

# NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

## NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Tommy Hall Memorial Race

Monday, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Mary's Inlet to St. Johns 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, 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](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))
- 3.3 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](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 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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° 41.000 / W 81° 24.000 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 17.23 nm
- 10.2** After starting, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class yachts shall proceed to the St. John's River Entrance buoy 'STJ' (N 30° 23' 589 / W 081° 19' 140) leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finish. Course length 20.05nm

## 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. John's entrance buoys R-4 and G-3, with R-4 to starboard and G-3 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. (R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605)
- 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 Tuesday September 5th. Notice of protest is also required to be given to RC when the yacht crosses the finish line.

## **13.0 TROPHIES**

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

## **14.0 POST-RACE**

Results and awards will be announced during NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm. The results will also be posted on the NFCC website [www.nfcssail.com](http://www.nfcssail.com) and the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com).

## **FURTHER INFO:**

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