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NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SUNDAY, September 2nd 2012 – Ocean Series 7

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Marys River Inlet to St. Johns River 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 23:00 hrs Saturday, September 3rd.

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 Fernandina Beach City Marina on Saturday 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 7th 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.

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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. Marys entrance buoys G-15 and G-13, with G-15 to starboard and G-13 to port. 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 north to south. Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time. (G-15 is located at N 30° 42.592 / W 81° 23.189)

9.0 THE COURSE

All Classes – 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. Johns entrance buoys R-4 and G-3, with R-4 to starboard and G-3 to port. 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. (R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605)

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

Notify the Race Committee of all protests no later than 19:00 Sunday September 4th. Make specific arrangements at that time with the RC to get the protest documents submitted by no later than Tuesday September 6th at 20:00 hrs. 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

The results will be posted on the FCSA website 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