



HERB ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE

Saturday November 9th, 2024

AND

TOMMY HALL MEMORIAL RACE

Monday, November 11th, 2024

Sponsored By

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

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

See separate Course Outlines and Times described herein
Both Races are part of the FCSA Offshore Series

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The Regattas 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 separately for both races along with the appropriate fees and shall be in the hands of the NFCC Race Committee by 5:00 PM Friday, November 8th, 2024.

See Registrations Options to Follow :

- 4.2 The completed Race Entry Forms with the entry fees 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, November 8th, 2024.
- 4.3 The completed Race Entry Forms (without fees) can be scanned and emailed to allen.jones53774@gmail.com by 5 PM Friday, November 8th. A mailed check must be received by Friday, November 15th 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 1200 (12:00 PM) Thursday, November 7th, 2024 to coordinate a time and 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 MANAGEMENT & COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 No Skippers Meeting is planned for these events. No Committee Boat is planned for the start of the races and no Committee Boat is planned at the finish of the races. 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 races, 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 November 9th for the Herb Elphick Memorial Race.
- 6.2 One Race is scheduled on Monday, November 11th for the Tommy Hall Memorial Race.
- 6.3 Performance Class Boats and Cruiser Class Boats will start at the same time.
- 6.4 The starting times for both races is as follows :

Warning period starts :	08:55:00 (8:55 AM)
Start	09:00:00 (9:00 AM)

7.0 STARTING INFORMATION

- 7.1 There will be no Race Committee nor Committee Boat at the start line. No class nor starting flags will be displayed.
- 7.2 For starting all racers shall synchronize their timepieces with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock as per 5.2 above.
- 7.3 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.

- 7.4 Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time.
- 7.5 Any vessel over the line early will perform an “end to round ” to restart their Race. Hopefully any boat that starts early will be observed and notified by other boats at the starting area.

8.0 COURSES

8.1 COURSE FOR THE TOMMY HALL MEMORIAL RACE (Saturday-Sailing North)

- 8.1.1 The START LINE will be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns River Entrance buoys G-3 and R-4 as shown on NOAA Chart 11490. Competitors shall start by sailing west to east through these markers and rounding Marker R-4 to port and immediately turn north to the finish.
- 8.1.2 The FINISH LINE will be an imaginary line connecting St. Marys Inlet Entrance Buoys G-13 and R-12 as shown on NOAA Chart 11503. Competitors shall finish by sailing east to west and rounding Marker G-13 to port.

8.2 COURSE FOR THE HERB ELPHICK MEMORIAL RACE (Monday–Sailing South)

- 8.2.1 The START LINE will be an imaginary line connecting St. Mary’s Entrance Buoys G-13 and R-12 as shown on NOAA Chart 11503. Competitors shall start by sailing west to east and rounding Buoy G-13 to starboard and immediately head south to the finish.
- 8.2.2 The FINISH LINE will be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns River Buoys R-4 and G-3 as shown on NOAA Chart 11490. Competitors shall finish by sailing east to west and rounding Buoy R-4 to starboard.

8.3 FOR REFERENCE ONLY

8.3.1 The following coordinates are presented for information only. Competitors shall confirm the starting and finishing coordinates with their own charts and navigation information. This information was collected from various sources and NFCC makes no claim to its accuracy.

St. Johns Entrance Buoys		St. Mary’s Entrance Buoys	
R-4	N30 23.89	R-12	N30 42.70
	W81 21.61		W81 22.38
G-3	N30 23.75	G-13	N30 42.62
	W81 21.64		W81 22.38

8.4 COURSE SAFETY

Note that the Race Committee has no control of tides, current, and weather for the duration of the races. Competitors should use prudent judgement to start, sail, and finish the race. Competitors should also make themselves aware of the jetties both into and from the river entrances. NFCC will accept no liability for damage, injury, or even death to competitors competing in these races. Consult your own navigation charts for confirmation of buoys and navigation aids.

9.0 THE FINISH

- 9.1 There will be no Race Committee nor Committee Boat at the finish lines.
- 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).
- 9.4 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 (8:00 PM) Wednesday, November 13th to the number above or they will be scored DNF.
- 9.5 Boats that do not finish shall text the Race Committee that they did not finish.
- 9.6 Boats that have not finished by 1800 hours (6:00 PM) on the day of the race shall be Scored DNF.

10.0 SCORING THE RACES

- 10.1 Classes will be scored using FCSA/PHRF Time on Distance. The total distance used for calculating results will be 18.753 nautical miles for each race.
- 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 72 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 FCSA Offshore 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.

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 (8:00AM) Friday November 8th.

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 for up to three positions in each class. Time & date to be announced later.

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

17.0 PRE-RACE & POST-RACE ACTIVITIES

No pre-race or post-race activities are planned or included as part of this NOR's and SI's. However, at times sailors on their own have agreed to meet at Sister's Creek Friday night before the Saturday race or have agreed to congregate in Fernandina before returning to Jacksonville. Sailors may also decide to explore the Fernandina and Cumberland Island areas on their own.