

Jessie Ball Regatta

Women's Race

Saturday, May 31st, 2025 – St. Johns River

PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION BY Tuesday May 27th, 3 pm

Notice of Race

1.0 RULES:

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RSS), the rules of First Coast Sailing Association and this NOR.

These rules may be altered by the Sailing Instructions.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

2.1 The race is open to all boats with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA).

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2.2 Boats that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by FCSA may obtain a provisional rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for review and issuance of a Rating Certificate. Boats not having a valid rating may obtain an uncontested temporary PHRF rating on a one-time basis. You must have a valid PHRF rating to be scored for year-end awards.

2.3 Participating boats shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail and headsails with and LP not exceeding 130%.

2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing a registration with Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club, which is the Organizing Authority.

2.5 All female crews are encouraged to register. Competitor's requirements for mixed crew eligibility sailings are: the competing vessels must be helmed by a female from the preparatory signal until finish.

3.0 CLASSES:

3.1 **All Female Performance Class:** Open to performance boats or all-female crew (100% female crew).

3.2 **Mixed Crew Cruiser Class:** (As defined by FCSA PHRF Rules) Sailing a Cruiser Class boat or mixed crew, and the boat must be helmed by a female from the Preparatory signal until the finish while racing.

3.3 Performance boats are encouraged to participate in the all-female Performance Class. However, if a performance boat chooses to enter in the Cruiser Class with a mixed crew, the boat's rating shall be adjusted in accordance with FCSA PHRF Rules with exception that head foils will be permitted with a -6 seconds per nautical mile penalty. In addition, any performance sails such as laminated sails, molded sails, woven/laminated cruising Mylar sails, and radial-cut racing woven polyester sails, etc. shall be adjusted -6 seconds per nautical mile for any headsail and -6 seconds per mile for any mainsail.

3.4 All boats will be rated in accordance with their declared Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker rating as registered for a given race.

3.5 Results that are submitted to FCSA must be submitted for either All Female Performance Class or the Mixed Crew Cruiser Class.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

4.1 **Pre- registration required in the form of reservation** by email, phone call or letter. Registration confirmation will be adjacent to the Harbormaster's office on the "Mariner's Deck" in the EFYCC Marina the morning of the scheduled race.

4.2 Registration confirmation period is 9:00 AM to 11:45 AM on the day of the race.

4.3 There will be a “Skipper’s Meeting” at 12:00 am adjacent to the Harbormaster’s office on the “Mariner’s Deck” in the EFYCC Marina. Please review all aspects of the NOR/SI with amendments.

4.4 Each class will race one race scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2025.

4.5 Warning signal for first start at approximately 12:55 pm on the day of the race.

4.6 The first start will be approximately 1 pm.

4.7 There will be a post-race gathering and awards presentation based on reservation head count and confirmation of registration by reservation deadline date of Tuesday May 27th, 2025.

5.0 ENTRY FEE/ REGISTRATION:

5.1 Entry fee is \$40.00 for EFYCC Members and \$45.00 for Non-Members. Payment may be in the form of cash, check or through the club membership point of sale system.

5.2 Please make checks payable to Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club. If paying with cash, please bring the exact amount due if possible. Entry fee must be accompanied by an entry form (Standard Race Entry Form available at www.sailjax.com) during pre- registration or day of registration confirmation. A reservation must be submitted by deadline Tuesday May 27th, 2025.

5.3 The Race Committee is requesting that participants pre-register for an accurate attendance by Tuesday May 27th before 3 PM. If paying by check ahead of time, please include your registration form and mail to: Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club c/o Harbormaster 1830 Epping Forest Drive Jacksonville, FL. 32217.

5.4 Boats may confirm their reservation of registration between the hours of 9:00 am through 11:45 am on the day of the race. This will also be the check in prior to the start of the race.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to be downloaded from the First Coast Sailing Association website www.sailjax.com.

7.0 COURSE:

7.1 Course will be a single PHRF Time on Distance race per class using government navigation marks and or inflatable markers. The course will be outlined on a white board during the “Skipper’s Meeting” at 12:00 pm.

8.0 SCORING THE RACE:

8.1 Classes will be scored using the PHRF Time on Distance system.

8.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.3 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the Annual scoring.

9.0 RACE PRIZES:

9.1 Prizes may be awarded post-race results if there are enough boats entering the regatta through pre-registration and on the day of the race. Year end awards may be First Place Overall Female Class and the First Place Overall Mixed Crew Class.

10.0 INFORMATION

10.1 For additional information or questions concerning this Regatta please contact the EFYCC Harbormaster Keith Keller (904) 739-7150 or email kkeller@efyc.com. Or, mail to: Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club c/o Harbormaster 1830 Epping Forest Drive Jacksonville, FL. 32217.



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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES:

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association, the Women's Sailing Network and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules A4 and A5 are changed by SI 12.3 as follows: "A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" without a hearing".

