

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

May 24 Updates: Start Line, Phone# Bi-Annual St. Augustine Race



NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St. Augustine 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 Adam Norwood (ahnorwood@comcast.net).

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, May 25.

4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Alex Madsen, NFCC Race Committee, 4762 Cambridge Road, Jacksonville, FL 32210. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek docks 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

There will be no Notices to Competitors other than this document.

8.0 TIME

All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (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 There will be no RC boat at the start line:

Yachts shall start at or after 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 8.0). A yacht shall have started when, while proceeding **southerly easterly**, it crosses an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys G-3 (30:23.754 N; 81:21.638 W) and **G-5 (near the end of the Jetties)**. ~~R-4 (30:23.894 N; 81:21.605 W)~~.

9.2 After starting, Cruiser class yachts shall proceed directly to the finish.

9.3 After starting, Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker class yachts shall proceed to the St. Johns River Entrance buoy 'STJ' (30:23.589 N; 81:19.140 W) leaving it to starboard, then proceed to the finish.

9.4 Each yacht will be recorded to have started at the start time of the race or start time of their class (if applicable).

10.0 THE RACE

10.1 Starting Penalties

Any vessel early over the line will perform and 'end to round' on either side of the starting line and restart the race (in accord with RRS 30.1).

10.2 For the safety of all race participants, the NFCC Race Committee strongly recommends the wearing of a life jacket during the race.

11.0 THE FINISH

11.1 There will be no RC boat at the finish line:

The finish line shall be an imaginary line extending 300 feet south from 'STA'. As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should make a visually obvious turning maneuver when finishing. Text finish times to the Race Committee as soon after finishing as possible. Example " Big Boat 16:31:17 "

12.0 PROTESTS

Submit all protests in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 10:00am Sunday, May 28. 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 trophies will be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes.

14.0 POST-RACE

Results and awards will be announced during the after party, venue to be announced. All non-racing cruisers 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, June 21, 7:30 PM at "Mediterrania Restaurant, 3877 Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville (on Baymeadows at San Jose)

FURTHER INFO:

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