

# Blue Max Race

## NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

SATURDAY, June 17, 2017

St. Johns River starting in the vicinity of Marker

# NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1.0 RULES

The race will be governed in order of precedence by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions; the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA); and The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020 (RRS).

## 2.0 MANAGEMENT

This race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

## 3.1 ELIGIBILITY

- **3.2** The race is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate from the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA www.sailjax.com). 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.
- **3.3** A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class shall have her sail number 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.

#### 4.1 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

- **4.2** The standard FCSA race entry form must be completed in full and filed with the Race Committee before the start of the race.
- **4.3** Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Brigitte Hoey, NFCC Race Captain, 1102 1<sup>st</sup> Street South, Unit C, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. Registration may also be completed on the day of the race and handed to the Race Committee on the water.
- **4.4** The entry fee is \$30.00 for NFCC members and \$35 for non-members (\$30 with US Sailing membership). Checks should be made payable to North Florida Cruising Club.

#### 5.0 CLASSES

The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser. Classes may be further divided into Divisions if the number of entries permit. A multihull and or one design class may also be created with at least three registrants per class.

#### 6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS :

Registration: If unable to mail in registration, register with Race committee till 11:45 Warning signal for first start: 11:55

Post-race activities and awards presentation will be held at the Amity Marina from 1600 to 1900. Docking at the docks is free for the day, and please contact Amity for overnighting.

## 7.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.2 Monitor VHF 72 before the race for any last minute changes.

## 8.1 THE COURSE

**8.2** The course for spinnaker and performance classes will be approximately 12.69 NM; The course for cruiser class will be approximately 8.25 NM

**Spinnaker/Performance Start** between RC boat and ATON marker 11, **proceed to marker 18** (leave to port), then to finish between yellow marker and committee boat, finish at approximately N 30 06.00 W 81 39.00' (leave RC boat to starboard).

**Cruisers Start** between ATON Marker 11, **proceed to marker 17** (leave to port) then to finish between yellow marker and committee boat, finish at approximately N 30 06.00 W 81 39.00' (leave RC boat to starboard).

See attached charts.

# 9.1 THE START and FINISH

- 9.2 The start line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and ATON marker 11.
- **9.3** Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal of the first start. Failure to check in will result in a DNC.
- **9.4** The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for the second start will be made after the prior class has substantially cleared the line.
- **9.5** Class flags will be: Gold for the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes combined; Pink for the Cruiser class. The Cruiser class will start first.
- **9.6** The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag.
- **9.7** Individual and general recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF channel 72 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of starts will not change; all subsequent starts will be delayed correspondingly.
- 9.8 A yacht failing to cross the starting line within 15 minutes of the final start signal may be scored DNS.
- **9.9** If a postponement is signaled by display of the "AP" flag, the warning signal for races not yet started will be made not more than 5 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- **9.10** The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a yellow tetrahedron located at approximately N 30 06.00 W 81 39.00'
- 9.11 A standoff buoy attached to the race committee boat shall be considered part of the boat.
- **9.12** All times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving 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 should likewise coordinate his/her timepiece.

#### **10.0 PENALTIES**

The two-turns penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44. Any yacht which exonerates herself from a minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race Committee of such action after finishing.

#### **11.0 PROTESTS**

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 15 minutes following a horn signal made upon arrival of the Race Committee boat at the dock. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by hail, and acknowledged by the Race Committee.

## **11.0 TROPHIES**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes.

## **12.0 POST-RACE**

Results will be announced AND TROPHIES AWARDED after the race at the Amity Marina Clubhouse sometime between 1600 and 1800. The results will later be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, July 20, 7:30 PM, location TBA.

**FURTHER INFO:** Brigitte Hoey, NFCC Race Captain. e-mail: <u>Brigitte.hoey@bhhsfnr.com</u> or call/text 973-452-9417 (cell)

You are welcome and encouraged to tie up on the T-dock following the race for free. Registration fee will include Walking Tacos and 5 drink tickets per boat!



