Forest Yacht Club for the past 20 years.
- The DuPont Cup Regatta is the first in a two race series for Spinnaker Class to award the original 1936 Alfred I. DuPont Trophy for 2012. The second race is the Kings Day Regatta at Epping Forest Yacht Club to be contested in the fall of 2012.
- The regatta shall be contested in Cruiser, Non-spinnaker and Spinnaker Classes per the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rules of the First Coast Sailing Association and participating yachts must hold a current Rating Certificate. (www.sailjax.com)
- Yachts will earn points for the First Coast Sailing Association Awards, as this is the third in the Spring FCSA series.
- Awards will be presented three deep in Cruiser, Non-spinnaker and Spinnaker Classes.

Docking for Friday or Saturday Night:

Participating boats are invited to arrive early and spend Friday night or stay over and spend Saturday night at Epping Forest Yacht Club marina without charge (space available).

Make a reservation with the Harbormaster at 904 739-7150 or jtipton@efyc.com

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10:00 A.M.

Complementary coffee and pastry served at the EFYC Marina.

11:00 A.M.

Skipper and crew meeting held at EFYC Marina.

NOON START

Details shall be posted in the sailing instructions on FCSA web site and announced during the skipper and crew meeting.

POST RACE

Hors d' oeuvres, soda and beer highlight the Awards Ceremony complements of Epping Forest Yacht Club. The course distance will be such that this post race gathering will be between 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Registration using the First Coast Sailing Association standard entry form (www.sailjax.com) may be mailed to Epping Forest Yacht Club, 1830 Epping Forest Dr., Jacksonville Fl, 32217, attention John Tipton. \$30 entry fee (\$25 for current U.S. Sailing or EFYC members) payable to Epping Forest Yacht Club. Registrations will be accepted at EFYC marina until 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, 4/14/12.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2012 DUPONT CUP April 14th, 2012

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by (1) these Sailing Instructions, (2) the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), (3) the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS)

2. MANAGEMENT

The race will be under the management of the Epping Forest Yacht Club, which is the organizing authority.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 Entry must be made on the standard FCSA Entry Form with entry fee paid before the competitors meeting at 1100 hrs.
- 3.2 The entry fee shall be \$30.00 per boat or \$25.00 per boat for EFYC members or skippers with current U.S. Sailing Membership.
- 3.3 As a condition of participation, members of the crew, guests and owners of the vessels participating assume all risks of accident and agree that Epping Forest Yacht Club and First Coast Sailing Association shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for loss or injury to participants or others, or the loss or damage to any yacht and shall hold Epping Forest Yacht Club and the First Coast Sailing Association free and harmless from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney fees and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in the race.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Only boats having a valid FCSA PHRF Certificate may compete. Entrants must have completed registration with, and paid fees to, Epping Forest Yacht Club before becoming official competitors.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 1000 hrs: | Race committee arrives at Epping Forrest Yacht Club, race day registration opens. |
| 1100 hrs: | Registration closes, competitors meeting. |
| 1155 hrs (approx): | Warning signal, first start. |
| 1500-1700 hrs: | Trophies and awards at Epping Forest Yacht Club Mariners Deck in the marina. |

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 The fleet will be divided into 3 classes: spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruiser (no spinnaker option in the cruiser class).
- 6.2 The spinnaker class shall start first; the non-spinnaker class and cruiser class shall start second.
- 6.3 The spinnaker class will compete for recognition on the Epping Forest YC duPont Cup. This race is also the first race in a two race series by the spinnaker class for recognition on the Alfred I. duPont Trophy. The second race in the series shall be the Kings Day Regatta held in the fall at Epping Forest Yacht Club.
- 6.4 Awards and/or trophies for this race shall be awarded three deep in all three classes.
- 6.5 This is also race number 3 of 6 in the First Coast Sailing Association Spring Series for all three classes.

7. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Window located on the west wall window of the Epping Forest Yacht Club Marina building (Harbormaster's office).

8. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 hours on race day.

9. Use of VHF Radio

The Race Committee shall monitor marine radio VHF channel 68; however official signals will be made only in accordance with these Sailing Instructions and RRS.

10. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the EFYC marina flag staff, next to the Harbormasters office.
- 10.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the Harbor area." The time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Window before the lowering of the "AP".

11. COURSES

Courses will be as posted at the competitors meeting.

12. MARKS

Marks will be permanent government navigation markers or orange/yellow inflatable markers as indicated for the courses.

13. START AND FINISH

- 13.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a pin-end buoy at the port end.
- 13.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning/class signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning/class signals for the second start will be given after the starting signal of the spinnaker class..
- 13.3 The warning/class signal for the spinnaker class will be the "T" flag, red, white and blue. The warning/class flag for the non-spinnaker class and cruiser class will be the "B" flag, red.
- 13.4 Boats whose warning/class signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.
- 13.5 RRS 30 Starting Penalties shall NOT be in effect for all starts. ("I", "Z" and "Black" flags) Starting line is "open" during starts.
- 13.6 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag, blue with white square.
- 13.7 Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29. If a general recall is signaled, the order of the starts will not change and subsequent starts will be delayed accordingly. In addition, as a courtesy only, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF marine radio channel 68 any recall.
- 13.8 Boats failing to cross the start line within 10 minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS.
- 13.9 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a pin-end buoy at the port end .The race committee will set the finish line in approximately the same position as the start line unless weather or other conditions require it be relocated.
- 13.10 The finish line shall be closed to all boats after starting except those finishing. Boats violating the closed finish line shall take a One-Turn (360 degree) penalty as prescribed in 13 below. (modification of RRS 28.2)
- 13.11 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 3 hours of the start of their class shall be scored DNF (modification of RRS 35)

14. PENALTIES

While racing, the Two-Turns (720 degree) penalty or One-Turn (360 degree) penalty (RRS 31) will apply in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2. Any yacht that exonerates itself in this manner for a minor foul shall notify the race committee of such action after finishing.

15. PROTESTS

A notice to protest must be given to the race committee by hail immediately after finishing with acknowledgement from the race committee. Protests must be submitted in writing on a U.S. Sailing Protest Form (available from the Race Committee) not more than 30 minutes following the race committee's arrival back at Epping Forrest Yacht Club Marina. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.