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April 19th Mayport to St. Augustine
April 20th to 21st St. Augustine to St. Marys, Ga
April 22nd St. Marys to Mayport

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2nd Annual FIRST COAST OFFSHORE CHALLENGE "Race into History"

April 19th thru April 22nd, 2006

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Send to: FCOC Race Committee
North Florida Cruising Club
PO Box 24268
Jacksonville, FL 32241-4268

COMMITTEE USE ONLY	
Class	_____
Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> - R <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
M	_____
Disc	Y N Fee _____

Yacht Name _____ Color Hull/Trim _____ / _____ Sail # _____

Make _____ Year _____ Draft _____ Draft _____ LOA _____ ft
Board Up Board Down

Class Entered: - PHRF Spinnaker - PHRF Non-Spinnaker - PHRF Cruiser
 - Multihull Spinnaker - Multihull Non-Spinnaker - One Design Class _____

Rating: PHRF _____ or Portsmouth Multihull _____ US Sailing Membership # _____
A copy of a valid current rating certificate must accompany this Entry Form, unless currently certified by the First Coast Sailing Association.

Entrant's Name _____ Club Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Day Phone _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

IN CONSIDERATION of your accepting my entry, I warrant that my yacht will be outfitted and equipped in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she is seaworthy in hull, rig, sails, gear, and that she will be competently manned. By entering and starting this race, as the Skipper of the entry, I agree to comply with all conditions of the race and decisions of the Race Committee. As Skipper, I acknowledge that there are inherent known risks as well as unknown risks associated with participating in this race and I acknowledge and agree that the decision to start or to continue a race is solely my responsibility. I hereby give permission for my image, voice, boat, and/or crew to be photographed or otherwise recorded and used in promotion of this event or other related events.

DATE _____ - Owner - Charterer SIGNATURE _____

This entry must be completed and received by the FCOC Race Committee by April 14, 2006 and must include a copy of a current valid rating certificate (unless currently certified by FCSA). No Entries will be accepted after April 14, 2006.

FULL SERIES ENTRY FEE includes entrance for named yacht in all 3 races, one Regatta T-Shirt, and tickets for 3 crew to attend all 3 post-race events (9 meals).
Entry Fee = \$301
Before April 01 = \$250 \$ _____

you may also Enter Races Individually - check boxes . . . -Race 1 -Race 2 -Race 3
Individual race fee includes tickets for 3 crew to attend post-race event, no T-shirt.
* Entry in 2 races required to be eligible for series trophy.
Entry Fee = \$105 / Race
Before April 01 = \$90 / Race \$ _____

for Extra Meal Tickets Only
()-Race 1 ()-Race 2 ()-Race 3
Extra Meal Tickets = \$40 / all 3 races -or- \$15 / Race
Before April 01 = \$35 / all 3 races -or- \$13 / Race \$ _____
-enter how many extra for each race-

Regatta T-Shirts -enter how many in each size, including free one: S-() M-() L-() XL-()
One T-Shirt included with Full Series Entry Fee - Additional T-Shirts = \$20 ea \$ _____

Discount for US Sailing Membership: \$15 / series -or- \$5 / Race \$ - _____

(Include your check with Entry Form - Make checks payable to: **North Florida Cruising Club**) Total: \$ _____

Questions? Adam Norwood / (904) 398-7343 / fcoc2006@comcast.net / www.nfccSail.com



Crew Declaration Form

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Yacht Name _____ Sail # _____ DSC Radio # _____
 (optional)

Skipper's Name _____ Age _____ (must be 18 or older)

Cell Phones Carried on Yacht _____
 (enter 10 digit #s)

Shore (Emergency) Contact Name _____ Phone 1 _____

Address _____ Phone 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone 3 _____

<u>CREW MEMBER</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>Crew for Which Races?</u>		
		<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Race 3</u>
NAME: _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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List any other information the Race Committee should know in case of emergency:



Notice of Race

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The First Coast Offshore Challenge (FCOC) is a series of 3 races representing over 100 miles of offshore sailing with ports of call in 3 historic cities of Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida. The race series starts in the morning of April 19th, 2006 in the vicinity of the St. Johns River entrance channel and finishes in the afternoon of April 22nd, 2006 in the vicinity of the St. Johns River entrance channel located on NOAA Chart 11480.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The First Coast Offshore Challenge Series (the "Series") shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008; the International Sailing Federation Special regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing for 2004-2005 including US SAILING Prescriptions for the Category 4, except as modified by Section 5 of this Notice Of Race; the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association; class rules for any One Design class established; the Notice of Race (except as modified by the Sailing Instructions); and the Sailing Instructions.

