



2012 Jessie Ball Regatta
2012 NFWSN SERIES Race 2
Saturday, June 02, 2012
NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012 and the prescriptions of U S Sailing
- 1.2** The rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), the North Florida Women's Sailing Network (NFWSN) and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1** Female non-spinnaker classes must be all female crew. Mixed Spinnaker and Cruiser classes may be up to 50% male crew provided the vessel is helmed by a female from the preparatory signal through finish. No male shall touch the helm while racing.
- 2.2** All boats are encouraged to have a valid FCSA PHRF rating but may obtain an uncontested temporary NFWSN rating for the Women's Sailing Series.
- 2.3** Eligible boats may enter in advance by completing the FCSA Standard Entry Form at www.sailjax.com and sending it with the \$30 fee to: Marina Harbormaster Epping Forest Yacht Club, 1830 Epping Forest Drive, Jacksonville FL 32217 -or- enter the day of race during the registration period. Advance registration is encouraged.
- 2.4** All vessels entering an EFYC sponsored event must be able to provide proof of liability insurance upon request.

3. SCHEDULE

In order to allow the opportunity for a sea breeze to fill, the schedule shall be:

1300-1400	Registration at Epping Forest Yacht Club Marina
1400	Sailors meeting (attendance encouraged but not mandatory)
1455	Warning signal for start
1730-1930	Awards presentation and social at the Mariners Deck.

4. FEES

The fee per boat is \$30 payable to Epping Forest Yacht Club or \$ 25.00 for EFYC members or members of US Sailing (see 2.3).

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available NLT 1300 on race day. Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the EFYC Harbormaster's building (race committee room) west window NLT 1355 on race day.

6. VENUE

The racing area will be in the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 between the Buckman (I-295) Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95) to the north.

7. COURSE(S)

The course(s) to be sailed will be announced at the sailors meeting.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the protest committee will be final (rules 70 and 71 set aside)

9. SCORING

Appendix A4.1, Low Point System will apply for this regatta. Results will be posted on www.sailjax.com.

10. PRIZES

All participants and their guest are invited to the social and awards presentation after the race at the Mariners Deck in the marina.

11. INFORMATION

- 11.1** Point of contact: John Tipton phone (904) 739-7150 or jtipton@efyc.com

Epping Forest Yacht Club offers overnight docking free of charge subject to space available for participating boats wishing to arrive Friday evening or stay over Saturday night.

WOMEN'S SAILING SERIES 2012

WSS#1 "The Waves Regatta"
Saturday, May 12th
Navy Jax Yacht Club (NJYC)

WSS#2 "The Jessie Ball Regatta"
Saturday, June 2th
Epping Forest Yacht Club (EFYC)

WSS#3 "Hands on the Helm"
Saturday, September 20th
North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC)

WSS#4 "Women on Water"
Saturday, November 10th
The Rudder Club (RC)



2012 Jessie Ball Regatta NORTH FLORIDA WOMEN'S SAILING NETWORK SERIES - RACE #2 Saturday, June 2, 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) 2009-20012, the prescriptions of US SAILING and by these Sailing Instructions

1.1 MANAGEMENT

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

2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

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

3.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted NLT 1355 hours on the day of the race on the west window of the race committee room, Harbormasters building.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole located at the Northwest corner of the Harbormasters office deck.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1300 hours: Race committee arrives at Epping Forrest Yacht Club, race day registration opens.

1400 Hours: Registration closes, competitors meeting (attendance is not mandatory).

1455 hours: Warning signal, start.

1730-1930 hours: Recognition and awards at Epping Forest Yacht Club Mariners Deck in the marina.

6.0 Classes

5.1.1 The fleet will be divided into three classes; spinnaker mixed crew, non-spinnaker all female crew and cruiser mixed crew.

5.2 In the classes with mixed crew up to 50% of crew may be male. The boat must be helmed by a female from the preparatory signal until finished. No male shall touch the helm while racing.

5.3 There shall be one start for all classes.

5.4 Awards for this regatta shall be made up to two deep in all three classes.

5.5 This is race number 2 of a series of 4 in the North Florida Women's Sailing Network Series.

7.0 Racing area

The races will be held on the St Johns River as depicted on NOAA chart 11492 in the areas between the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north and the Buckman bridge to the south.

8.0 COURSES

Courses will be as announced at the competitors meeting.

9.0 MARKS

Marks will be Orange and/or Yellow Inflatable Buoys or fixed navigational markers.

11.0 THE START

11.1 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.

11.2 Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the start by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on a starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

11.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.

11.4 The warning signal for the start will be red.

11.5 The preparatory flag will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute for the "P" flag.

11.6 Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.

11.7 Yachts failing to cross the start line within 15 minutes of the start signal will be scored DNS.

13.0 The Finish

13.1 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the pin-end buoy on 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.

13.2 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 2.0 hours of their class start shall be scored DNF. (Modification of RRS 35)

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

The two-turn (720 degree) penalty will apply in accordance with RRS44. Any yacht that exonerates itself in this manner for a minor foul shall notify the race committee of such action after finishing.

15.0 TIME LIMITS

Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 2.0 hours of their class start shall be scored DNF. (Modification of RRS 35)

16.0 PROTESTS

A notice to protest must be given by hail immediately after finishing with acknowledgement from the race committee. Protests must be submitted in writing not more than 20 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. Decisions of the protest committee will be final. (Rules 70 and 71 set aside.)

27.0 Radio Communication

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.

29.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

As a condition of participation all members of the crew, guests and owners of the vessels participating assume all risks of accident and agree that Epping Forest Yacht Club, the North Florida Women's Sailing Network and the 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, the North Florida Women's Sailing Network 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.

30.0 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance.