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## NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, September 1st 2012 – Ocean Series 6

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St Marys River Inlet

Racers and their guests are invited to the after-race happy-hour in Fernandina, 17:00 to 20:00 at O'Kanes. The cost is \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and beer will be served.

#### 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](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, August 31.

4.2 Participants are strongly 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 at the Sisters Creek dock 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 permits. A Spinnaker Cruiser Class & Multihull Class may also be created with at least three registrants. This is the 6th race in 2012 for yachts competing in the FCSA Ocean Series.

#### 6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None

All Classes Start Race: 10:00 AM

#### 7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 This 2-page document is the only printed Notice pertaining to the normal running of the race.

7.2 A Race Notice pertaining to any changes to the start and running of the race will be made by telephone message on Ken Christensen's Phone (904) 845-2249. Please call and check the notice/message between 0800 and 0830 Saturday September 3rd.

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### 8.0 THE START

8.1 Yachts shall self-start as follows: No yacht shall start prior to 10:00:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0). The start line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys R-4 and G-3, with R-4 to port and G-3 to starboard. A yacht shall have started when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line while sailing in the proper starting direction – from west to east. Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time. ( R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605 )

### 9.0 THE COURSE

Spinnaker Fleet Race Course – After the start proceed 2.153 nm to the First Turn Mark – St. Johns Lighted Buoy 'STJ' (N 30° 23.589 / W 81° 19.140). Leave 'STJ' to port. Continue for 19.279 nm to the Finish (refer to 10.0).

Non-Spin & Cruiser Class Race Course – After the start, proceed 18.705 nm directly to the Finish (refer to 10.0).

### 10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Marys entrance buoys G-15 and R-14, with G-15 to port and R-14 to starboard. Each yacht shall record its own finish time when it touches this line with any part of its hull, crew, or equipment while sailing in the proper finishing direction – from east to west. ( G-15 is located at N 30° 42.592 / W 81° 23.189 )

10.2 Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0), 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).

10.3 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 ). Leave a message with your time on either phone. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish (telephone messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

10.4 DO NOT DELAY OR FORGET TO REPORT YOUR FINISH TIME TO THE RACE COMMITTEE.

### 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 no later than 17:00 Saturday, September 3rd. 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 possible, race results will be announced at the Race Party at O'Kanes (17:00 to 20:00 +??). The results will later be posted on the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 20, 7:30 PM.

**FURTHER INFO:** Ken Christensen, NFCC Race Captain, (904) 845-2249 [ssliimm@windstream.net](mailto:ssliimm@windstream.net)