Extracts from ISAF Rules for Category 4 Monohull and Multihull may be viewed at www.ussailing.org/safety/isaf/mo4.htm.

- 1.2 The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for this Series. The First Coast Offshore Challenge Race Committee is responsible to the NFCC for conduct of the event.

2 CLASS MEMBERSHIP

The rules of all classes with yachts participating as a class are altered so that membership in the class is not required.

3 ADVERTISING

The Regatta is designated Category C under ISAF Regulation 20.

4 FEES

The FCOC Event Fee covers entry and participation in the races; meals, beverages, and entertainment for up to 3 people after each race at the respective awards ceremony; and free docking at Safe Harbor Boys Home marina.

The fee for the entire Series shall be \$250 if application and payment is postmarked before April 1st, 2005. From April 1st thru April 14th, 2005, the event fee shall be \$301. After April 14th, applications are subject to rejection by the Organizing Authority.

If a yacht withdraws from the race 48 hours prior to the start of the first race, all but \$40 will be returned for the Series and all but \$15 will be returned for each individual race.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The Series is open to all seaworthy cruising sailboats that are not less than 24 feet in length.
- 5.2 The designated skipper shall be 18 years of age or older.
- 5.3 The minimum crew size shall be 2 (including skipper) for all races except for the overnight race from St. Augustine to St. Marys which requires a minimum crew size of 3.
- 5.4. All one design classes shall comply with the maximum crew numbers in their class rules.
- 5.5 There will be no restriction on crew changes between races. Children aged 14 and under will not count towards the number of crew.
- 5.6 Boats shall have their sail numbers on the mainsail, spinnakers, and each headsail having an LP measurement equal to or greater than 130% of the base of the fore triangle.

- 5.7** All boats shall have a cabin enclosure, a cockpit, and shall conform to the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) special regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing for 2004-2005 including US SAILING Prescriptions for Category 4 with the following exceptions:
- Paragraph 3.27.2 is waived.
 - Paragraph 4.10 Radar Reflector is changed from “shall” to “should”.
 - Paragraph 4.11 Navigation Equipment is modified as follows: “Participating yachts must carry all appropriate charts and light lists for the area covered by the race and specifically NOAA Charts 11480 (or 11488), 11490-B (St. Johns River Entrance), 11503 (Cumberland Island to Fernandina Harbor).
 - Paragraph 4.12 A durable stowage chart is changed from “shall” to “should”.
 - Paragraph 4.23 The requirement for SOLAS Pyrotechnic signals is waived; participating yachts shall conform to US Federal Regulations for carriage of visual distress signals.

- 5.8** All yachts shall conform to the following special requirements:

Radio – Participating Yachts shall be provisioned with a 25 watt VHF transmitter / receiver with a manufacturers recommended antennae. The VHF transmitter / receiver must be capable of tuning to Channels 9, 13, 16, 22A, 68, 69, 71, and 72. In addition, it is recommended that the radio have DSC capability and a masthead antenna.

6 ENTRY FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1** All yachts shall submit the proper entry forms and fees prior to racing. Entry forms may be obtained from the Series Web Site, www.FirstCoastOffshoreChallenge.com, or by contacting the Race Committee with electronic mail at fcoc2006@comcast.net or by telephone at 904-398-7343. Advance registration forms should be mailed to North Florida Cruising Club, PO Box 24268, Jacksonville, Florida 32241-4268 c/o FCOC Race Committee along with a check for the appropriate Event fee. Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.
- 6.2** All yachts, except those with PHRF handicap certificates issued by the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) Rating Agency, shall enclose a copy of their certificate with the entry form.
- 6.3** Each yacht entry shall specify on the Crew Declaration Form: (1) at least one "shore side contact" who will have knowledge of all crew members and contact information in case of an emergency, and (2) the owner, the skipper, all crew members, and crew ages. It is the responsibility of each skipper to update the crew list prior to each race start as changes occur. It is grounds for disqualification for not maintaining the participating crew list.