1.3 Racing Rules A4 and A5 of the RRS are changed by SI 14.1 as follows: A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

2. ENTRIES:

2.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with EFYCC in advance or during the registration period as set forth in the Notice of Race.

2.2 Additional eligibility requirements and class definitions are defined in the Notice of Race Articles 2 and 3.

3. SAFETY:

3.1 All Competitors are required to conform to the U. S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.

3.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing boats interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and possible disqualification.

3.3 Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72.

3.4 Boats shall attempt to a final check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.

3.5 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that the Race Committee is notified that they have withdrawn.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

4.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on white boards during the "Skipper's Meeting".

5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted in accordance with SI 4.1 before 12:00 pm on the day of the race.

5.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated to each boat can be written on the white board on the Race Committee boat and the boat will display the Lima flag- "come within hail" while on the water and prior to her warning signal.

6. SIGNALS:

6.1 Signals made from the R/C boat shall be a combination of visual flags and sounds from an air horn during the 5-minute sequence in accordance with US Sailing RRS.

6.2 The R/C shall use VHF channel 72 and will monitor the radio throughout the event.

7. RACE SCHEDULE:

7.1 Saturday, May 31st, one race per fleet.

7.2 Schedule of Events: Reservation of **Registration confirmation:** 9:00-11:45 am **Skipper's Meeting** 12 pm, **Warning Signal** 12:55 pm **Start** 1:00 pm.

8. CLASSES:

8.1 **All Female Performance Class:** Open to Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker performance boats with all-female crew (100% female crew).

8.2 **Mixed Crew Cruiser Class:** (As defined by FCSA PHRF Rules) Sailing a Cruiser Class boat with all-female crew or mixed crew and the boat must be helmed by a female from the Preparatory signal until the finish while racing.

8.3 All boats will be rated in accordance with their declared Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker rating as registered for a given race. Boats may change their Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker registration in other races of the series. Corrected results will be calculated based on the declared rating (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker) for each boat as registered for each race of the Series.

8.4 Results that are submitted to FCSA to go towards year must be submitted for either All Female Performance Class or the Mixed Crew Cruiser Class.

8.5 Boats will be scored in the FCSA Annual recognition based on the class designated on its entry form.

8.6 Class flags will be determined day of race and announced during the skipper's meeting.

9. THE RACING AREA:

9.1 The racing area shall be between the Buckman Bridge to south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north as depicted on NOA Chart 11492.

10. COURSES:

10.1 The official race course(s) will be displayed on white boards during the "Skipper's Meeting" scheduled for 12:00 pm.

10.2 "W" on the white board will designate the Windward Mark from the starting line.

10.3 "L" on the white board will designate the Leeward Mark from the starting line.

10.4 "O" on the white board will designate an Offset Mark- if used. The course heading in degrees will be given from the previous mark.

10.5 Subscript "p" or "s" will designate leaving that mark with the mark on the port or starboard side of the RC boat respectively.

10.6 A "1" on the white board will signify once around, a "2" will signify twice around, etc.

10.7 Government Navigation Marks will be designated by the actual Numerical Mark Number.

10.8 The Start/Finish line will be open during the course, unless the start pin is designated as the Leeward mark of the course.

11. MARKS:

11.1 Marks will be yellow and / or orange inflatable marks, stationary government marks or other marks as designated by the Race Committee.

11.2 One single race will be offered for each class. The course may be a combination of Navigation Marks on the river and marks set by the Race Committee.

12. START:

12.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and an inflatable mark set toward the “Port” or left side of the course from the Committee Boat.

12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12.3 A boat starting later than fifteen minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

13. THE FINISH:

13.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the RC Boat and an inflatable mark set to the left side relative to the final leg of the course.

14. TIME LIMIT:

14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes 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.

15. SCORING:

15.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance in accordance with changes set forth by FCSA.

15.2 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16. PROTESTS:

16.1 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.

16.2 A filled out formal protest form shall be turned in to the Race Committee boat within 60 after minutes after the end of the race and returning to the Epping Forest docks, signaled by a horn. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.

16.3 A formal protest hearing may be held on the water before the Race Committee boat heads to be hauled out.

16.4 Protest hearing results will be made available by contacting the Race Chairman Keith Keller as soon as possible via email at kkeller@efyc.com.

17. RESULTS:

17.1 Race results will also be posted as soon as possible on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com as soon as the scoring and reporting process is complete.

18 RACE PRIZES:

18.1 Prizes/trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee depending on participation in each class of five or more vessels participating.

18.2 There will be a post-race gathering and awards presentation based on reservation head count and confirmation of registration by reservation deadline date of Tuesday May 27th, 2025.

18.3 If participation levels are adequate, arrangements to pick up prize/trophy can be made by directly contacting Keith Keller via email kkeller@efyc.com.



FURTHER INFO: Keith Keller, Harbor Master (904) 739 – 7150 kkeller@efyc.com

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