

June 6th  
2015  
Jessie Ball Regatta



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## **Jessie Dew Ball**

Ball duPont had met and befriended Alfred I DuPont when she was 14 and he 34, and they maintained a correspondence thereafter. After the January 1920 death of his second wife, they entered a courtship which resulted in marriage on January 22, 1921. The couple made their home in the Nemours Mansion and Gardens in Wilmington, Delaware. Retired from teaching, Ball duPont oversaw maintenance of the family estate, took over raising her husband's daughter, Denise, and began to assist duPont in his business.

In 1923, duPont hired Edward Ball, one of Ball duPont's four siblings to survive to adulthood. Ball relocated to Delaware to become manager of the Clean Food Products Company and additionally to advise duPont and manage the estate fortune. The arrival of her brother freed Ball duPont from some of her business concerns so that she could dedicate more time to her charities.

In 1927, the family relocated to Florida, taking up residence in their newly built 58 acres (230,000 m<sup>2</sup>) estate on the St. John's River, Epping Forest, which was named after the home of Mary Ball Washington, the mother of George Washington, who was Jessie's distant relative. duPont established his main business industry in Jacksonville, with most of his \$34 million assets being transferred to his newly formed Nemours Securities, Inc. Ball also moved to

Florida, and duPont and Ball expanded their business interests in the area, acquiring substantial real estate and buying into the Florida National Bank. In 1935, Ball duPont became the director of that bank. Meanwhile, Ball duPont also undertook the preservation of Stratford Hall Plantation, where Confederate General Robert E. Lee had been born.<sup>1</sup> She also renovated and modernized the Lee family residence Ditchley, near Kilmarnock Virginia. In 1940, she purchased Hurstville and had the house restored as a residence for her sisters.

On April 29, 1935, Alfred duPont died, leaving Ball duPont as his primary beneficiary. He also established a substantial trust which Ball duPont administered, along with her brother and duPont's son-in-law, Elbert Dent. She served as president of two of the organizations set up by the trust, the Nemours Foundation and the Alfred I. duPont Testamentary Trust. She also sat on the boards at the Alfred I. Institute for Crippled Children at Nemours and the St. Joe Paper Company in Jacksonville, serving as Chairman at the latter.





## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### **1. RULES.**

**1.1** The Regatta will be governed by (1) these Sailing Instructions (SI), (2) the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), (3) the prescriptions of US Sailing, and (4) the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-20116 (RRS)

**1.2 MANAGEMENT.** The race will be under the management of the Epping Forest Yacht Club, which is the organizing authority.

**1.3 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE.** Entry must be made on the standard FCSA Entry Form with entry fee paid before the close of registration. The entry fee shall be \$35.00 per boat (non-member). Non-members with current U.S. Sailing Membership will be \$30.00 with number present. \$30.00 for EFYCC Members and no charge for spectators.

**1.4 ELIGIBILITY.** Only boats having a valid FCSA PHRF Certification may compete. Entrants must have completed registration and paid fees to the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors. Vessels not having a current rating will be given a provisional rating.

### **2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS.**

Notices to competitors will be announced at the 1200 Skipper's Meeting, and will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Window located on the west wall window of the Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club Marina building (lower level).

### **3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be approved and posted before 1145 hours on the date it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.**

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official club flag staff, next to the Harbormasters office.

**4.2** Code Flag "AP". Answering Pennant, with two sound signals means "The race is postponed. It is advised to not leave the Harbor area." The time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Window before the lowering of the "AP" flag with one sound signal.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.**

**0930** Hours: Coffee and Pastries on the Marina Dock Patio.

**1030** Hours: Race committee arrives at Epping Forrest Yacht & Country Club Marina; race day registration opens in the lower level room of the EFYCC marina building (Captain's Deck).

**1145** Hours: Registration closes.

**1200** Hours: Competitors meeting at the EFYCC marina building.

**1255** Hours: Warning signal for the first class.

**1600-1800** Hours (approximate): Awards ceremony will follow, with hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary keg of beer on the Captain's Deck. In the event of foul weather we will relocate to Wheel House Café.

## **6. CLASSES.**

**6.1** The fleet will be divided into 4 classes, "All Female" Spinnaker/Cruiser, "All Female" Non-Spinnaker, "Mixed Crew" Spinnaker/Cruiser and "Mixed Crew" Non-Spinnaker.

**6.2** All Female and Mixed Crew Spinnaker/Cruiser Classes will start together first. The separate class flags will be flown together.

**6.3** All Female and Mixed Crew Non-Spinnaker Classes will start together second. The separate class flags will be flown together.

**6.4** Awards and/or trophies for this race from Epping Forest will shall be awarded three deep in the four different classes.

**6.5** This race is the second race in the North Florida Women's Sailing series, and is designed to help promote and foster stronger participation among lady sailors in the North Florida region. The winner shall be determined via the Low Point System per RRS 89.3 and Appendix A.

