

**NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**BLUE MAX RACE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 09, 2005**

**St. Johns River beginning in the vicinity of Whitney's Marine**



**1.0 RULES**

The race will be governed in order of precedence by (1) this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions; (2) the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA); and (3) *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008* (RRS).

**2.0 MANAGEMENT**

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

**3.0 ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 The race is open to all yachts with a valid PHRF certificate from the FCSA. (PHRF Club Handicapper is Bubba Futch on Isle Sea Ya.) A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class shall have her sail number on the mainsails, spinnakers, and all headsails with an LP exceeding 130% of J. A yacht sailing in the Cruiser Class shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.

3.2 Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by the FCSA may obtain a new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) or may renew their rating on the day of the race for the \$30.00 renewal fee.

**4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE**

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form must be completed in full and filed with the Race Committee before the Competitors Meeting.

4.2 Participants are encouraged to register in advance by sending the completed form with the appropriate fee to: Adam Norwood, NFCC Race Captain, 2149 Minerva Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207. Registration may also be completed on the day of the race at the covered picnic tables at Whitney's Marine.

4.3 The entry fee is \$20.00 for NFCC Members, and \$25.00 for non-members (\$20.00 if U.S. Sailing Member). Checks should be made payable to North Florida Cruising Club.

**5.0 CLASSES**

The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruiser. Classes may be further divided into Divisions if the number of entries permit. The Spinnaker class will be the first start. The Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser classes together will be the second start.

**6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Race day registration, Competitors Meeting, and post race activities will be held February 19, 2005 at Whitney's Marine facility at the covered picnic tables. Whitney's Marine telephone: 904-269-0027

Registration:	Race Committee arrival - 10:45 AM
Competitors Meeting:	10:45 AM
Warning signal for first start:	11:55 AM

**7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

7.1 Notices to competitors and changes to this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted before the Competitors Meeting on a white board at the covered picnic tables at Whitney's Marine.

7.2 The course will be announced at the Competitors Meeting and over VHF channel 68 as soon as the race committee boat is on station at the start and is displaying code flag "L".

**8.0 THE START and FINISH**

8.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a pin-end buoy.

8.2 Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

8.3 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made 2 minutes after the starting signal of the preceding class.

8.4 The warning/class flag for the Spinnaker class will be red. The warning/class flag for the combined start of the Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser classes will be yellow.

- 8.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.
- 8.6 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute "P" flag.
- 8.7 Individual and general recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF channel 68 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of starts will not change; all subsequent starts will be delayed correspondingly.
- 8.8 Yachts failing to cross the starting line within 20 minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS.
- 8.9 If a postponement is signaled by display of the "AP" flag, the warning signal for races not yet started will be made not more than 15 minutes after "AP" is lowered.
- 8.10 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a pin-end buoy.
- 8.11 The race committee will attempt to set the finish line at approximately the same location as the start, unless the course is shortened or changed due to weather conditions.
- 8.12 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 3.5 hours of their start will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

## **9.0 PENALTIES**

The two-turns penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44. Any yacht which exonerates herself from a minor foul in this manner shall notify the Race Committee of such action after finishing.

## **10.0 PROTESTS**

All protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee after the race no later than 30 minutes following a horn signal made upon arrival of the Race Committee boat at the dock. 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 \$20, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.

## **11.0 TROPHIES**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 5 or more entered yachts.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 3 or 4 entered yachts.

1<sup>st</sup> place trophies with yacht name will be awarded in each class for which there are 1 or 2 entered yachts.

## **12.0 POST-RACE**

Race results will be posted on the NFCC website [www.nfccsail.com](http://www.nfccsail.com) and the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Trophies will be presented at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd.

**FURTHER INFO:** Contact Adam Norwood, NFCC Race Captain, 2149 Minerva Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32207  
904-398-7343 (home); 904-237-7785 (cell); e-mail: [ahnorwood@comcast.net](mailto:ahnorwood@comcast.net)

## **Special Request Concerning Whitney Marine's Docking Privileges**

Whitney's Marine has graciously donated the use of their facility for this race. You are welcome to tie up on the outside of the docks for the day. They do request, however, that you only dock on the outside and that you not use the water or electric hook ups. Overnight dockage is not part of the donation, so if you wish to tie up overnight either before or after the race, contact Carol Ellis at 904-269-0027 for dockage.