

Notice of Race

duPONT CUP REGATTA 2008

Saturday, March 15, 2008



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YACHT CLUB

- The duPont Cup Regatta has been contested annually at Epping Forest Yacht Club for the past 19 years. Winner of the Spinnaker Class will be recognized on the duPont Cup as the 2008 winner.
- The DuPont Cup Regatta is the first in a two race series for Spinnaker Class to award the Alfred I. DuPont Trophy for 2008. The second race is the Kings Day Regatta at Epping Forest Yacht Club to be contested in the fall of 2008.
- The regatta shall be contested in Cruiser, Non-spinnaker, and Spinnaker Classes per the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rules of the First Coast Sailing Association and participating yachts must hold a current Rating Certificate. (www.sailjax.com)
- Yachts will earn points for the First Coast Sailing Association Awards, as this is the third of the six Spring Series races.
- Awards will be presented three deep in Cruiser, Non-spinnaker, and Spinnaker Classes.

Friday, March 14, 2008:

Participating boats are invited to arrive early and spend the night at Epping Forest Yacht Club without charge (space available). Make a reservation with the Harbormaster at 904 739-7150 or snichols@efyc.com

Saturday, March 15, 2008

10:00 A.M.

Complementary coffee and pastry served at the EFYC Marina.

11:00 A.M.

Skipper and crew meeting held at EFYC Marina.

NOON START

Details shall be announced during the skipper and crew meeting.

POST RACE

Hors d' oeuvres, soda, and beer highlight the Awards Ceremony compliments of Epping Forest Yacht Club. The course distance will be such that this post race gathering will be between 3:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Boats wishing to stay Saturday night must depart the marina no later than 10:00 A.M. on Sunday due to a club function on Sunday, March 16.

Registration using the First Coast Sailing Association standard entry form (www.sailjax.com) may be mailed to Epping Forest Yacht Club, 1830 Epping Forest Dr., Jacksonville FL, 32217, attention Steve Nichols. \$30 entry fee (\$25 for current U.S. Sailing or EFYC members) payable to Epping Forest Yacht Club. Registrations will be accepted at EFYC marina until 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, 3/15/08.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2008 DUPONT CUP

March 15, 2007

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by (1) these Sailing Instructions, (2) the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), (3) the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 (RRS).

2. MANAGEMENT

The race will be under the management of the Epping Forest Yacht Club, which is the organizing authority.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

- 3.1 Entry must be made on the standard FCSA Entry Form with entry fee paid before the competitors meeting at 1100 hrs.
- 3.2 The entry fee shall be \$30.00 per boat, \$25.00 per boat for EFYC members or skippers with current U.S. Sailing Membership.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Only boats having a valid FCSA PHRF Certificate may compete. Entrants must have completed registration and paid fees to the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1000 hours: Race committee arrives at Epping Forrest Yacht Club, race day registration opens.

1100 Hours: Registration closes, competitors meeting.

1155 hours: Warning signal, first start.

1530-1700 hours: Trophies and awards at Epping Forest Yacht Club Mariners Deck in the marina.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 The fleet will be divided into 3 classes, spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruiser (no spinnaker option in the cruiser class).
- 6.2 The spinnaker class shall start first; the non-spinnaker and cruiser class shall start second.

- 6.3 The spinnaker class will compete for recognition on the Epping Forest YC duPont Cup. This race is also the first race in a 2 race series by the spinnaker class for recognition on the Alfred I. duPont Trophy. The second race in the series shall be the Kings Day Regatta held in the fall at Epping Forest Yacht Club.
- 6.4 Awards and/or trophies for this race shall be awarded three deep in all three classes.
- 6.5 This is also race number 3 of 6 in the First Coast Sailing Association Spring Series for all three classes.

7. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Window located on the north wall door of the Epping Forest Yacht Club Marina building (Harbormaster's office).

8. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be approved and posted before 1100 hours on the date it will take effect.

9. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the EFYC marina flag staff, next to the Harbormasters office.
- 9.2 Code Flag "AP". Answering Pennant, with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed. Do not leave the Harbor area." The time of the warning signal will be posted on the Notice Window before the lowering of the "AP".

10. COURSES

Courses will be as announced at the competitors meeting.

11. MARKS

Marks will be permanent markers or orange/yellow inflatable markers as indicated for the courses.

12. THE START

- 12.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a pin-end buoy at the port end.
- 12.2 Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning/class signal for the first start by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on a starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.
- 12.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning/class signal given five minutes before the starting signal. The warning/class signals for the second start will be given after the starting signal of the spinnaker class.

- 12.4 The warning/class signal for the spinnaker class will be red. The warning/class flag for the combined non-spinnaker and cruiser classes will be yellow.
- 12.5 Boats whose warning/class signal has not been made shall avoid interfering with yachts preparing to start.
- 12.6 Round-an-End RRS 30.1 shall be in effect for all starts. Boats across the starting line or extensions of the line during the one minute before her start shall sail from the course side across an extension of the line to the pre-start side.
- 12.7 The preparatory flag for all classes will be the "P" flag. (an "I" flag for RRS 30.1 as indicated in 12.6 above will not be displayed)
- 12.8 Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29. In addition, as a courtesy only, the race committee will attempt to announce over VHF marine radio channel 68 the sail numbers of premature starters. If a general recall is signaled, the order of the starts will not change and subsequent starts will be delayed accordingly.
- 12.9 Boats failing to cross the start line within 10 minutes of their start signal will be scored DNS.
- 12.10 The start and/or finish line shall be closed to all boats except those starting or finishing. (modification of RRS 28.2)
- 12.11 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and the pin-end buoy. The race committee will set the finish line in approximately the same position as the start line unless weather or other conditions require it be relocated.
- 12.12 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 3.0 hours of their start shall be scored DNF. (modification of RRS 35)

13. PENALTIES

The two-turn (720 degree) penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2. Any yacht that exonerates itself in this manner for a minor foul shall notify the race committee of such action after finishing.

14. PROTESTS

A notice to protest must be given to the race committee by hail immediately after finishing with acknowledgement from the race committee. Protests must be submitted in writing on a U.S. Sailing Protest Form (available from the Race Committee) not more than 30 minutes following the race committee's arrival back at Epping Forrest Yacht Club Marina with a \$20.00 filing fee which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt.