

NFCC LABOR DAY WEEKEND BASH!

Schedule of Events:

Friday, September 1st – Meet at Sisters Creek. Dock space available or anchor out if you like. No electricity provided.

Saturday Sept 2nd – 0930 Herb Elphick Memorial Race starting a mile north of the St. John's Inlet (N 30° 25.000 / W 81° 23.000) , racing to the St. Mary's Inlet or join us for a leisurely cruise to St. Mary's GA.

Dock at Lang's Marina. Fees are up to 25' - \$25/night, over 25' - \$1.00/foot. Electricity: \$3.00/night/boat. Will need names and size of boat as well as and how many nights as soon as available to make the necessary arrangements. Please email/text your boat name and size, as well as how many nights to Brigitte Hoey.

Approximately 1830 we will have a Low Country Boil at Lang's Restuarant. Early Bird dinner RSVP on or before August 24th is \$18.00 (beer included!). After August 24th, dinner cost is \$20.00 per person (beer included!). RSVP to Brigitte Hoey (Brigitte.hoey@bhhsfnr.com) or Julie Long (julielong12@gmail.com)

The Riverview Hotel has 18 rooms, cancellation policy is quite liberal. There are many other options as well. www.riverviewhotelstmarys.com tel: (912) 882-3242

Sunday Sept 3rd – Ferry or cruise to Cumberland Island for an afternoon picnic at Sea Camp Beach. Recommend 1145 outbound St. Mary's to Cumberland Island and 1645 departure from Cumberland Island return to St. Mary's. BYO Food & drink.

<https://www.cumberlandislandferry.com/ferry-schedule-rates/>

Monday Sept 4th – 0930 Tommy Hall Memorial Race starting a few miles south of the St. Mary's inlet, racing to the St. John's inlet or take a leisurely cruise to Mayport. Please feel free to participate in some or all of the events. Registration will be available on-line through www.regattatech.com and you can pick and choose any of the racing events and/or parties to attend.

Questions - call Brigitte Hoey 973-452-9417 or email Brigitte.hoey@bhhsfnr.com

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Herb Elphick Memorial Race

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St. Mary's 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, 2017-2020 (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 the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - 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)
- 3.3 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) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee before 20:00 hrs Friday, September 1, 2017.
- 4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Brigitte Hoey, NFCC Race Committee, 1102 1st Street South, Unit C, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek quay on Friday evening, but please don't wait until then.
- 4.3 The entry fee is \$30.00 for NFCC Members, and \$35.00 for non-members (\$30.00 if US Sailing Member). Make checks 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.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None

Warning signal for first start: 09:25:00 AM

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 This 3-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 2nd. 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 (973) 452-9417 to receive the Race Notice. The Race Notice via the VHF radio will be given even if there are no changes in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 TIME

All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UT 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's timekeeper shall synchronize their timepiece to this standard.

9.0 THE START

- 9.1 **The Start will be between the RC boat stationed at N 30° 25.000 / W 81° 23.000 and a yellow cylindrical marker stationed inshore of the Committee Boat.**
- 9.2 There will be 1 start for all classes. Warning signal at 09:25:00. Yachts shall start at or after 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 8.0). A yacht shall have started when, any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line while sailing in the proper start direction – from south to north.
- 9.2 Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time.
- 9.3 **Each yacht will be recorded to have started at the start time of the race or start time of their class (if applicable).**
- 9.4 **Starting Penalties** - Any vessel early over the line will perform an 'end to round' on either side of the starting line and restart the race.
- 9.5 **For the safety of all race participants, the NFCC Race Committee strongly recommends the wearing of a life jacket during the race.**

10.0 THE COURSE

- 10.1 After starting, Cruiser class yachts shall proceed directly to the finish. Course length 17.59 nm
- 10.2 After starting, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class yachts shall proceed to the St. Mary's entrance buoy G-9 (N 30° 42' 403 / W 081° 20' 475) leaving it to port, then proceed to the finish. Course length 19.97nm.

11.0 THE FINISH

- 11.1 **There will no RC Boat at the Finish line:** The finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Mary's entrance buoys R-14 and G-15, with R-14 to starboard and G-15 to port. A yacht shall have finished when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line while sailing in the proper finish direction – from east to west. (G-15 is located at N 30° 42.592 / W 81° 23.189)
- 11.2 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 the RC at (973) 452-9417. Leave a message Via text message or voicemail with: boat name, finish time and a call back number (text message is preferred- speak CLEARLY). In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish.

12.0 PROTESTS

Submit all protests in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 10:00am Sunday, September 3, 2017. Notice of protest is also required to be given to RC when the yacht crosses the finish line.

13.0 TROPHIES

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

14.0 POST-RACE

Results and awards will be announced during the party at Waterfront Park (downtown St. Mary's). All non-racing cruisers, friends, families are 'expected'!

The results will later be posted on the NFCC website www.nfcsail.com and the FCSA website www.sailjax.com and also announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 7:30 PM at Mediterrania Restaurant, 3877 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville.

FURTHER INFO:

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