7 SKIPPERS MEETING AND CHECK-IN

- 7.1** The initial check-in and skipper's meeting for the Series will be held Tuesday, April 18th, 2005 at 6:30 PM at Safe Harbors Boys Home at 4772 Safe Harbor Way, (904) 757-7918. Take either 9A or I-95 to Hecksher Drive and go east just past San Carlos Creek and take a right onto Safe Harbor Way just before you get to the Blount Island access road “Intermodal Drive”.

Marina Docks are located at Latitude N 30° 24.73', Longitude W 081° 32.63'.

- 7.2** In addition to the initial check-in and skippers meeting, the Race Committee will hold informal check-ins for yachts entered in individual races on the following dates and times:

April 18th, at Safe Harbor after the Skipper's Meeting

April 19th, at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM

April 20th, at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club between 12:30 PM and 1:00 PM

April 21st, at Lang's Marina in St. Marys

The Saint Augustine Yacht Club is located at 250 Yacht Club Drive, St. Augustine, Florida, 32084. Their website is www.sayc2000.com and their office number is 904-824-9725.

Lang's Marina is located on Osborne Street along the St. Marys, Georgia waterfront. The Dock master phone number is 912-882-6410; their VHF working channel is 71.

8 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS

Classes will be established for Spinnaker PHRF, Non-spinnaker PHRF, Cruising PHRF, Multihull, and One Design yachts. A minimum of three yachts registered by April 14th, 2005 is required to constitute a class.

- 8.1 PHRF:** The PHRF Fleet will be divided into three Classes: Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruising. The Cruising Class only allows for a main and jib/genoa. Further divisions of these classes may be assigned based on the number of entries in each class. Skippers of PHRF yachts shall provide evidence of rating as issued by a sanctioned PHRF organization. Ratings may be adjusted to conform to those issued by the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA). www.sailjax.com.
- 8.2 Multihull:** The Multihull Fleet may be divided into Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker classes as the number of entries allow. Ratings for multihull yachts will be in accordance with United States Portsmouth Numbers as appropriate.
- 8.3 One Design:** One Design Classes will be established provided the number of participating yachts desiring to race in One Design meet the minimum requirement.

9 SERIES SCORING

- 9.1** Two scored races are required to constitute the Series.
- 9.2** Modifying Appendix A2 of the RRS, there will be no excluded scores.

10 PRIZES

Trophies for individual races will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division of class at their respective post race ceremonies. Series Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class on April 22nd, 2006 following the completion of the last race at a post race ceremony, if practical. If not practical, the ceremony will be held May 18th, 2006 at the North Florida Cruising Club general meeting held at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida. Unclaimed trophies may be picked up then.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND RACE RESULTS

- 11.1** Sailing Instructions will be available on the Race Web Site, at the Series skippers meeting, and sent to registrants via e-mail about a week before the race together with a provisional list of yachts with handicap details.
- 11.2** Race Results will be displayed: on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com, on the Series website, www.FirstCoastOffshoreChallenge.com, and after the race at the location designated in the Sailing Instructions. Results will also be sent out via e-mail to the address provided on the entry form. Any request for clarification of the results shall be raised as soon as possible and in any case within 14 days of publication.

12 SELF-STEERING

Modifying RRS Rule 52, all races may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind, provided that a proper look-out is kept at all times.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 RULES

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1.2 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The following sections of these Sailing Instructions alter provisions of the RRS:

1.2.1 Sailing during the hours of darkness – Sailing Instructions 1.3

1.2.2 Use of Engine – Sailing Instructions 1.5

1.2.3 Recalls on VHF – Sailing Instructions 1.6.1 and 2.3

1.2.4 Use of Code Flag "F" – Sailing Instructions 9.3.1

1.2.5 Failure to start within 1 hour of signal – Sailing Instructions 9.3.4

1.2.6 Time limit – Sailing Instructions 11

1.2.7 Rules governing the flying of a protest flag – Sailing Instructions 13.1 and 13.2

1.2.8 Establishment of arbitration procedures – Sailing Instructions 13.5

1.2.9 Steering Assistance – Sailing Instructions 14

1.3 SAILING DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS - Between sunset and sunrise, the Rules contained in RRS Part 2 will cease to govern the race which will be continued under the corresponding parts of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. An infringement of the IRPCS during that time will be considered as an infringement of RRS Part 2.

