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NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**SATURDAY, August 31, 2013 – FCSA Ocean Series Race #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'Kane's. The cost is \$10 per person. For \$10 (\$10.50 if paid by credit card) you get all-you-can-eat pasta bar, salad, bread, dessert, beer or wine. Cash bar is also available.

### 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 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 FCSA may obtain a provisional new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for formal review. The FCSA Chief Handicapper is Jeff Knoll ([jeff.knoll@st-barts.com](mailto:jeff.knoll@st-barts.com)). NFCC Club Handicapper is Tom Davis ([spookboat@att.net](mailto:spookboat@att.net)).

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 by 23:00 Friday, August 30.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: NFCC Race Committee, 1758 Bolton Abbey Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32223. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek dock on Friday evening, August 30.

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. A Spinnaker Cruiser Class or Multihull Class may also be created with at least three registrants. This is the 6th race in 2013 for yachts competing in the FCSA Ocean Series.

### 6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None

All Classes Start Race: 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 31, 2013

### 7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 This 2-page document is the only printed Notice pertaining to the 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 VHF radio transmission on Channel 72 at 0800 Saturday, August 31. This Race Notice will be repeated at 0830. If unable to receive by VHF radio for this purpose, a yacht shall telephone the Race Committee at (904) 234-7407 to receive the Race Notice. The Race Notice will be given even if there are no changes in the Sailing Instructions.

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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

9.1 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.

9.2 Non-Spinnaker & Cruiser Class Race Course – After the start, proceed 18.705 nm directly to the Finish.

### 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) 234-7407. Leave a message with your finish time as a text or voicemail. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish (text or voice messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

### 11.0 TIME

All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Savings 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

Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery or mailing to the address given in 4.2. Notice of protest shall be required when reporting the yacht’s finish time or withdrawal from the race and in no event shall be more than one hour following the yacht’s finish time using the same procedures for communication of finish time as defined in 10.3.

### 13.0 TROPHIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flag trophies may be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes regardless of class size. Additional flag trophies may be awarded for other classes as defined in 5.0 (3 boats – 1 trophy, 4 boats – 2 trophies, 5 boats or more – 3 trophies.)

### 14.0 POST-RACE

If possible, provisional race results will be announced at the Race Party at O’Kane’s (17:00 to 20:00). The final results will later be posted on the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Final race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 7:30 PM.

**FURTHER INFO:** Tom Davis, (904) 234-7407 [spookboat@att.net](mailto:spookboat@att.net)