



## *The Rudder Club of Jacksonville*

8533 Malaga Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32244, USA

### Friday April 30, 2021 - St. Johns River starting near Marker "E" in front of RCOJ

1. **RULES:** The Blue Max will be held on Friday April 30. The start will be between Marker "E" and an additional pre-positioned "pin" marker and finish will be between Channel Marker 20 and the Platform Marker "A" that is directly adjacent to 20.
  - 1.1 It will be a "pursuit" start with boats starting at assigned times in the reverse order of their time-on-distance PHRF rating. The first assigned start time will be 08:00. The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), applicable class rules, and the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.
  - 1.2 Competing yachts shall monitor VHF channel **78** at all times. It shall be the responsibility of each boat to check-in using VHF radio communication at least ten minutes prior to the first starting time. Course information and oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water and communicated to each boat via VHF radio at the time of check-in.
  - 1.3 **VERY IMPORTANT:** In order to maximize everyone's time on the water, this event does not operate under a traditional race committee format. It is imperative to success that each skipper behaves with a Corinthian spirit and accurately reports events in accordance to the rules.
2. **MANAGEMENT:** the Rudder Club of Jacksonville is the organizing authority.
3. **ELIGIBILITY:** The race series is open to all boats holding a PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.
  - 3.1 There will be one fleet and all classes will sail together on a single course. Each boat will use their spinnaker / non spinnaker rating in accordance. The decision to use either rating must be declared at time of entry.
  - 3.2 Eligible boats may enter and acquire a starting time by contacting the Race Chair prior to noon on April 28, 2021
  - 3.3 Race Chair is Gary Van Tassel. [gwvt2@att.net](mailto:gwvt2@att.net) 843 – 513 - 5794
4. **REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE:**
  - 4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form must be completed in full and filed with the Race Chair prior to noon April 29, 2020.
  - 4.2 The entry fee is \$0 for RCOJ members and \$35 for non-members (\$30 with US Sailing membership). Make checks payable to the Rudder Club of Jacksonville.
5. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Monitor VHF **78** before the race for any last-minute changes.
6. **SCHEDULE:** The first start time assigned will be 08:00 competitors to start thereafter according to their assigned time. There will be no skippers meeting and any changes will be communicated directly to the competitors and announced on VHF 78.

## **7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 7.1 Races will be held as a time on distance “pursuit” race with the slowest rated registered boat starting first. Each boat is responsible for acquiring a start time per section 3 of these instructions.
- 7.2 Each boat shall have a designated person on the bow at the start and finish to ensure the line is called accurately and on time. Official time shall be based on NIST time. [www.time.gov](http://www.time.gov)
- 7.3 The Race Chair has the right to revoke a boat’s official start time at their sole discretion if they have determined the competitor is not acting in good faith.

## **8. THE COURSE:**

- 8.1 The start will be between Marker “E” and an additional pre-positioned “pin” marker.
- 8.2 All boats must pass through the main span of the Buckman Bridge.
- 8.3 The finishing “gate” is between Channel Marker 20 and the Platform Marker “A” that is directly adjacent to 20.
- 8.4 Official course distance is 12.79 NM.

**9. TIME LIMIT:** There is no time limit. If a boat chooses to abandon racing they must contact the Race Chair via hail or text.

**10. 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. PROTESTS:** All protests shall be declared to the Race Chair after the race no later than 15 minutes following the boats finish via hail or text.

**12. SCORING:** Places will be determined based on order of finish. Boats shall hail the RC using VHF Channel 78 or via text as they finish. If RC is unreachable, boats shall record the approximate time of finish and boat ahead and behind. This information shall be provided to RC at the first available opportunity.

**13. TROPHIES:** None.

**14. POST-RACE:** To maximize social distancing, no formal activities are planned following the race.

**15. PARTICIPATION:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race series are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Participation in this race series constitutes an acceptance of and agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions.

**16. FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact:

**Race Chair, Gary Van Tassel**

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