

NFCC BLUE MAX

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

DATE AND PLACE: April 25, 1987, Saturday, 1000 Hrs. E.S.T.: St. Johns River, Orange Park to Palatka.

REGISTRATION: The Standard Race Entry Blank accompanying this notice must be completed in full and either: mailed to the following address to be received no later than April 24, 1987, or delivered by hand to the Race Committee no later than 5pm. Friday, April 24, 1987. Mail entries, completed in full, to: L. L. Hawkins, 2403 Market Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32206. All entries must be accompanied with full entry fee. The Race Committee assumes no responsibility for delivery of entries submitted by mail. Any doubt about sufficiency of registration should be resolved by verifying with the Race Committee its receipt of completed entry, by telephone at 353-7344.

ENTRY FEE: NFCC Members - \$7.50; Non-members - \$10.00

ELIGIBILITY: All yachts racing will be assigned to classes and are required to have a current and valid PHRF rating certificate issued by U.S.PHRF of N.E. Florida. No entry will be accepted from any yacht which has masthead height exceeding 44 feet.

CLASSES: The fleet will be divided into PHRF classes, both spinnaker and non-spinnaker.

MANAGEMENT: The race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club as the organizing authority.

RACING RULES: This race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of the International Yacht Racing Union, as adopted by the U.S. Yacht Racing Union, and these Sailing Instructions. Any yacht not in compliance with Rule 25.2 (b) (sail numbers) will be penalized five (5) seconds per mile, but will still be eligible to compete.

SKIPPER'S MEETING: There will be no Skipper's Meeting

CHECK IN: All yachts must check in with the Race Committee at least 15 minutes prior to the start by sailing past the stern of the Committee Boat and hailing their sail numbers, which hail shall be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Yachts not properly checking in prior to starting will be scored DNS. Scratch sheets will be available from the Committee Boat.

START: Warning signal at 0950 Hrs. and start at 1000 Hrs: spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will start 1000 Hrs. The starting sequence will be in accordance with Rule 4.4 (a), System 2.

COURSE: Start between R.C. Boat and Government Marker No.10. Sail in a southerly direction to Palatka leaving all Government Marks to their proper side according to the Inland Rules of Navigation.

FINISH: Between R.C. Boat and Government Marker No.48.

TIME LIMIT: None.

SHORTENING COURSE: The Race Committee, after the starting signal, may shorten the course by finishing the race at any Government Marker. A shortened course will be signaled by two (2) sound signals and displaying from the committee boat code flag "S", which means "Finish" between the nearby mark and the committee boat.

INDIVIDUAL RECALL: Will be signaled by displaying code flag "X" with one (1) sound signal. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the yachts concerned.

GENERAL RECALL: Will be signaled by displaying code flag "First Substitute" with two (2) sound signals. After a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one cannon.

PENALTIES: The 720 turns penalty as provided in Rule 74.5 and Appendix 3, Alternative Penalties for Infringement of a Rule of Part IV, shall apply for infringement of a rule of Part IV.

RETIREMENT: Any yacht retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible so that all participants may be accounted for. The NFCC Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68.

PROTESTS: All protest must be presented in writing to the Race Committee within 24 hours after the race. Notice of a protest must also be given immediately after finishing by a "Hail" acknowledged by the Race Committee.

POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT: Postponement will be signaled by the displaying of code flag "AP" and two (2) sound signals. Warning signal will be made one (1) minute after lowering "AP". Abandonment will be signaled by "N" and three (3) sound signals.

RESULTS: Finishing order will be scored by corrected time based on PHRF rating applied to elapsed time. Ties will not be broken. Race results will be mailed to each skipper, and will also be published in the edition of the Windscoop following the race. Trophies will be awarded at the June meeting of NFCC.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SAILING!