



Mark Your Calendars! Register by Friday, May 16

NFCC MEMORIAL DAY OCEAN RACE

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Can't make the 2014 GulfStreamers? Don't despair. You can join in with the GulfStreamers festivities including the famous Rum Party, race in the GulfStreamers Sprint Race and have our own race to Jacksonville!

Join us racing in the North Florida Cruising Club's Memorial Day Ocean Race. Our event starts with the GulfStreamers Rum Party and Buffet Dinner at Halifax River Yacht Club (HRYC) on Thursday, May 22. Docking is free at HRYC for those who sign up early on as-available basis.

Skipper's Meeting will be held along with weather briefing and breakfast at HRYC on Friday, May 23.

The NFCC Memorial Day Ocean Race will start, along with the GulfStreamers fleet near Ponce Inlet at 1400 on Friday, May 23.

For the entry fee of \$125 you will get two races in one. The combined fleet will be racing together in the first 10.6 nautical miles in the Sprint Race, sailing for the Sprint Race Trophy. As the GulfStreamers fleet turns to head out to Charleston, the rest will continue north to complete the 82 nautical mile race to Mayport, racing for our own trophies. We arrive in Mayport with the rest of the long weekend to spare.

So don't miss the offshore competition, the great rum party and a chance to join in with the 2014 GulfStreamers event. If you're interested call: **Tom Davis (904) 234-7407** so we can get you on the list.

Check out the article about the 2014 GulfStreamers in this month's *Southwinds* magazine (pages 30-31):

<http://www.southwindssailing.com/pdfs-issues/southwindsmay2014.pdf>

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PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241

NOTICE OF RACE

The Memorial Day Ocean Race is an approximately 83 nautical mile distance offshore race starting in the Atlantic Ocean in the area near Ponce Inlet and finishing at channel marker "G3" at the St. Johns River entrance near Mayport, FL. This race is held in conjunction with the Halifax River Yacht Club 2014 GulfStreamer. The 2014 GulfStreamer and the Memorial Day Ocean Race will be run concurrently from a single start, with three racing options: Leg 1 for all competitors is a 10.6 nautical mile Sprint Race from the starting line near Ponce Inlet and finishing at the Daytona Beach Pier. Competitors in the 2014 GulfStreamer will round a buoy at the finish of the Sprint Race and continue with Leg 2 of the 2014 GulfStreamer to finish in Charleston, S.C. Boats racing in the North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) Memorial Day Ocean Race will also compete in the Sprint Race with the 2014 GulfStreamer participants for the Sprint Race Trophy. After crossing the Sprint Race finish line the Memorial Day Ocean Race competitors will race directly to the finish at the St. Johns River Entrance Channel near Mayport, FL. The Memorial Day Ocean Race is sponsored by both NFCC and HRYC.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Memorial Day Ocean Race shall be governed by the "2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) as amended by the US Sailing Prescriptions; the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (www.sailjax.com); the 2014 GulfStreamer Notice of Race; the 2014 GulfStreamer Sailing Instructions and the Memorial Day Ocean Race Sailing Instructions in the order of precedence listed. The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for the Memorial Day Ocean Race.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Memorial Day Ocean Race is open to all boats with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) and who are not already entered in the 2014 GulfStreamer.
- 2.2 Boats that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by FCSA may obtain a provisional rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for review and issuance of a Rating Certificate.
- 2.3 Modifying RRS Appendix G, a yacht shall have identifying symbols on each mainsail, spinnaker, and headsail having a clew that can extend behind the mast 30% or more of the mainsail foot length. The identifiers shall be the same for each sail used.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with Halifax River Yacht Club that is sponsoring the shore side events and conducting the start and the Sprint Race.
- 2.5 Boats shall register in one of the following three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker or Cruiser Class. Boats will be scored in the FCSA Annual Ocean Series based on the class designated on its entry form.
- 2.6 Minimum crew size shall be 3 (including skipper).
- 2.7 Yachts shall conform to all U.S. Federal regulations. Additionally, yachts shall conform to Category 5 requirements of the latest "ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing," (Appendix J). It is strongly recommended that yachts also conform to Category 4 requirements.
- 2.8 All participating yachts shall be provisioned with the following:
 - a) Radio – a 25 watt minimum VHF transmitter / receiver with a manufacturer's recommended antenna. The radio must at least be capable of tuning to channels 9, 13, 16, 22A, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78.
 - b) GPS – a GPS device at least capable of displaying real-time latitude and longitude location data.
- 2.9 Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind (modifies RRS 52).

3.0 CLASSES

- 3.1 Performance Classes: The Performance Class will consist of Spinnaker Class boats and Non-Spinnaker Class boats. This Class may be further subdivided at the Race Committee's discretion if there is sufficient number of entries.
- 3.2 Cruiser Class: A Cruiser Class will be offered provided there are at least three registrants. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA definitions and rules pertaining to the Cruiser Class.
- 3.3 A Multihull Cruiser Class may also be formed provided there are at least three registrants. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA for rules pertaining to multihull cruisers.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Registration, check in and opening party

Registration and check in: HRYC, Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 1200 to 1700

GulfStreamer Rum Party, HRYC, Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 1600

GulfStreamer Buffet Dinner, HRYC, Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 1900

4.2 Skippers Meeting and Weather Briefing, HRYC, Friday May 23, 2014 at 0830. Breakfast will be served.

4.3 Race Warning signal, Friday 5/23 at 1355 - One start for all classes, 2014 GulfStreamer and Memorial Day Ocean Race

5.0 ENTRY FEE/REGISTRATION

5.1 Entry fee is \$125. Mail checks payable to Halifax River Yacht Club and accompanied by an entry form (Standard Race Entry Form available at www.sailjax.com). Mail entries to:

Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: GulfStreamer Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089

In order to allow HRYC sufficient time to plan the race events ENTRY FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 16, 2014.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to be downloaded from the North Florida Cruising Club website or the First Coast Sailing Association website www.sailjax.com. Copies will also be available at the Skippers Meeting on the day of the race.