## **7. THE RACING AREA.**

The Racing Area shall be between the Buckman Bridge to the South and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the North as depicted on NOA Chart 11492.

## **8. COURSES.**

Course(s) will be as announced at the Skippers meeting and alongside the Notice of Race on the outside downstairs window of the Captain's Deck at the competitors meeting. Course(s) will be posted after the announcement.

## **9. MARKS.**

Marks will be yellow and / or orange inflatable marks, stationary government marks or other marks as designated by the RC.

## **10. OBSTRUCTIONS. N/A**

## **11. THE START AND FINISH.**

**11.1** The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat displaying the RC flag at the starboard end and a pin-end buoy at the port end.

**11.2** Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning/class signal for the first start by going past the stern of the race committee boat on a starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

**11.3** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning/class signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning/class signals for the second start will be given approximately 5 minutes after the start signal of the first start, etc.

**11.4** The warning/class signal (5 minutes before start signal) for the "All Female" class will be the "T" (Tango-vertical red, white, blue stripes) flag. The warning /class signal for the "Mixed Crew" class will be the "B" (Bravo-red) flag with the warning/class signal. Once again, the two classes will start together.

**11.5** The preparatory flag (4 minutes to 1 minute before the start signal) for all classes will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute for the "P" flag.

**11.6** Rule 30.1, the "Round an End" rule shall be in effect regardless whether an "I" flag is or is not displayed on the RC boat. Yachts whose warning/class signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.

**11.7** Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, as a convenience to competitors, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF marine radio channel 68 the sail numbers or name of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of the starts will not change and subsequent starts will be delayed accordingly.

**11.8** Yachts failing to cross the start line within 20 minutes of their class start signal will be scored DNS (modification of RRS 30).

## **12. THE FINISH.**

**12.1** The finish line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat displaying RC flag at the starboard end and the pin-end buoy at the port end. The Race Committee will set the start line and the finish line in approximately the same line on either side of the RC Boat as the same line unless weather or other conditions require it be relocated. The RC will announce any changes made to the course during the race if needed.

**12.2** The start and/or finish line(s) shall be closed to all vessels not starting or finishing.

**12.3** Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 3.0 hours of their start shall be scored DNF (modification of RRS 35).

## **13. PENALTIES.**

A one turn penalty (360 degree) in the same direction with one tack and one gybe will apply. (Modification of RRS 44.4.) Any yacht that exonerates itself in this manner for a minor foul shall notify the race committee of such action after finishing.

## **14. PROTESTS.**

A notice to protest must be given by hail immediately after finishing with acknowledgement from the race committee. Protests must be submitted in writing not more than 30 minutes following the race committee's arrival back at Epping Forrest Yacht Club Marina .The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.

## **15. PARTICIPATION.**

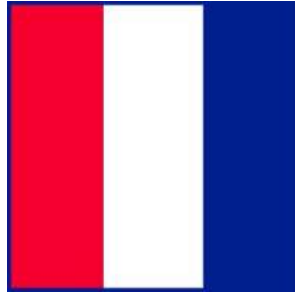
**15.1** Sailing is an activity that has inherent risk of damage to property or injury to persons. Competitors in this regatta are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Epping Forest Yacht Club, Sponsors, or any other Organization or Official) will not accept any liability for damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to or after the regatta.

**15.2** As a condition of participation each vessel shall be insured with valid third party Liability Insurance, and be able to provide a copy if requested by the Race Organizers.

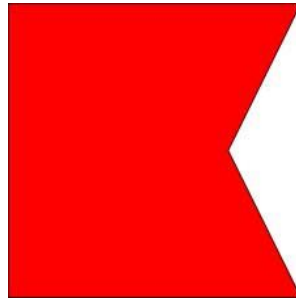


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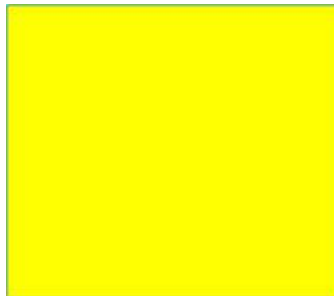
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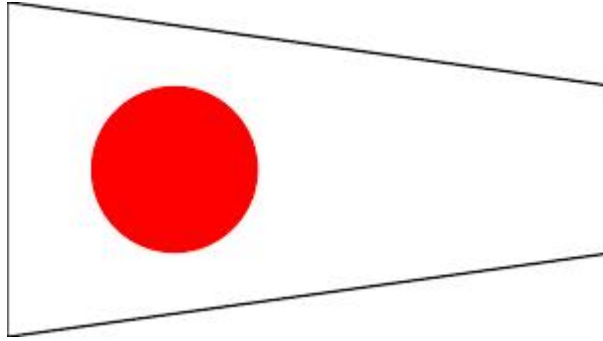
“All Female” Spinnaker/Cruiser Class “T”



