

TOMMY HALL MEMORIAL RACE
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

SUNDAY, April 5, 2009

(St. Mary's Inlet to Mayport Inlet)

1. 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 Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS).

2. MANAGEMENT :

The race will be under the management of the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY :

Classes will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser Class. Participating yachts must have a valid 2009 PHRF rating as defined by 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. Obtain forms from the FCSA official website www.sailjax.com.

All yachts in the Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes shall have sail numbers displayed on mainsails, spinnakers, and headsails with LP measurements equal to or exceeding 135% of the base of the triangle (>135% of J). Yachts in the Cruiser Class shall have sail numbers on the mainsails as a minimum.

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 race entry form must be given to the Race Committee before the start of the race, or given to the race committee on the race committee boat on station at least 15 minutes before hoisting of the class flag for the first race.

4. ENTRY FEES :

NFCC Members = \$ 25.00

Non-NFCC = \$ 30.00 (\$25.00 with proof of US Sailing Membership)

5. SKIPPERS MEETING :

There will no Skippers Meeting. All boats participating must check in with the Committee Boat (on the water) prior to the first class flag being displayed. Any changes to the race instructions will be displayed on a white board on the starboard side of the committee boat.

6. RADIO :

The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 during the race.

7. THE START :

The racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480.

The starting area will be approximately 500 yards south of St. Marys River Entrance Buoy G-11. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a yellow inflatable marker.

8. STARTING SEQUENCE :

Cruiser Class : (Starts First) Standard 5 minute start...

Approximately 9:24 AM EDT, 5-horn blasts indicating the race will progress in about one minute
5 minutes before start, Pink Class Flag up for Cruiser Class and one horn blast
4 minutes before start, Blue/White Preparatory ("P") flag up and one horn blast
1 minutes before start, Blue/White Preparatory ("P") flag down and one horn blast
Start - Pink Class flag down and one horn blast

Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes : (Second and final start) Standard 5 minute start...

Approximately 9:39 AM EDT, 5-horn blasts indicating the race will progress in about one minute
5 minutes before start, Gold Class Flag up for Spin & Non-Spin Classes and one horn blast
4 minutes before start, Blue/White Preparatory ("P") flag up and one horn blast
1 minute before start, Blue/White Preparatory ("P") flag down and one horn blast
Start - Gold Class flag down and one horn blast

9. THE FINISH :

The finish will be the line between the St. Johns Entrance Buoys G-3 and R-4. Yachts shall take their own time and report it to the Race Committee, which will attempt to have a boat in the vicinity of the finish line to monitor and accept reports of finish times. Finish times shall be reported to the RC (one way or another) within 24 hours of finishing. Time standard shall be in accordance with the following...

10. TIME :

All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours in 24 hour format). Race Committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: 202-762-1401 or 202-762-1069.

11. PROTESTS :

Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee before 8:00 AM EDT Tues. April 7, 2009.

12. RECALLS :

Flags will be used to notify premature starters per the Racing Rules. The Race Committee will attempt to announce sail numbers and or boat names of premature starters on VHF Channel 72.

13. ENGINE :

A yacht that is racing shall disengage all engine propulsion prior to the preparatory flag for its class, or otherwise 4 minutes before her start signal.

An engine may be used to supply power for charging batteries, pumping, or other necessary purposes, provided mechanical propulsion is not engaged.

14. SELF STEERING :

Yachts may be sailed with assistance of self steering gear, electric, or wind (modifies RRS52).

15. TROPHIES :

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class as a minimum. Classes may be split into multiple divisions at the discretion of the Race Committee. Trophies will be awarded at the next North Florida Cruising Club Meeting. Trophies to yachts not from the Jacksonville area will be mailed.

16. RACE COMMITTEE CONTACT :

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