

2023 NFCC Herb Elphick Memorial Race

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, September 2, 2023

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St Marys 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 current Racing Rules of Sailing

2.0 MANAGEMENT The race will be managed by the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY The race is open to all yachts with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - www.sailjax.com)

4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form (<http://www.sailjax.com/FCSA-Race-Entry.pdf>) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee by 0700 Saturday September 2nd.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: **Zak O'Grady 7701 Timberline Park Blvd. #1011, Jacksonville, FL 32256**. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek NORTH dock on Friday evening, September 1st.

4.3 The entry fee is \$30 for NFCC Members, and \$35 for non-members. Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.

5.0 CLASSES The fleet will be divided into two classes: Performance and Cruiser (you can register using your spinnaker or non-spinnaker PHRF and be scored accordingly).

5.1 Two boats must register to make a class.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None. Warning signal for first start 0855. All Classes Start Race: 0900, Saturday, September 2, 2023.

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 This 2-page document is the only printed Notice pertaining to the running of the race.

7.2 LISTEN TO CHANNEL 72 AT 0800 & 0830. 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 0800 Saturday, September 3rd. This Race Notice will be repeated at 0830. The Race Notice will be given to communicate the start scenario and any changes to the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 THE START

8.1 There will be no RC boat at the start line. Yachts shall self-start as follows: No yacht shall start prior to 0900 as synchronized with USNO time. The start line shall be an imaginary line

connecting St. Johns entrance buoys R-6 and R-4. A yacht shall have started when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line while sailing in the proper starting direction – from south to north. Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time. (R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605). Any vessel early over the line will perform and ‘end to round’ on either side of the starting line and restart the race (in accordance with RRS 30.1).

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

9.0 THE COURSE After the start, all yachts shall proceed 18.705 nm directly to the finish.

10.0 THE FINISH There will be no RC boat.

10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Mary’s entrance buoys G-15 and G-13, with G-15 to port and G-13 to starboard. Each yacht shall record its own finish time when it touches this line with any part of its hull, crew, or equipment while sailing in the proper finishing direction – from south to north. (G-15 is located at N 30° 42.592 / W 81° 23.189)

10.2 Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second). As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver and simultaneously sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts (hence the turning maneuver and courtesy horn).

10.3 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 text or phone the RC at **(904)726-7698**. Leave a message with your vessel name and finish time as a text or voicemail. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish (text or voice messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

11.0 TIME All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight 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’s timekeeper shall synchronize their timepiece to this standard.

12.0 PROTESTS Protest shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery or mailing to the address given in 4.2. Notice of protest shall be required when reporting the yacht’s finish time or withdrawal from the race and in no event shall be more than one hour following the yacht’s finish time using the same procedures for communication of finish time as defined in 10.3.

13.0 TROPHIES 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies may be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes regardless of class size.

14.0 POST-RACE Shall be held at Fernandina Harbor Marina, provisional race results will be announced at that time. **If you would like a slip or mooring contact the harbormaster at 904.310.3300 or info@fhmarina.com.** The final results will be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com and NFCC website www.nfcssail.com Award ceremony will be held at the September 21 NFCC General Meeting at Noura’s Café.

CALL 904.726.7698 FOR MORE INFORMATION