“Mixed Crew” Spinnaker/Cruiser Class “B”



“All Female” Non-Spinnaker Class “Q”



**"Mixed Crew" Non-Spinnaker Class "1"**

**\*The RC will also be using audible signals such as the "Ollie" horn system for warning, countdown, and emergencies. A cannon blast will officially start and end the race for the first boat over the finish line.**

**We will also post the appropriate flags when necessary such as postponements or cancellations.**

NOTES:

**SEE BELOW**



## Nautical Chart and important information of the area:

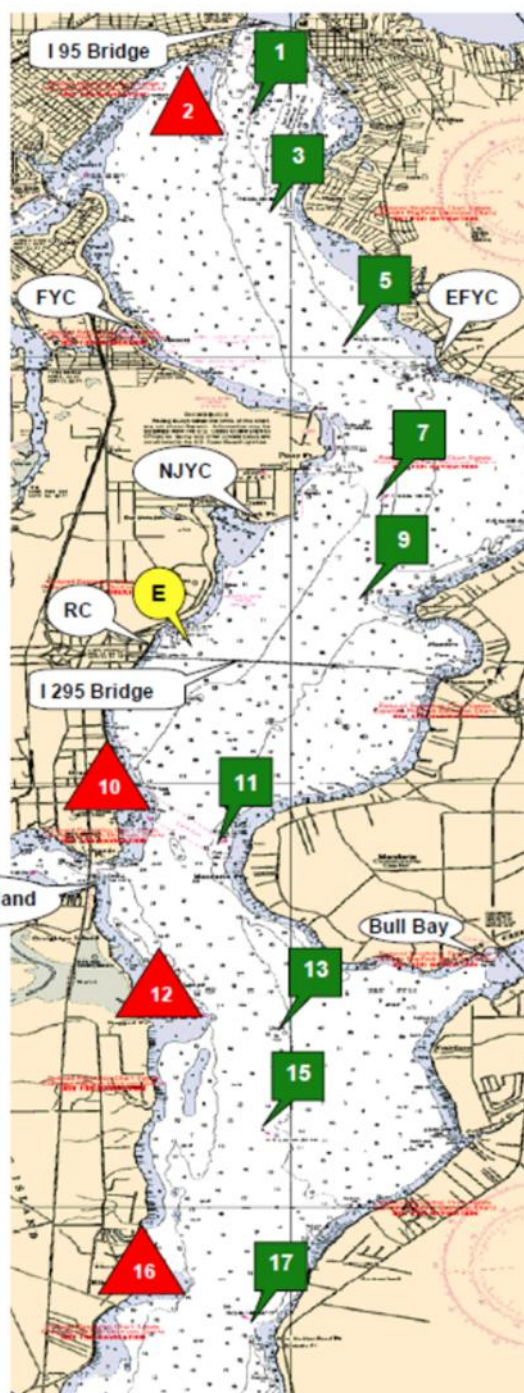


- 1 to 3 1.104 nm
- 1 to 5 2.787 nm
- 1 to 7 4.643 nm
- 3 to 5 1.703 nm
- 3 to 7 3.546 nm
- 5 to 7 1.863 nm
- 5 to 9 2.926 nm
- 7 to 9 1.095 nm
- 7 to E 2.240 nm
- 9 to E 1.486 nm

- 11 to 13 2.317 nm
- 11 to 15 3.400 nm
- 11 to 17 5.631 nm
- 13 to 15 1.109 nm
- 13 to 17 3.360 nm
- 15 to 17 2.252 nm



\* Marks 2, 10, 12, 16 are well placed. Do not sail out of the channel without local knowledge.



From 2009  
*USCG Light List*

River Mark G1  
N 30° 17.813  
W 81° 40.411

River Mark R2  
N 30° 17.628  
W 81° 40.635

River Mark G3  
N 30° 16.719  
W 81° 40.218

River Mark G5  
N 30° 15.142  
W 81° 39.466

River Mark G7  
N 30° 13.305  
W 81° 39.077

River Mark G9  
N 30° 12.216  
W 81° 39.237

Race Mark "E"  
N 30° 11.648  
W 81° 40.822

River Mark R10  
N 30° 09.513  
W 81° 41.399

River Mark G11  
N 30° 09.305  
W 81° 40.794

River Mark R12  
N 30° 07.240  
W 81° 40.800

River Mark G13  
N 30° 07.036  
W 81° 40.224

River Mark G15  
N 30° 05.926  
W 81° 40.283

River Mark R16  
N 30° 04.038  
W 81° 41.254

River Mark G17  
N 30° 03.671  
W 81° 40.393

2015 DuPont Course Layout:

**TBD**



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