1.4 TIME - All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Time (EDT, UTC minus 4 hours) in 24-hour format.

1.5 USE OF ENGINE

1.5.1 Altering RRS Rule 42.1 and 42.3(g) - In an emergency, an engine may be used when appropriate to avoid collision or in grave emergency. Full details shall be given to the Protest Committee who, after a hearing, may impose a penalty or, when it judges significant advantage was gained, disqualify the yacht.

1.5.2 An engine may be used for charging batteries, pumping, or supplying power for weighing anchor or hauling off.

1.5.3 If the Race Committee observes a yacht obstructing the passage of a power driven vessel in a narrow channel, it may proceed against the yacht under RRS Rule 60.2.

1.6 RECALLS

1.6.1 The Race Committee will attempt (but is not obligated) to announce sail numbers of premature starters on VHF Channel 72.

1.6.2 Altering RRS Rule 29.2, in the event of a general recall the First Substitute will be lowered one minute before the warning signal for the next scheduled class. No sound signal will be given. The new warning signal for the class which has had a general recall will be five minutes before its starting signal and will be displayed 5 minutes after the starting signal of the last scheduled class. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second of these classes will start after the first and so on.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the First Coast Sailing Association website: www.sailjax.com. Duplicate notices will be posted on the bulletin board at Safe Harbor Boys Home, the St. Augustine Yacht Club, and on the exterior of the Race Committee headquarters (which may be a boat) in St. Marys. Whenever possible, the times and venues of protest hearings and other general information will be given on VHF Channel 72.
- 2.2** Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 4 hours before the scheduled start of each race.
- 2.3** All VHF announcements are only an aid to competitors and are supplementary to any flag signals or official notices. Failure to make any announcement will not be a grounds for redress.



3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - No signals will be made ashore.

4 RACING AREA - The racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480.

5 SCHEDULE OF THE SERIES

5.1	<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of Warning Signal for First Start</u>
	Mayport to St. Augustine Race	19 April 2005	0855
	St. Augustine to St. Marys	20 April 2005	(See 5.2)
	St. Marys to Mayport	22 April 2005	0955

5.2 For Race 2, each yacht will be assigned a start time based on its handicap. (The last start for the fastest rated yacht will be at sunset - 1957 hrs.) A list of individual start times will be published on race day at 1300 immediately after the Race 2 'Late Registration' to be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

<u>6</u>	<u>CLASS FLAGS</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Code Flag</u>	<u>Example</u>
		PHRF and One-Design <u>Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker</u>	One	
		PHRF <u>Cruiser</u>	Two	

7 COURSES - All coordinates, courses, and distances are approximate and are not for navigation use.

7.1 Mayport to St. Augustine Race

Start: Vicinity St. Johns River Entrance Buoy 'G3' @ N 30° 23.72' – W 81° 21.64'

Head: 169° True for a distance of about 29 nm

Finish: St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA' @ N 29° 54.97' – W 81° 15.26' (RC boat on port, STA to starboard)

7.2 St. Augustine to St. Marys Race

Start: Vicinity St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA' @ N 29° 54.97' – W 81° 15.26'

Head: 001° True for a distance of about 47.9 nm

Turn: St. Marys River Entrance Buoy 'STM' @ N 30° 42.9' – W 81° 14.65' (leave to port)

Head: 279° True for a distance of about 4.4 nm (leave both range towers to port)

Finish: Northwestern Range Tower @ N 30° 43.55' – W 81° 19.68' (RC boat on starboard, tower to port)

Note: Many charts still show the St. Marys entrance channel buoy path as dog-legged. Several years ago, STM was moved, the channel was shortened and straightened, and the buoys re-numbered. The new number sequence pairs are G1-R2, G3-R4, R6-G7, R8-G9, R10-G11, R12-G13, R14-G15, R16-G17, Jetties. The number 5 was omitted in the sequence. The two range towers remain in their same locations.

