



FALL RIVER RACE

North Florida Cruising Club

NOVEMBER 22nd, 2008

St. Johns River - Jacksonville, Florida

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race/regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008* (RRS).
- 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.
- 1.4 Racing Rules 2, 4, and 8 will be changed as follows:
 - SI Rule 2; Notice to Competitors - Notice to Competitors will be online.
 - SI Rule 4; Signals Made Ashore - There will be no Signals Made Ashore.
 - SI Rule 8; Course - The Course will not be contained in these Sailing Instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the NFCC web-site, located at www.nfcsail.com

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Committee Boat.
- 3.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions the day of the race will be made on the White board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee Boat, and will be signified by Race Committee flying the "Come within hail" flag, Code Flag "Lima" (L).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE/AFLOAT

- 4.1 There will be No signals made ashore.
- 4.2 See "Common Race Committee Signals" link on the NFCC web-site, under the "Racing 2008" section, for Flags and/or signals that may be made by the Race Committee boat while afloat, underway, or on-station.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday, November 22nd, 2008: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser Classes.
- 5.2 One Race, (Time-on-Distance) as follows:
- 5.3 **All events will take place on the water.**

10:15 Race Committee on Station in the vicinity of Epping Forest Yacht Club

10:30-11:30 On water Registrations will be taken

12:00 Course posted on white board starboard side of race committee boat and announced on VHF Channel 68 (NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SKIPPERS MEETING)

12:15 Warning Signal first class - Cruisers and Non Spin

Results will be available as soon as possible following the race.

- 5.4 When there has been a long postponement and when more than one class or division start will be held, the warning signal for the first start and each succeeding start will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

PHRF Cruiser and PHRF Non-spinnaker: Red. PHRF Spinnaker: Blue.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Racing area is explained in the "*River Chart w/ Race Marks & Info.*" link at www.sailjax.com
- 7.2 This Race will be on NOAA Chart 11492 north of the Buckman Bridge and south of the Fuller Warren Bridge on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, Florida.

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 minutes before the first signal.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3 When there is a gate, yachts shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark. A Gate will be displayed as follows: **“F=G1/R2 GATE” meaning Finish is a Gate between Green “1” and Red “2”**.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be existing Government Aids to Navigation; in addition, a yellow tetrahedron 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.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: The Shoaling area immediately west of St. Johns River mark R “2”.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five 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 thirty minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.

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 signaling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to Starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing will be explained on the White course board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat. (See SI Rule 8.3 and 9.4)

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 If a yacht accepts responsibility for a protest or foul, the yacht may make two complete 360 degree turns (two tacks and two gybes) at the first reasonable opportunity (RRS 44.1 and 44.2). The yacht must notify the RC of her turns. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 14.2 If a yacht touches a mark, (other than a starting mark) she shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 turn penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:
- If no yachts have finished by 1600 Hours the race shall be abandoned.
- 15.2 If no yacht has passed the first turning mark by 1500, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Yachts failing to finish within sixty minutes after the first yacht of her class sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A4.

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 her 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 RRS 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 by the Race Committee.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6 A list of boats that, under SI 14.2, have acknowledged breaking RRS 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 28.1)

16.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

17 SCORING

17.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF Corrected Time on Distance.

17.2 This race is also part of the FCSA Fall 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.**

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors or lost/damaged equipment during the race will not be allowed.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

20.1 Yachts must possess a valid FCSA PHRF Certificate and not have deviated from the equipment and measurements on that certificate.

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25 CANCELLATION

25.1 In the event of Cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, the race will be rescheduled.

26 PRIZES

26.1 Flags will be awarded as follows:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with six or more yachts;

1st and 2nd place in each class or division with five yachts;

1st place only in each class or division with four or fewer yachts.

26.3 Results will be available immediately after the Race. Results will also be posted at www.sailjax.com and www.nfccsail.com

26.4 Awards and Trophies will be available at the next NFCC general membership meeting, January 15th, 2009. (Social 1845, Meeting 1930) at the Florida Gun and Tackle Club on San Jose Blvd in Jacksonville.

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 Bob McClemens @ 904-476-4751, email bananas@clearwire.net.