

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
ST. AUGUSTINE RACE
24 MAY 1997

DATE & PLACE: Saturday, May 24, 1997, in the Atlantic Ocean, in the vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Marker G "3" off of Mayport, Florida.

REGISTRATION: The standard race entry form must be completed in full and either mailed to Don Campbell, 10511 Bigtree Circle East, Jacksonville, Florida 32257, or delivered at the NFCC meeting on May 15, 1997. All entries must be received by 0900, 22 May, which is 48 hours prior to the race start---NO EXCEPTIONS....

ENTRY FEE: The Race Committee assumes no responsibility for entries submitted by mail. \$20.00 for NFCC members, \$25.00 for Non-members. (Non-members \$20.00 with current US Sail card)

ELIGIBILITY: PHRF yachts must have a valid PHRF certificate from PHRF of Northeast Florida. (PHRF Club handicapper is Todd Stickley)

A PHRF yacht participating in the race must have her sail number on the mainsails, spinnakers, and all headsails with a LP exceeding 130%. Her sail numbers are those allotted to her by US Sailing, her class, or her hull number. This shall be considered "adequate opportunity" as required by IYRR rule 25.2.

CLASSES: OPC yachts accepted into the Open Provisional class by the race committee, will be given a rating based on current national PHRF ratings of comparable yachts, experience, boat equipment, and previous results of that yacht, if any. PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, and OPC. Divisions will be further divided into classes if possible.

MANAGEMENT: This race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

RACING RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the IYRR, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of PHRF of Northeast Florida, and these sailing instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Changes in these sailing instructions, if necessary, will be announced on VHF channel 68, and the Race Committee will display Code Flag "L" (Come within Hail).

THERE WILL BE NO SKIPPER'S MEETING

CHECK-IN: All yachts must check-in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hailing their sail numbers, which hail shall be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Yachts not properly checked in may be scored DNS.

COURSE: PHRF Spinnaker Course: Start in the vicinity of St. Johns River Channel Marker G "3". Proceed easterly approximately 104 deg. mag. to St. Johns River Marker RW "STJ", leaving it to starboard. Proceed southerly approximately 177 deg. mag. to St. Augustine Inlet RW "STA", finish between the Race Committee boat and RW "STA".

PHRF Non-Spinnaker and OPC Course: Start in the vicinity of St. Johns River Channel Marker G "3". Proceed southerly approximately 176 deg. mag. to St. Augustine Inlet mark RW "STA", finish between RW "STA" and the Race Committee boat.

START: The start of the PHRF Spinnaker class will be at 9:00am with the warning signal at 8:50am.

The PHRF Non-spinnaker and OPC classes will start at 9:10am. PHRF Spinnaker yachts must cross the start line within 20 minutes of their start time or will be scored DNS. PHRF Non-spinnaker and OPC yachts must cross the start line within 30 minutes of their start time or will be scored DNS. Starts will be in accordance with IYRR 4.3 system 2

FINISH: Finish in a southerly direction between the St. Aug. RW "STA" and the Race Committee boat. In the Event the Race Committee boat is not on station, all yachts should record their own finish time when RW "STA" is within 100 feet and bears 270 deg. and record the finish time of the next yacht to finish. Turn times and names into Race Committee at the St. Augustine City Marina.

PHRF Spinnaker yachts not finishing by 5:30 p.m. will be scored DNF. PHRF Non-spinnaker and OPC yachts not finishing by 5:40 p.m. will be scored DNF. The race committee will attempt to remain on station until 5:40 p.m., May 24th, 1997, conditions permitting.

RECALLS: Individual recall will be in accordance with IYRR 7.1, and General recall will be in accordance with IYRR 7.2.

VISUAL SIGNALS: Course changes, modifications, postponements, and other visual signals will be in accordance with IYRR 4.1.

PENALTIES: The 720 degrees turns penalty, Appendix B1 section 1, will apply. Any yacht which exonerates herself from minor foul in this manor shall notify the Race-Committee of such action at the finish line.

PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee within 48 hours after the race. Notice of protest must also be given immediately after finishing by hail, and acknowledged by the Race Committee. There will be a protest filing fee of \$10.00, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

POST-RACE: Race results will be provided as soon as possible after the race, and will be posted at the St. Augustine City Marina. AWARDS PRESENTATION will be at the NFCC meeting in June.

MISCELLANEOUS: For more info contact Peggy Campbell, (904) 296-9400 (w).

The Race Committee will use coordinated universal time adjusted to local (eastern) time. The Race Committee will attempt to have scratch sheets available for all boats.

The Race Committee will maintain radio silence starting 10 minutes prior to the warning signal and continuing through both start sequences. The Race Committee will respond to emergencies only.