

DuPont Cup Regatta
Saturday, April 6th, 2024
Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes for competing for Alfred I. DuPont Award Included.
This race starts the series for recognition for the Alfred I. DuPont Sailing Award.
This is also referred to as the “St. Johns Sailing Award”.

All participants are requested to acknowledge their intent to race along with their boat name, class, and PHRF Rating by calling Keith Keller 904-739-7150 or e-mailing kkeller@efyc.com by Tuesday noon April 2nd. This is non-binding.

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES:

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), and the EFYCC Race Committee whom governs the Alfred I. DuPont Sailing Award. These may be altered by these Sailing Instructions. Epping Forest Yacht and County Club EFY&CC is the organizing authority for this Race/Regatta.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 Boats must have a PHRF Rating to participate. Boats with a current PHRF Certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) as listed in the www.sailjax.com website will accumulate points towards the FCSA Annual Series Trophies.
- 2.2 All boats participating in the Performance class with LP measurements equal to or exceeding 130% of the base of the triangle (>130% of J) shall have sail numbers displayed on mainsails, spinnakers, and headsails.
- 2.3 Boats in the Cruiser Class shall have sail numbers on the mainsails as a minimum.
- 2.4 All boat electing to compete for the Alfred I. DuPont Trophy must register with their FCSA / PHRF Rating. See the attachment for notes explaining changes being implemented to this series.

3.0 REGISTRATION:

- 3.1 Prior to racing, each yacht shall be properly registered by completing the Standard Race Entry Form found at www.sailjax.com and shall have submitted the appropriate registration fee.
- 3.2 Registration forms and fees may be turned in to the Race Committee during registration on the Mariner’s Deck in the EFYCC marina day of the race during the registration period. See the section on Schedule below for times.

- 3.3 Boats may also register by bringing their registration form with the proper fee to the Epping Forest Yacht Country Club Marina Office before 3PM on the Friday before the race.

4.0 CLASSES:

- 4.1 See note above 2.4 for vessels wishing to compete in the first race for the Alfred I. DuPont Sailing Award
4.2 The class entered must be declared on the Standard Race Entry Form before the close of registration.
4.3 Boats must register in either the Performance Class, or the Cruiser Class.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 5.1 Registration period is 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM on the day of the race on the EFYCC Mariner's Deck.
5.2 The "Skipper's Meeting will be on the EFYCC Mariner's deck at 12 PM.
5.3 Please review all aspects of NOR/SI with amendments.
5.4 Each class will race one race scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, 2024.
5.5 Warning signal for the start will be at approximately 12:55 AM on the day of the race.
5.6 The combined start will be approximately 1 PM.
5.7 There will be an awards presentation and social event after the race upstairs on the upper Mariner's deck and bar area.

6.0 ENTRY FEE/REGISTRATION:

- 6.1 Regatta entry fee is \$ 40.00 for EFY&CC Members and \$ 45.00 for Non-EFY&CC Members. Payable to the EFY&CC.
6.2 Member fees may be charged to Club account. Non-member fees may be check or the exact amount in cash.
6.3 If submitting payment and registration form to Race Committee Boat on the water, please place in a zip lock bag to prevent damage.

7.0 RACING AREA:

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the St. Johns River between the Fuller Warren and Buckman Bridges as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

8.0 SAFETY:

- 8.1 All competitors are required to comply with U.S. Coast Guard Regulations and the RRS Guidelines concerning vessel safety, personal flotation devices and required equipment.
8.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can only navigate within a narrow channel or commercial fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver.
8.3 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.

9.0 INFORMATION:

- 9.1 Contact is Keith Keller at kkeller@efyc.com or office 904-739-7150.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.1 Any changes or notices to competitors will be incorporated into the Schedule Section of the sailjax.com website. The Notice of Race and/or the Sailing Instructions will be updated to show any changes. These changes will be posted on the website no later than 4 PM on the Thursday before the race. If there are changes, post the "Skipper's Meeting", the "Come with-in Hail" Flag will be flown on the committee boat to signify any changes made during this period of time.
- 1.2 The race committee may make verbal changes to the Race Instructions on VHF Channel 72 for 45 minutes following the close of the "Skippers Meeting" and prior to the start of the race.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS BEFORE AND DURING THE RACE:

- 2.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.
- 2.2 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee Boat by passing behind the stern of the Committee Boat and hailing their boat name and "checking in".
- 2.3 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that are over the start line early via VHF Channel 72, however the race flags as shown in the Rules of Racing shall govern.
- 2.4 Boats withdrawing from the race prior to finishing shall make every effort to contact the Race Committee Boat of their intentions.

