

2024 NFCC MEMORIAL DAY RACE

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, May 25th, 2024

Mayport to St. Augustine

This is a Points Race For FCSA Annual Awards - Offshore Series

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. Boats without a current rating must apply for a rating with-in 30 days of the race date to be included in the FCSA Annual Awards. The boats finish times may be adjusted based on the updated Rating.

4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form (<http://www.sailjax.com/FCSA-Race-Entry.pdf>) shall be completed in full, and submitted along with the appropriate fee and shall be filed with the NFCC Race Committee by 5:00 PM Friday, May 24th.

See Options to Follow :

4.2 A completed Race Entry Form with entry fee can be brought to the NFCC General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, May 21st at the Havana Jack's Restaurant, 2578 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32207 between 6 and 8 PM. Cash or check will be accepted.

4.3 A completed Race Entry Form with check entry fee can be mailed to: NFCC Race Committee, P.O. Box 24268, Jacksonville, FL 32241. Entry Forms must be received to the P.O. Box by 5 PM on Friday May 24th.

4.4 A completed Race Entry Form (without fee) can be scanned and emailed to allen.jones53774@gmail.com by 5 PM May 24th. A mailed check must be received within seven (7) days to the above mentioned P.O. Box. If a check is not received by this date, it will be assumed that the boat was not registered for the race and the boat will not be eligible for a trophies or points.

4.5 A Completed Entry Form and applicable fee can be hand delivered to Allen Jones by Friday May 24th by 5PM. Please phone to advise time.

4.6 A signed Race Entry Form must be in the hands of the Race Committee to be entered in the race.

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

5.0 CLASSES

5.1 The fleet will be divided into two classes: Performance and Cruiser.

5.2 You can register using your spinnaker or non-spinnaker PHRF Rating and be scored accordingly.

5.3 Should you elect to change from non-spinnaker to spinnaker, or vice a versa, you can do so by texting your desire to 904-321-7010 no later than Friday May 24th at 5 pm. Changes will not be allowed after that time.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Competitors Meeting: None.

6.2 All Classes Start Race: 10:00 AM, Saturday May 25th, 2024.

6.3 Engine propulsion shall be disengaged four minutes before the start of the race except in cases of emergency.

6.4 There will be no starting flags. Horns may be blown by the competitors but they are not official.

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - including use of radios

7.1 This document is the only printed Notice pertaining to running of the race. Should this document need to be updated it will be done by May 23rd and re-posted on the sailjax.com website.

7.2 If special notices are needed, they will be emailed to the email address listed on the Race Entry Form.

7.3 For the safety of all race participants, the practice of wearing appropriate life jackets at all times on the water is strongly recommended.

7.4 Race Committee will not monitor any VHF radio channel, Participants are encouraged to use Channel 72 for conversations between competitors.

7.5 Note, there may be other boats in the area that are not “racing” from the starting area to St. Augustine.

7.6 As a note of precaution, be aware of the rock jetties that guard the entrance to the St. Johns River and the St. Augustine Inlet.

8.0 THE START

8.1 There will be no RC boat at the start line. Yachts shall self-start as follows.

8.2 The starting area will east of the St. Johns River and Mayport entrance as shown on NOAA Chart 11490. The start line will be an imaginary line from Buoy G3 extending east for 600 feet (200 yards). When starting Buoy G3 should be on your starboard (right) side heading south to St. Augustine.

8.3 The location of is listed as G3 is N 30, 23.754', W 81, 21.638', weather dependent.

8.4 No yacht shall start prior to the start time as synchronized with USNO time. Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time except in cases of emergency.

8.5 Any vessel over the line early must return their boat to 100% clear back before the starting line and re-start.

9.0 COURSE

9.1 The course shall be from Buoy G3 east of the St. Johns River Entrance to Buoy STA east of the St. Augustine Inlet. The course line is sailing north to south.

9.2 The course length is approximately 29 nautical miles

10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 There will be no RC boat.

10.2 The finish line shall be an imaginary line from Buoy STA extending east for 150 feet (50 yards). When finishing, Buoy STA will be to your starboard (right side). Take your time when any part of your boat's hull crosses the imaginary line.

10.3 STA is listed as N 29, 54.912', W 81, 15.280', weather dependent,

10.4 As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee via text phone number 904-321-7010, Leave a message with your boat name and finish time. All finish times should be reported by 10:00 PM May 25th to the above number. If a protest is to be reported it should also be noted in the text.

10.5 Boats that have retired or elected to not finish are requested to text the Race Committee that they have done so. The Race Committee will not try to contact boats that have not made their intentions known to the Race Committee.

10.6 Cut-Off time for finishing is 7:00 PM Saturday May 25th. Boats not making the finish are requested to also text to 904-321-7010 with a message to that effect.

11.0 TIME

11.1 The Race Results will be calculated using Time on Time procedures.

11.2 All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Time. 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 report times synchronized to this standard.

11.3 A yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second). As a courtesy, if other racing boats are in the area, the finishing yacht should sound a horn and make an obvious turning maneuver indicating it has finished racing.

12.0 PROTESTS Protest shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery to the Race Committee or mailing to the address given in 4.3. Notice of protest shall be required when reporting the yacht's finish time or withdrawal from the race.

13.0 TROPHIES

13.1 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 sailjax.com website

13.2 Awards will be presented at the NFCC General Membership Meeting at Havana Jacks on June 18th.

MISCELLANEOUS

M1. One more time, there will be no Race Committee boat at the start nor at the finish.

M2. The decision to race is a personal choice for the boats registered. Each skipper or crew shall make their own decision to participate and race based on weather and wind conditions.

M3. Entering boats shall make their own accommodations and docking reservations in the Jacksonville and St. Augustine Areas.

M4. No parties or get-togethers are planned after the race.

M5. For More Information contact Allen Jones at 904-321-7010 or allen.jones53774@gmail.com.

M6. Should there be merchant, commercial, US Naval, or other traffic encountered at the start, the finish, or any time during the race, engaging the engine and propulsion may be prudent and necessary. These instances should be reported to the Race Committee (Allen Jones) and hopefully the incident can be resolved. Safety First !