



FALL RIVER RACE

Saturday October 26th, 2024

Sponsored By
North Florida Cruising Club
P.O. Box 24268, Jacksonville FL 32241

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the PHRF Rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA). These may be altered by these Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All boats must have a current PHRF rating from FCSA on file.
(Obtain this at www.sailjax.com).
- 2.2 Participating boats shall have their sail number on the mainsail and headsail with a LP exceeding 130%.
- 2.3 To be eligible to race a signed registration form must be received by the NFCC Race Committee, and the entrance fee must have been received to be scored in the race.
- 2.4 Competitors participate in the Race entirety at their own risk. NFCC, the organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction before, during, or after the race.

3.0 CLASSES

3.1 FCSA Performance Class :

All Performance Class boats may register with their Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Rating.

3.2 FCSA Cruiser Class :

All Cruising Class boats may register with their Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Rating.

4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 The standard FCSA Race Entry Form found on sailjax.com must be submitted along with the appropriate fee and shall be in the hands of the NFCC Race Committee by 5:00 PM Friday, October 25th, 2024.

See Registrations Options to Follow :

- 4.2 A completed Race Entry Form with the 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, October 25th, 2024.

- 4.3 A completed Race Entry Form (without fee) can be scanned and emailed to allen.jones53774@gmail.com by 5 PM Friday, October 25th, 2024. A mailed check must be received by Friday, November 2nd 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.
- 4.4 A Completed Race Entry Form and applicable fee can be hand delivered to Allen Jones prior to the start of the race. Phone Allen Jones at 904-321-7010 no later than 0800ET Saturday, October 25th, 2024 to coordinate a time an place.
- 4.5 A signed Race Entry Form must be in the hands of the Race Committee to be entered in the race.
- 4.6 The entry fee is \$30 for NFCC Members, and \$35 for Non-Members. Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.

5.0 ON-SITE RACE MANAGEMENNT & COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 No Skippers Meeting is planned for this event. No Committee boat is planned for the start of the race and no Committee Boat is planned at the finish of the race. The individual racers will take their own times.
- 5.2 Timepiece Synchronization. All start and finish times for the race shall be synchronized to Eastern Daylight Time (UTC minus 4hours) 24hour format. All times will be synchronized to US Naval Observatory Master Clock (USNO), telephone voice announcer : (202) 762-1401 or (202) 762-1069.
- 5.3 Communications. While no Committee Boat will be on station before, during, or after the race, competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 16 for safety concerns and hale other boats to go to VHF Channel 72 for race discussions between boats if needed.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6.1 One race is scheduled on Saturday, October 26th, 2024. The starting time for the Performance Boats will be 1300ET near Marker Fl Gr 9 on the St. Johns River as depicted on the RiverChart/ATONS Chart as found on the sailjax.com website.
- 6.2 If the race should be cancelled due to inclement weather, all skippers will be notified by text message by 0800 hours Saturday, morning, October 26th.
- 6.3 Any and all boats that show up will constitute a race and results will count towards points for the race

7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 The course will start at River Marker Fl Gr 9 sailing north to Fl Marker G5, taking it to port, and then returning to the finish at River Marker Fl Gr 9 taking it to starboard.
- 7.2 One time around the course constitutes the total distance of the race.

8.0 THE START and STARTING LINE

8.1 There will be (2) two Starts :

Performance Class Boats

Warning Period Starts	12:55 PM
Start	13:00 PM

Cruiser Class Boats

Warning Period Starts	13:05 PM
Start	13:10 PM

- 8.2 There will be no Race Committee nor Committee Boat at the start line. No class nor starting flags will be displayed.
- 8.3 For starting all racers shall synchronize their timepieces with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock as per 5.2 above.
- 8.4 Yachts shall self-start per the times above. The start line shall be an imaginary line running west from River Marker Fl Gr 9 (north of Buckman Bridge) a distance of 500 ft, at 270 Degrees, towards to the western shoreline, as depicted in NOAA chart 11492.
- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time.
- 8.7 Any vessel over the line early will perform an “end to round of Marker 9” to restart their Race. Hopefully any boat that starts early will be observed and notified by other boats at the starting area.

9.0 THE FINISH

- 9.1 There will be no Race Committee nor Committee Boat at the finish line.
- 9.2 Boats shall take their own finish time synchronized with US Naval Observatory Master Clock when any part of the boat’s hull crosses the finish line.
- 9.3 A yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second). As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts (hence the turning maneuver and courtesy)
- 9.4 The finish line shall be an imaginary line running east from River Marker Fl Gr 9 (north of Buckman Bridge) to the shoreline, as depicted in NOAA chart 11492. Direction of finishing shall be north to south. River Marker Fl Gr 9 will be to the right when finishing.
- 9.5 As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee via text message to 904-321-7010. Leave a message with your vessel name and finish time. All finish times must be texted to the Race Committee by 2000ET (8pm) Sunday, October 26th to the number above or they will be scored DNF.
- 9.6 Boats that do not finish shall text the Race Committee that they did not finish.
- 9.7 Boats that have not finished by 1800 hours (6pm) shall be scored DNF.

10.0 SCORING THE RACE

- 10.1 Classes will be scored using FCSA/PHRF Time on Distance. The total distance used for calculating results will be 5.852 nautical miles per the Race Course/ATOMS Chart found on the FCSA website.
- 10.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.3 Boats withdrawing from the race or not finishing shall text their intention with boat name to 904-321-7010.

11.0 POSTING RESULTS

- 11.1 Baring any problems, results will be emailed to all racers who listed an email address on their registration form with-in 48 hours after the race.
- 11.2 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association website for inclusion in the computation for the St. Johns River Series.

12.0 PROTESTS and PENALTIES

- 12.1 Hopefully any protests can be resolved by the competitors since there will be no Race Committee nor Race Committee Boat at the start nor the finish.
- 12.2 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty

13.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 13.1 This document is the only printed Notice pertaining to the running of the race.
- 13.2 If notices are required, they will be texted to the Skippers phone number on their entry form by 0800 AM Saturday Morning Oct. 26th.

14.0 SAFETY

- 14.1 For the safety of all race participants, the NFCC Race Committee strongly recommends the wearing of a life jacket during the race.
- 14.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that cannot safely navigate within a narrow channel, be within the proper shipping channel, or commercial fishing vessel with restricted ability to maneuver.

15.0 RACE AWARDS

- 15.1 Prizes will be given out at the next NFCC General Membership Meeting, Tuesday November 12th, for up to three positions in each class.

16.0 INFORMATION

- 16.1 Contact: Allen Jones, Acting Race Committee, at 904-321-7010, text or phone, or email at allen.jones53774@gmail.com