3.0 MARKS:

- 3.1 The course may be a combination of Navigation Marks on the River and marks set by the Race Committee.

4.0 THE COURSE:

- 4.1 The course(s) will be posted on white board(s) during the "Skipper's Meeting" before the start of the race.
- 4.2 "W" on the white board will designate the Windward Mark from the starting line
- 4.3 "L" on the white board will designate the Leeward Mark from the starting line.
- 4.4 "O" on the white board will designate an Offset Mark - if used. The course heading in degrees will be given from the previous mark.
- 4.5 Subscript "p" or "s" will designate leaving that mark with the mark on the port or starboard side of the boat respectively.
- 4.6 A "1" on the white board will signify once around, a "2" will signify twice around, etc.
- 4.7 Government Navigation Marks will be designated by the Numerical Mark Number.
- 4.8 See the course diagrams when posted regarding closed start-finish lines.

5.0 CLASS FLAGS:

- 5.1 One start is scheduled for both classes. The class flag for all classes be the "T" Flag.
- 5.2 See the course diagrams day of race for additional information.

6.0 RACE SCHEDULE:

- 6.1 One single race for each class is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, 2024.
- 6.2 Warning signal for the combined start at approximately 12:55 AM.
- 6.3 The starting time for the combined classes will be approximately 1:00 PM.

7.0 START:

- 7.1 One start is scheduled to accommodate racing for the Alfred I. DuPont Cup Trophy per the course diagrams displayed.
- 7.2 The Race Committee boat will be in the middle of the starting line.
- 7.3 Performance Class boats will start between the orange flag on the committee boat and the starting buoy to port side of the Race Committee Boat.

- 7.4 Cruiser Class boats will start between the orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the starting buoy on the starboard side of the Race Committee Boat.
- 7.5 In order for either class to compete for the St. Johns Sailing Award they must also attend the King's Day Regatta in the Fall during the month of November.
- 7.6 The R/C will keep the timer running from the initial start time until the last boat finishes. The first time will be logged for the Alfred I. DuPont Trophy as all vessels pass through the S/F line on leg #1. Vessels continue on their course and the second timing (from the beginning) will be for the days event.

8.0 STARTING SEQUENCE: (Similar for each class-Flags shall govern, horns are not official)

- 8.1 Three horn blasts (designating "get ready") approximately 1 minute before the warning signal of the starting class.
- 8.2 The Class Flag is raised with one horn blast as the warning signal designating the beginning of their five minute sequence.
- 8.3 Four minutes before their start the Preparatory Flag "P" will be raised with one horn blast.
- 8.4 One minute before their start the Preparatory Flag "P" will be lowered with one horn blast.
- 8.5 The Class Flag is lowered with one horn blast designating the start for that class.
- 8.6 The Start-Finish line will be closed to all boats travelling from the Windward Mark to the Leeward Mark and back to Windward Mark during the intermediate legs. Boats not starting within 15 minutes of their scheduled start shall be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS).

9.0 RECALLS:

- 9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the Sail numbers of infringing yacht(s) by hailing and or radio on VHF 72. Failure to make or hear such a hail will not be grounds for redress nor relieve a yacht of her responsibility to start correctly.
- 9.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

10.0 FINISH:

- 10.1 The finish lines for each class will be the same as the start lines for each class.

11.0 TIME LIMIT:

- 11.1 The time limit for each class shall be 3 hours from the starting time of it's class.
- 11.2 A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes in corrected time after the first boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

12.0 SCORING THE RACE:

- 12.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Time.
- 12.2 The Low Point scoring system will apply per RRS Appendix A.

13.0 PROTESTS:

- 13.1 Intent to protest(s) shall be hailed to the Race Committee on the Race Committee boat within 15 minutes after finishing their race. A protest flag shall be visible near the stern of the protesting boat when hailing the committee boat.
- 13.2 A filled out formal protest form shall be turned in to the Epping Forest Office or e-mailed to Keith Keller before 6 pm Sunday April 16th to be considered.

14.0 RACE PRIZES:

- 14.1 Prizes/trophies will be awarded at the discretion on the race committee depending on participation in each class.
- 14.2 There will be a post-race cocktail party and awards presentation following the race on the upper Mariner's Deck area adjacent to the bar in the EFYCC Marina. Race results will be announced.
- 14.3 Race results will be posted to the www.sailjax.com website as soon as the scoring and reporting process is complete.

- 15.0 INFORMATION:** 15.1 Contact is Keith Keller at Office 904-739-7150 or kkeller@efyc.com