

FALL RIVER RACE

FCSA Fall River Series #3 of 6

Saturday, October 11, 2014 – Fleming Island Marina



North Florida Cruising Club
PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RSS), the rules of First Coast Sailing Association and this NOR. These may be altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The race is open to all boats with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - www.sailjax.com)
- 2.2 Boats 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. NFCC Club Handicapper is Tom Davis (spookboat@att.net).
- 2.3 A boat 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 boat sailing in the Cruiser Class shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with North Florida Cruising Club, which is the organizing authority.

3.0 CLASSES

- 3.1 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 Race #4 for boats competing in the FCSA Fall Series.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 Saturday, October 11: Complimentary docking at Fleming Island Marina the morning of the race.
- 4.2 Saturday, October 11: **10:00-11:45 a.m. Registration; 12:00 Competitors Meeting; 12:55 p.m. Warning Signal**

5.0 ENTRY FEE/REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$25. Mail checks payable to North Florida Cruising Club and accompanied by an entry form (Standard Race Entry Form available at <http://www.sailjax.com>). Mail entries to **Race Committee, PO Box 600856, Jacksonville, FL 32260**. Boats may also register between the hours of 10:00 thru 11:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to be downloaded from the North Florida Cruising Club website <http://nfccsail.com/wordpress/> or the First Coast Sailing Association website www.sailjax.com. Copies will also be available at the registration table at Fleming Island Marina 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 Each boat starting and finishing the race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, will be scored points equal to her corrected finishing place in class.
- 8.4 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the computation for Series scoring.

9.0 RACE PRIZES

- 9.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Fewer prizes may be awarded in classes with fewer than five boats.

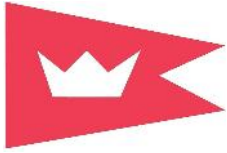
10.0 INFORMATION

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules A4 and A5 are changed by SI 12.3 as follows: "A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without hearing."

1.3 Racing Rules 35, A4, and A5 of the RRS are changed by SI 14.1 as follows: "A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes in corrected time after the first boat in her class will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing."

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with North Florida Cruising Club in advance or during the registration period as set forth in the Notice of Race.

2.2 Additional eligibility requirements and class definitions are defined in the Notice of Race 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 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing boats interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and possible disqualification.

3.3 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 and boats must have VHF on and monitored or give the committee boat a cell phone number to reach them.

3.4 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.

3.5 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have withdrawn.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the pavilion at Fleming Island Marina.

5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted in accordance with SI 4.1 before 12:00 on the day of the race.

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 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the pavilion at Fleming Island Marina.

6.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

7. RACE SCHEDULE




7.1 Saturday, October 11th, one race

7.2 Schedule of Events:

Registration:	10:00-11:45 am
Competitors' Meeting:	12:00 noon
Warning Signal:	12:55 pm

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted in the RRS.

Class	Flag	
Spinnaker	P1	
Non-Spinnaker	P2	
Cruiser	P3	

9. RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the north and River Marker 17 to the south as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 Race course will be displayed from a course board on the Race Committee boat.

10.2 A single race using river navigation marks will be displayed using the designation of the River Marks as depicted in Attachment A, and the letter designation for Mark "W" as described in SI 11.1 and 11.2.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks may be government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners) or yellow inflatable Mark "W" described in SI 11.2. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. Mark "W" will be designated by its alphabetic designator. Approximate positions for the government navigation marks are shown in Appendix A.

11.2 A yellow inflatable mark set to windward of the starting line as a windward mark will be designated "W", WHISKEY.

11.3 A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No boat shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

12. START

12.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable mark set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat.

12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

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

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set to the left side relative to the final leg of the course.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes in corrected time after the first boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee. Protest time will end one hour after the Race Committee boat docks after the racing.

15.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at Fleming Island Marina within 20 minutes following the protest time limit.

16. SCORING

16.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.

16.2 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Results will be announced at Fleming Island Marina following the race. The results will also be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com.

17.2 Every effort will be made to have trophy presentations at the Wing Dinghy Party at Fleming Island Marina following the race. If not they will be presented at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, October 16th, 7:30 PM.

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