

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

BLUE MAX RACE

SATURDAY, April 1, 2006

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 Dave Kyser davekyser@yahoo.com) 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: Lewis Everline, NFCC Race Captain, 3232 Climbing Ivy Trail, Jacksonville, FL 32216. 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 \$25.00 for NFCC Members, and \$30.00 for non-members (\$25.00 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, and 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 and Competitors Meeting, will be held April 1, 2006 at Whitney's Marine facility at the covered picnic tables. Whitney's Marine telephone: 904-269-0027

Registration:	Race Committee arrival - 09:00 AM
Competitors Meeting:	09:45 AM
Warning signal for first start:	10:55 AM

Post race activities and trophy awards will be at Holland Marine. Overnight dockage for competitors wishing to stay Saturday night will be provided by Holland Marine. Holland Marine's telephone: 904-284-3349. *Post race activities are sponsored by Holland Marine and post race beverage provided by St. Barts Yachts.*

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 3 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.

8.6 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.

8.7 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute "P" flag.

8.8 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.

8.9 Yachts failing to cross the starting line within 20 minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS.

8.10 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.

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

8.12 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.

8.13 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 4.0 hours of their start will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35.

9.0 PENALTIES

The two-turn 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

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

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

1st 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 announced **AND TROPHIES AWARDED** as soon as possible after the race at Holland Marine. The results will later be posted on the NFCC website www.nfccsail.com and the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Race results will be announced at the NFCC General Meeting, Thursday, April 13th, 7:30 PM at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd.

FURTHER INFO: Contact Lewis Everline, NFCC Race Captain, 3232 Climbing Ivy Trail, Jacksonville, Florida 32216
904-387-6710 (work); 904-534-9933 (cell); e-mail: goingcruising@hotmail.com

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 East side (outside) of their floating dock from sun up to sun down on race day. (This does not include the use of 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 (transient rates will apply), contact Carol Ellis at 904-269-0027 ext 23 or cellis@whitneysmarine.com for dockage.

Special Course Announcement:

The Starting Line will be set near Whitney's Marine and will end near Holland Marine in Green Cove Springs.

Intermediate marks will be determined by weather conditions on race day, with the intent of providing windward and leeward legs. This will be a longer river race and competitors are advised that the first warning will be at 10:55am and that the time limit has been extended to 4 hours. Food, drink and music will be provided at Holland Marine and van transportation available for anyone needing to return to Whitney's to pick up cars, etc. Transportation will also be available for anyone wishing to continue the party in Green Cove Springs.

AMMENDMENTS to SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – March 29, 2006

Blue Max Race – April 1, Sponsored by NFCC

Due to the current forecast of light and variable winds 5-6 knots from the SSW, I am modifying the Sailing Instructions to increase the time limit for the race. Therefore, Article 8.13 of the Sailing Instructions for the Blue Max race are amended to read **five** hours from each class start to declare a DNF for late yachts.

Also, in an effort to get boats finished as close together as possible, the Cruisers and Non-Spin will start first, with the first warning at 10:55 am with the Spin boats following with an 11:03am warning.

The following is the proposed course for each class. ***This may be modified to address conditions on race day.***

Cruiser and Non-Spin 10:55am Warning

Start (off Whitney's Marine)

13 S

15 P

17 P

17A P

19 P

20S and RC Boat (Finish) - **Length Approx 10.3 nm**

Spinnaker 11:03am Warning

Start (off Whitney's Marine)

13 S

15 P

17 P

15 P

17 P

17A P

19 P

20 S and RC Boat (Finish) - **Length Approx 14.9 nm**

Competitors are advised that there will be post race activities at Holland Marine with free food, drink, music and awards presentation. This event is sponsored by Holland Marine and St. Barts Yachts. Overnight dockage is available at no charge courtesy of Holland Marine, please let them know in advance if possible so that adequate space will be available. Call Susan at Holland Marine at 904/284-3349.

The weather is scheduled to be in the low 80's and sunny so come on out and join the fun!!

See you on the water,

Lew Everline
Race Captain, NFCC
B461 'Sea Wings'