7.0 COURSE

7.1 Course will be a single PHRF Time on Distance race using government navigation marks and inflatable markers.

8.0 SCORING THE RACE

8.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.

8.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.3 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the Annual Ocean Series scoring.

9.0 RACE PRIZES

9.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class.

9.2 The results will be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com.

9.3 Trophy presentations will be made at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, 7:30 PM.

10.0 INFORMATION

Contacts: Tim Little, NFCC Racing Fleet Captain (904) 699-9162
Tom Davis, First Coast Sailing Association (904) 234-7407

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1.2 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES:

- 1.2.1 Sailing during the hours of darkness: see GulfStreamer SI 1.3
- 1.2.2 Recalls and starting penalty for premature starters: see GulfStreamer SI 9.1
- 1.2.3 Failure to start within time limit: see GulfStreamer SI 8.5
- 1.2.4 Time limit: GulfStreamer SI 12.2 is modified by SI 14.1
- 1.2.5 Steering assistance: see NOR 2.9
- 1.2.6 GulfStreamer SI 1.2.7 shall apply.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form during the registration period as set forth in the NOR.
- 2.2 Additional eligibility requirements and class definitions are defined in NOR Articles 2 and 3.

3. SAFETY

- 3.1 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- 3.2 NFCC Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.

3.3 Check-in: Yachts shall sail within hailing distance of the Committee Boat, and state their yacht's name, sail number and fleet.

3.4 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by phone at (904) 234-7407.

3.5 Yachts shall comply with NOR 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8.

3.6 Yachts shall carry hard copies of the appropriate NOAA charts covering the racecourse.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, FL.

5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted in accordance with GulfStreamer SI 3.1.

5.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated to each boat while on the water and prior to her warning signal.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

7. RACE SCHEDULE

7.1 The Memorial Day Ocean Race will start concurrently with the GulfStreamer Sprint Race as described in GulfStreamer SI 5.1.

7.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal shall be May 23, 2014 at 13:55.

7.3 If weather conditions require a 24-hour postponement, announcement will be made at the Skippers Meeting.

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 There will be no class flags. Refer to GulfStreamer SI 8.4 for starting sequence.

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean between Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy and the St. Johns River entrance channel.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 From the start line at Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy "2", yachts will continue northerly, passing between the Daytona Beach Main Street Pier and a mark approximately 440 yards east of the pier.

10.2 The line between the pier and the mark will be the finish line for the Sprint Race.

10.3 Yachts racing in the NFCC Memorial Day Ocean Race will leave the pier mark to starboard and continue to the Finish.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks shall be as described in the GulfStreamer Sailing Instructions.

12. START

12.1 The Start shall be in accordance with GulfStreamer SI 8.1 through 8.4.

12.2 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 GulfStreamer Sprint Race finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting the northeast corner of the Daytona Beach Main Street Pier and a buoy approximately 440 yards to the east. Yachts shall continue north from the finish line and shall keep clear of yachts sailing on to Charleston in the GulfStreamer Race.

13.2 The NFCC Memorial Day Ocean Race finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys R-4 (R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605) and G-3 (G-3 is located at N 30° 23.754 / W 81° 21.638), with G-3 to port and R-4 to starboard. A yacht shall have finished when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line leaving G-3 to port and R-4 to starboard.

13.3 Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to GulfStreamer SI 12.1) a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the

second).

13.4 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) 234-7407. Leave a voice or text message with your finish time. 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).

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 A boat failing to finish within 24 hours following the Start will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 From the time that a boat is racing to the end of the Sprint Race the provisions of GulfStreamer SIs 13.1 through 13.9 shall apply. After crossing and clearing the finish line of the Sprint Race the provisions of SI 15.2 shall apply.

15.2 Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by mailing to the following address: North Florida Cruising Club, PO Box 24268, Jacksonville, FL 32241; Attention Race Committee. Notification 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 13.4.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with GulfStreamer SIs 14.1 through 14.3.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes shall be in accordance with NOR 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3.

FURTHER INFO:

Tom Davis (904) 234-7407

Tim Little (904) 699-9162



FIRST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

Standard Entry Form for Yacht Racing

Race _____ Race _____
Date _____

Yacht Name _____ Sail # _____

Yacht Make _____ Length _____ Color _____
Hull/Trim _____ / _____

Owner _____ Home Phone _____

Skipper _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Vessel Docked at _____

E-mail for Results _____

Mailing Address Street _____

Mailing Address City, St, Zip _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Names of Crew _____

Names of Crew _____

Yacht Club Membership _____ US Sailing # _____

Class Entered: - PHRF Spinnaker
 - PHRF Non-Spinnaker PHRF Rating _____
 - PHRF Cruiser
 - One Design Class _____ Portsmouth Rating _____

THE UNDERSIGNED, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her guests, and the members of the crew of his/her yacht, agrees to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event; and hereby assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the sponsoring yacht club shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for any loss or injury to participants or others, or the loss or damage to any yacht. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and does hereby indemnify and hold the sponsoring yacht club and First Coast Sailing Association free and harmless from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees, and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in this event.

Signature _____ Date _____

Refer to Race Announcement for entry fee and registration instructions.

Race Schedule and Race Announcements may be downloaded from the FCSA website: www.sailjax.com