

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Annual St. Augustine Race

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012

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 The race is open to all yachts with a current PHRF certificate from the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - 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).
- 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) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee before 20:00 hrs Friday, May 25.
- 4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Ken Christensen, NFCC Race Captain, 28166 Rayna Lane, Hilliard, FL 32046. Registration documents may also be submitted to Allen Jones on Bernoulli 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, and Cruiser. Classes may be further divided into Divisions if the number of entries permit. (This is the 4th race in 2012 for yachts competing in the FCSA Ocean Series.)

- 6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** Competitors Meeting: None
Warning signal for first start: 09:25:00 AM

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS There will be no Notices to Competitors other than this document.

8.0 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.

9.0 THE START

- 9.1 The starting area will be in the vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy G-3. 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).
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the “P” flag.
- 9.5 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.
- 9.6 Yachts failing to cross the start line within 20 minutes of their start signal may be scored DNS.
- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 **If an RC boat cannot come out 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 8.0). 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.
Allen Jones on Bernoulli will be monitoring channel 72 in case any questions should arise.

10.0 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line extending 300 feet south from ‘STA’. Each yacht shall record its own finish time when it is within 300 feet of ‘STA’, and ‘STA’ bears 000° magnetic. Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 8.0), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second). 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 904-673-7791 (or as a back-up: 904-673-7792). In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than 3 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 PROTESTS

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 10:00 Sunday, May 30. Notice of protest is also required 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

If all works well, **results will be announced during the NFCC sponsored tapas party between 1600 and 1900 Sunday on the City Marina docks. All non-racing cruisers are ‘expected’ as well.**

The results will later be posted on the NFCC website www.nfcssail.com and the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, June 21, 7:30 PM at ‘New Orleans Café’ on San Jose Blvd, northwest of the Julington Creek crossing.

FURTHER INFO: Ken Christensen, NFCC Race Captain, 904-845-2249 ssliimm@windstream.net
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