

Blue Max Race
NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB



SATURDAY, April 28, 2012

St. Johns River beginning in the vicinity of Fleming Island Marina

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

2.0 MANAGEMENT

This race will be under the management of 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). The NFCC Club Handicapper is Jeff Knoll (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 her sail number 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 must be completed in full and filed with the Race Committee before the Competitors Meeting.
- 4.2** Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Ken Christensen, 28166 Rayna Lane, Hilliard, FL, 32046. Registration may also be completed on the day of the race at the covered picnic tables at Fleming Island Marina.
- 4.3** The entry fee is \$25.00. 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

Race day registration and Competitors Meeting will be held April 28, 2012 at Fleming Island Marina at the covered picnic tables. Fleming's office telephone is: 904-269-0027

Registration: Race Committee arrival till 10:45

Competitors Meeting: 10:50

Warning signal for first start: 11:55

Post race activities and awards presentation will be held at the Holland Marine facilities in Green Cove Springs (between piers 2 and 3). Raft-up at the Holland Marine floating docks is free for the evening. Make sure and thank Tommy for his hospitality. A Caribbean cookout will be organized with the raft-up – check the NFCC website for details (www.nfcssail.com).

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1** Notices to competitors and changes to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted before the Competitors Meeting on a white board at the covered picnic tables at Fleming Island Marina.
- 7.2** The courses will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.

8.0 THE START and FINISH

- 8.1** The start line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a pin-end buoy or government ATON.
- 8.2** Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. Failure to check in may result in a DNC.
- 8.3** 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.
- 8.4** The warning/class flag for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will be Gold. The warning/class flag for the Cruiser and Multi-hull classes will be Pink.
- 8.5** Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.
- 8.6** The preparatory flag for all classes will be the “P” flag.
- 8.7** Individual and general recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF channel 68 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of starts will not change; all subsequent starts will be delayed correspondingly.
- 8.8** A yacht failing to cross the starting line within 30 minutes of her start signal will be scored DNS.
- 8.9** 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 10 minutes after “AP” is lowered.
- 8.10** The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and ATON marker 20.
- 8.11** If the race committee boat is unable to set a finish line prior to yachts reaching marker 20, then each yacht shall take her own finish time when any part of the yacht crosses an imaginary line starting at marker 20 and extending 270 degrees magnetic from the marker, and the yacht is within 3 boat lengths of marker 20.
- 8.12** All 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 should likewise coordinate his/her timepiece.

9.0 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.

10.0 PROTESTS

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 15 minutes following a horn signal made upon arrival of the Race Committee boat at the dock. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by hail, and acknowledged by the Race Committee.

11.0 TROPHIES

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

12.0 POST-RACE

Results will be announced AND TROPHIES AWARDED after the race at the picnic tables in front of the Holland Marine offices in Green Cove Springs. 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, May 17th, 7:30 PM at the New Orleans Cafe on San Jose Blvd.

FURTHER INFO: Ken Christensen, NFCC Race Captain, 904-673-7791 (cell); e-mail: ssliimm@windstream.net

Fleming Island Marina has graciously donated the use of their facility for this race. You are welcome to tie up on the outside floating dock in preparation for the race. (This does not include the use of water or electric hook-ups). Contact Jeff Knoll at the Fleming office (904) 264-9100.

Holland Marine has graciously donated the use of their facility for this race. You are welcome to tie up on the floating docks following the race, and to stay overnight. (This does not include the use of water or electric hook-ups). Contact Tom Holland at the Holland Marine office (904) 284-3349.