

2024 NFCC Spring River Race

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, March 2nd 2024

St. Johns River between Buckman Bridge and Shands Bridge

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) Boats without a valid PHRF certificate will be assigned a provisional rating valid for this race.

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 March 2nd.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: **Paul M Hellings 5353 Deer Island Rd. Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.**

Registration documents may also be submitted to Sailboat to be designated by a sign near the starting line shortly before the start of the Race. Participants may also e-mail the completed form to pmhellings@bellsouth.net. Payment may also be made by VENMO to Paul Hellings or by scanning the attached QR form.

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. All Classes Start Race: 12:00 Noon, Saturday March 2nd, 2024

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

7.2 LISTEN TO VHF CHANNEL 72. 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 11:30 AM Saturday, March 2nd and again at 11:45 AM Saturday, March 2nd.

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 12:00 Noon as synchronized with USNO time. The start line shall be an imaginary line connecting RED MARK #12 TO STARBOARD AND GREEN MARK #13 TO PORT. 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 north to south (R #12 is located at N 30° 07.240 / W 81° 40.800) (G #13 is located N 30° 05.926 / W 81°40.224). Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time. 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 COURSE A - All Classes – After the start, proceed 5.5 nm to GREEN MARK #17A, rounding 17A (30°02.467' N / 81° 40.522' W) keeping it to PORT. ALL Boats will return to the imaginary line between RED MARK #12 and GREEN MARK #13

9.1 COURSE B - (In the Event of UNFAVORABLE CONDITIONS the course will be shortened as noted and indicated by VHF Communication Channel #72) All Classes – After the start, proceed 4.1 nm to GREEN MARK # 17, rounding 17 (30°03.671' N / 81° 40.393' W) keeping it to PORT. ALL Boats will return to the imaginary line between RED MARK #12 and GREEN MARK #13.

10.0 THE FINISH There will be no RC boat.

10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting RED MARK #12 TO PORT and GREEN MARK #13 TO STARBOARD.

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) 669-1697. Leave a message with your 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 Performance and Cruiser classes regardless of class size. Final results will be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com, and NFCC website www.nfccsail.com. Award ceremony will be held at the NFCC March Meeting at Havana Jax.

CALL 904-669-1697 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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NFCC is Going South! Along with longer days and the first hints of warmer weather, the NFCC's first Inshore Race of the 2024 Season will be South of the Buckman Bridge. Join us in friendly competition passing Doctor's Lake, Julington Creek and Fleming Island to the mouth of Black Creek and back. Break out the sunscreen and shades and be ready to ditch the down jackets at the NFCC Spring Regatta!