



Does this place look familiar? If not come join us, if so how will you get there?

It's our Labor Day Regatta! Let us know if you'll be joining us !!!

## Pricing Schedule

Sept 5: Herb Elphick Memorial Race, Mayport to Fernandina	\$40 (\$45 after August 16)
Sept 6: Tommy Hall Memorial Race, Fernandina to Mayport	\$40 (\$45 after August 16)

## Event Highlights

- **Friday, Sept 4th:** Meet at Sister's Creek. Dock space available or anchor out if you'd like.
- **Saturday, Sept 5th:** Sail as a Racer or Cruising Sailor from the Mayport Jetty to Fernandina Beach.
- **Saturday Night:** AWESOME Regatta Party at The Crab Trap with happy hour prices all night. Attendees pay for their drinks and what they order off of the menu. NFCC will not pre collect or pay for purchases.
- **Sunday, Sept 6th:** Sail as a Racer or Cruising Sailor from Fernandina back to Mayport.  
OR Cruising Sailors sail at your leisure.

Race Skippers will receive a Race Package on Saturday when they get to the race party in Fernandina.

**Questions? Please contact our NFCC Labor Day Regatta team.**

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**NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SATURDAY, September 5, 2015**  
**Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St Marys River 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 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 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 Bill Weinbecker ([william.weinbecker@gmail.com](mailto:william.weinbecker@gmail.com))

3.1 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, Sept 4.**

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: NFCC Race Committee, P.O. Box 600856, Jacksonville, FL 32260. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek dock on Friday evening, Sept 4.

4.3 The entry fee is \$40.00 for entries submitted on or before August 16, 2015 and \$45.00 for entries submitted after August 16, 2014. 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. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA definitions and rules pertaining to the Cruiser Class.

#### **6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Competitors Meeting: None

All Classes Start Race: 09:30, Saturday, Sept 5, 2015.

#### **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 08:00 Saturday, Sept 5. This Race Notice will be repeated at 08:30. If unable to receive by VHF radio for this purpose, a yacht shall telephone the Race Committee at (904) 229-6130 to receive the Race Notice. The Race Notice will be given even if there are no changes in the Sailing Instructions.

## 8.0 THE START

8.1 Yachts shall self-start as follows: No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 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. The Race Committee boat will sound a horn for each finishing yacht.

10.2 As a courtesy the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver.

## 11.0 TIME

11.1 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 shall synchronize its timepiece to this standard.

11.2 The time limit shall be 10 hours. A boat failing to finish within this time limit will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

## 12.0 PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery or mailing to the address given in SI section 4.2. Notice of protest shall be required when the yacht has finished or withdrawn from the race and in no event shall be more than one hour following the yacht’s finish time.

### **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.

### **14.0 POST-RACE**

If possible, provisional race results will be announced at the Regatta Party at Fernandina Marina (18:30 to 21:30). 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 17th, 7:30 PM.

**FURTHER INFO:** Barbara Sperbeck, (904) 229-6130 [barbarasperbeck@bellsouth.net](mailto:barbarasperbeck@bellsouth.net)