

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Annual St. Augustine Race

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

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, 2013-2016 (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 24.
- 4.2** Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Adam Norwood, NFCC Race Officer, 2149 Minerva Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek quay on Friday evening, but please don't wait till then.
- 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 There will be no RC boat at the start line:

Yachts shall start at or after 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 8.0). A yacht shall have started when, while proceeding easterly, it crosses an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys G-3 (30:23.754 N; 81:21.638 W) and R-4 (30:23.894 N; 81:21.605 W).

9.2 After starting, Cruiser class yachts shall proceed directly to the finish.

9.3 After starting, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class yachts shall proceed to the St. Johns River Entrance buoy 'STJ' (30:23.589 N; 81:19.140 W) leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finish.

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 or text the RC at 904-398-7343. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than 3 hours following its finish (telephone/text 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

Submit all protests in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 10:00 Sunday, May 27. Notice of protest is also required when reporting the yacht's finish time.

12.0 TROPHIES

1st thru 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 Saturday on the City Marina docks. All non-racing cruisers are 'expected'!**

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 on Thursday, June 20, 7:30 PM at "LeGrande's" on Old St. Augustine Road, north of the I-295 intersection.

FURTHER INFO: Adam Norwood, NFCC Race Officer, 904-398-7343 ahnorwood@att.net
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