7.3 St. Marys to Mayport Race – “Tommy Hall Memorial Race”

Start: Vicinity St. Marys River Entrance Buoy ‘G13’ @ N 30° 42.62’ – W 81° 22.39’

Head: 178° True for a distance of about 18 nm

Finish: approx ½ mile north of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy ‘R4’ @ about N 30° 24.39’ – W 81° 21.60’ (RC boat on starboard, pin to port). *If the RC boat is not on station, finish anywhere along a line connecting St. Johns River Entrance Buoys R4 and R2, and otherwise comply with section 10.3.*

8 MARKS - Start and Finish marks will be an inflated yellow buoy marking the pin end of the line or a US Government Aid to Navigation Marker/Structure.

9 THE START

- 9.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and a pin end buoy. The Race Committee may optionally use an existing government aid to navigation marker as the pin end.
- 9.2** Once the RC boat is on station at the start (indicated by display of the orange start line flag), yachts shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first class in Races 1 and 3, and within 20 minutes of their individual start time for Race 2, by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee boat and hailing her sail number. Alternatively, yachts may hail the Race Committee boat on VHF channel 72. Yachts failing to check in will be scored DNC.

9.3 Races 1 and 3

- 9.3.1** Each race will be started using RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. An attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be made five minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start; it will be removed (with one sound) one minute before the warning signal for that class. This changes RRS Rule 27.1. Flag F will not be used again in the starting sequence.
- 9.3.2** The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made 5 minutes after the start of the preceding class.
- 9.3.3** Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 9.3.4** Modifying RRS A4, a yacht not starting within 1 hour of her starting signal will be scored DNS.

9.4 Race 2

- 9.4.1** Each yacht will be assigned a start time based on her handicap. (The last start for the fastest rated yacht will be at sunset - 1957 hrs.) A list of individual start times will be published on race day at 1300 hrs immediately after the Race 2 ‘Late Registration’ to be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.
- 9.4.2** Yachts shall avoid the starting area prior to 20 minutes before their assigned start time.
- 9.4.3** No timed warning or start signal flags will be displayed from the RC boat.
- 9.4.4** The ‘Round-an-End Rule’ (RRS 30.1) will be in effect. The Race Committee will display the “X” flag with one sound for yachts that are over early; the “X” flag will be displayed for a maximum of 4 minutes, or until the yacht shall have complied with RRS 30.1.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1** When the RC Boat is on station for taking finish times it will display a solid blue flag indicating it is on station. The finish line will connect between a solid orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the designated finish mark.
- 10.2** When finishing during conditions of low visibility, a yacht shall make every attempt to identify herself to the RC boat by shining a light on her sail numbers, or by hailing the RC boat on VHF channel 72, or by other means.
- 10.3** If the RC boat is not on station at the finish, a yacht shall record her own finish time (to the second) when (1) she is within 6 boat lengths of the finish mark, and (2) that mark bears 90° from the final leg course toward the specified side (as detailed in section 7). Both conditions shall be met to have a valid finish. Note that for Race 3, these two conditions do not apply, refer to 7.3. Do not use GPS time to record finish times. As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should simultaneously sound a horn to indicate she has finished racing. When possible, note the sail numbers and times of yachts finishing ahead and behind (hence the courtesy horn).

As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht's timekeeper shall report the finish time to the Race Committee via VHF channel 72. Be prepared to count down your clock timing for time correlation with the official Race Committee clock. If unable to communicate with the Race Committee by radio for this purpose, a yacht's timekeeper may telephone the Race Committee at 904-237-7785. In no case shall a yacht fail to report her time directly to the Race Committee any later than 2 hours after her finish. The Race Committee will be available at each after-race event area for this very purpose.

- 11** **TIME LIMITS** - There will be a fixed time limit for each race. Yachts finishing after the time limit as established below will be scored DNF.

<u>Race</u>	<u>Finish Cut Off Time</u>
Mayport to St. Augustine	2200 Same Day
St. Augustine to St Marys	1500 Next Day
St. Marys to Mayport - "Tommy Hall Memorial"	1700 Same Day

12 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1** A scoring penalty of 2 places in accordance with RRS Rule 44.3 will apply for breaking a rule of Part 2.
- 12.2** A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS Rule 31.2 or 44.3 shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat or when otherwise reporting her finish.

