



NOTICE OF RACE

North Florida Cruising Club

St. Augustine Race

Saturday, May 24th, 2008

1. RULES

- 1.1 The NFCC St. Augustine Race shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2005-2008, except as modified by Section 5 of this Notice of Race; the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for this Race/Regatta.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Classes will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser Class. Yachts using high-tech or exotic (non-Dacron) sail materials cannot be classified as Cruising Class.

Participating Yachts must have a valid 2008 PHRF rating as delineated on the FCSA PHRF list, or by presenting the Yacht's Certificate for inspection. In addition, a copy of a current non-local PHRF rating certificate (if not issued by FCSA) must be submitted for review and possible adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings. Temporary ratings may be obtained prior to the race/regatta.

All Yachts shall have their sail numbers displayed on mainsails, spinnakers, and headsails with an LP measurement equal to or exceeding 130% of the base of the fore-triangle. (>130% of J)

Prior to racing, each yacht shall be properly registered by completing the Standard Race Entry Form found at www.sailjax.com and shall submit the proper Fee. The Entry Form and fee may be given to the race committee in person at the NFCC General meeting May 15th, 2008.

Entry Forms and Fees mailed must be received before May 22nd, 2008; Mail to:

David P. Kyser, 7234 Greenway Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32244 RC not responsible for entries sent by US Mail.

3. SCHEDULE

There will be NO Skipper's Meeting for the 2008 St. Augustine Race.

Saturday, May 24th, 2008: 0925 Warning Signal for First Class; 0930 Start of First Class.

Results will be available at St. Augustine Municipal Marina after the race.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry Fees are as follows:

NFCC & US Sailing members= \$25.00 (Proof of 2008 US Sailing Membership required)

Non-NFCC Members= \$30.00 Checks should be made payable to *North Florida Cruising Club*.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at www.nffcsail.com under the "Race" tab, or you may request one via an e-mail to the Race Captain directly at davekyser@yahoo.com and one will be sent to you in a PDF Format.

5.2 Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions may be made via VHF Ch 68 before the race. Signals will not be made ashore.

6. VENUE

6.1 The racing area will be offshore Jacksonville as depicted on NOAA Chart 11491 between Mayport, FL and St. Augustine, FL.

7. THE COURSE

7.1 The race course will be displayed on the Starboard side of the Committee boat the day of the race.

8. PRIZES

Flags will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with four (4) or more yachts.

12. INFORMATION

12.1 Watch NFCC website for information on post-race Social.

Results will also be available at www.nffcsail.com and www.sailjax.com

12.2 Flags and Trophies will be awarded at NFCC General meeting on June 19th, 2008.

12.3 Point of contact:

Race Captain David Kyser; 7234 Greenway Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244

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St. Augustine Race

North Florida Cruising Club

MAY 24th, 2008

Offshore; Mayport to St. Augustine, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race/regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) 2005-2008
- 1.2 The rules will only be deviated from under the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for this Race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the starboard side of the RC boat.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Starboard side of the Race Committee (RC) Boat, and will be signified by RC flying the “Come within hail” flag, Code Flag “Lima”. (L) An effort will also be made to broadcast changes on VHF Ch 68. Failure of any yacht to hear said changes will not materially prejudice that yacht, as the white board is the official change location.




4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE/AFLOAT

- 4.1 There will be NO signals made ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES

- 5.1 There will be NO Skipper’s Meeting.
- 5.2 Saturday, May 24th, 2008: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser Class:
0925 Warning Signal for First Class
0930 Start of First Class.

6 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Name</u>
Cruiser:	First		Pennant “One”
PHRF Non-spin:	Second		Pennant “Two”
PHRF Spinnaker:	Third		Green Flag

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 This Race will be on NOAA Chart 11491 and include the area offshore from Mayport, Fl to St. Augustine, FL.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The Course will be displayed on a White board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat at least ten (10) minutes before the first signal.

- 8.2 The *anticipated* course is; Start: Vicinity St. Johns River Entrance Buoy G”3” = N 30° 23.72’ – W 81° 21.64’ (169° T for approximately 28.9 nm)
Finish: St. Augustine Entrance Sea Buoy “STA” = N 29° 54.97’ – W 81° 15.26’

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be existing Government Aids to Navigation; in addition, a yellow (round) inflatable may be used as a Start and/or Finish mark.
- 9.2 A Missing mark will be replaced by the RC boat displaying Code Flag “Mike”. (M)
- 9.3 The Starting mark will be on the Port side of the Race Committee boat.
- 9.4 A Finish mark, if used, will be on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end, and the starting mark at the port-end.
- 11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area.
- 11.4 A yacht starting later than forty-five (45) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. (DNS) This changes rule A4.
- 11.5 If any part of a Yacht’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure to hear a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1 To change a course, the Race Committee will display the new course on the White board as soon as practicable, be on-station at the point where the course change begins, and display a bearing to the next mark. The Race Committee will signify this action by displaying code Flag “Charlie”. (C)
- 12.2 Except at a gate, yachts shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to Starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish will be explained on the White course board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat. (See SI Rule 8.1 and 9.4)
- 13.2 In the event no Race Committee boat is on station at the finish, Yachts shall record their finish time when the St. Augustine Sea Buoy “STA” bears 270 degrees and report it to the Race Committee via VHF Ch 68 or Ph#: (904) 631-2926

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
Cruiser	1845
PHRF Non-spin.	1850
PHRF Spinnaker	1855

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available online at www.sailjax.com and from the Race Committee and must be filed with a \$20.00 Protest Fee. A protesting yacht's fee will be refunded if their protest is upheld.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat returns to shore, wherever that is. (The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and/or protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.)
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 Postings and Hearings will be held at a location to be determined in the Notice to Competitors. (See SI Rule 2.1)
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Any Yacht or Skipper's lack of access to forms online or at any web-site will not constitute a yacht being "materially prejudiced." Forms are available with advanced notice by requesting them from the NFCC Race Captain. (See SI Rule 27.1)
- 16.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF Corrected Time.
- 17.2 This race is also part of the FCSA Spring Series, and Low-point scoring will be used by FCSA for the series.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Yachts shall check-in by hailing the Race Committee on **VHF Ch. 68**.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 **Yachts shall be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.**

25 CANCELLATION

- 25.1 In the event of Cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, the race will not be rescheduled.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Flags will be awarded as follows:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with five (5) or more yachts;
1st and 2nd place in each class or division with three (3) or four (4) yachts.
(Three yachts constitute a class or division)
- 26.2 A Trophy will also be awarded for 1st place in each Division, regardless of number of yachts.
- 26.3 POST RACE - Results will be available immediately after the Race.
Results will also be posted online at www.sailjax.com and www.nfcssail.com
- 26.4 Awards presentation will be at the *Tradewinds lounge*, presentation time will be posted on the white board on the RC boat after the race.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INFORMATION

- 28.1 Point of Contact: NFCC Race Captain David Kyser (904) 631-2926, davekyser@yahoo.com