13 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1** Modifying RRS Rule 61.1, all participating yachts shall display a red protest flag when protesting another yacht.
- 13.2** A protest flag need not be displayed continuously until the finish, provided that it is initially displayed for at least one hour, and that it is displayed again from at least 1 mile from the finish until finished (amends RRS Rule 61.1).
- 13.3** A Yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of their intent immediately after finishing by hailing the Race Committee boat or when otherwise reporting her finish.
- 13.4** Protests shall be filed on an official US SAILING protest form with the Race Committee after the race no later than 1 hour following a horn signal made upon arrival of the Race Committee boat at the dock. A \$20.00 Protest Fee is required for each protest submittal which will be returned if the protest is upheld. Yachts protesting and protested will be informed of the time and place of the protest hearing.
- 13.5** ARBITRATION - For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an optional short arbitration hearing may be held prior to proceeding with an official protest hearing. This modifies RRS Part 5 Section B.

- 14** **SELF-STEERING** - Modifying RRS Rule 52, all races may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind, provided that a proper look-out is kept at all times.

- 15** **RADIO COMMUNICATION** - The Race Committee at the starts will monitor VHF Channel 72 from one hour prior to the first start, and until one half hour after the last start. All competitors should then monitor Channel 16 for the duration of the race. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 when on station at the finishes. The Race Committee may as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a yacht while racing.

16 **SERIES SCORING**

- 16.1** Two scored races are required to constitute the Series.
- 16.2** Modifying Appendix A2 of the RRS, there will be no excluded scores for the Series scoring.
- 16.3** Series scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A4.2 of the RRS.

17 SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17.1** It is recommended that each yacht be adequately prepared for medical emergencies and contingencies, with appropriate crew training and medical kit.
- 17.2** Safety equipment should be carefully inspected for wear and deterioration. Manufacturer recommended shelf life on items like inflatable PFDs and MOMs should be observed. Items susceptible to UV, weather, and chafe damage, especially safety harnesses, safety lines, and jackstays should receive frequent checks when underway.
- 17.3** Crew members on deck after sunset should be encouraged to wear a safety harness and life jacket or inflatable PFD equipped with a white strobe light, and personal EPIRB.
- 17.4** Bulky PFDs should be avoided in favor of inflatables or other vests that meet Coast Guard Requirements.
- 17.5** Yachts should carry adequate rig cutters and/or hacksaw with extra blades, as well as punches capable of driving out all standing rigging clevis pins. A hydraulic cutter is recommended for yachts with rod rigging.
- 17.6** Skippers should conduct a pre-race safety briefing for all crew members to consider possible contingencies and methods to avoid, minimize, or cope with them. During this briefing the Skipper should:
- Summarize the procedures for MOB, abandon ship, dismasting, loss of rudder or steering, and the use of storm sails
 - Review the yacht's stowage plan showing and touching all safety equipment
 - Review boom preventer procedures
 - Review medical status of crew members taking medications, including seasickness remedies
 - Review use and care of cooking stove, and other fire and explosion hazards
 - Review flooding control procedures, including high capacity bilge pumps and collision mats
 - Review use of safety harnesses, personal flotation devices, and safety lines
 - Review man aloft procedures

18 RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- 18.1** **The safety of a yacht or sailing vessel and her crew, the decision as to whether or not to start, and having started, whether or not to continue is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht's designated skipper.** *For the purpose of subsequent articles, the term "yacht" shall mean the designated skipper as representative of the owner and in the absence of the designated skipper, members of the remaining crew.*
- 18.2** A yacht is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 18.3** It is for the yacht to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By going to sea the yacht confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 18.4** The yacht is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.
- 18.5** Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the yacht.
- 18.6** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the yacht of her responsibilities.
- 18.7** The yacht is responsible for ensuring that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, and in date and that crew members know how to use it.
- 18.8** The yacht is responsible for adhering to all local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations governing the operation in the body of waters where the race and race events shall be held. This includes conformance to the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Safety Regulations.
- 18.9** The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a yacht does not reduce the responsibilities of the yacht set out in this section.