



ST. AUGUSTINE RACE (Mayport to St. Augustine)

NOTICE OF RACE and SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

SATURDAY May 23, 2009

(Offshore Race #5 for Series)

Due to personal circumstances, the Race Committee for the North Florida Cruising Club will not be available to start and finish the race. As of this date no alternate arrangements could be arranged, so it is planned to start the race at a preset time and each participating yacht take their own finish time.

THE START: Modifying RRS 26... start in an easterly direction between St. John's Entrance Buoys G-3 and R-4 (the start line) passing G-3 @ N 30 degrees 23.72 minutes – W81 degrees 21.64 minutes on the starboard of your yacht (leave to starboard). Yachts crossing the start line within the last 1 minute before their start time are required to sail around an end of the start line before re-starting.

START TIME: Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker Class - no earlier than 9:30:00 AM (EDT)
Cruiser Class - no earlier than 9:40:00 AM (EDT)

THE FINISH: Finish in a westerly direction at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy "STA" at N 29 degrees 54.97 minutes - W 81 degrees 15.26 minutes (approximately 29 nm). Finish with STA to starboard (leave to starboard), within three boat lengths of STA, and take your own time when any part of your yacht crosses the magnetic 000 / 180 degree line to STA. Try to make an obvious right turn as you finish at STA so that other nearby racers can "see" you finish.

TIME BASIS: All race times, including the start and finish times, shall be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: 202-762-1401 or 202-762-1069.

REPORTING TIMES TO THE RACE COMMITTEE AFTER THE RACE:

Each participant shall e-mail their actual finish time to the race committee, attention Allen Jones, at www.jersi-jones@att.net or phone at 904-739-0583 within 3 days of the race.

Within reason, racers are requested to record the finish time of nearby yachts and to report these times also to the race committee when reporting their own finish time.

TIDES AT ST. JOHN'S RIVER ENTRANCE: Since the current will be entering the river as yachts are traveling to the starting area, the start times have been delayed slightly based on past races to allow more time for travel. For your information only, predicted river current times are as follows:

Slack at river entrance =	4:27 AM EDT Sat. May 23, 2009
Maximum flood at river entrance (<i>1.69 knots</i>) =	6:50 AM EDT " " "
Slack at river entrance =	9:40 AM EDT " " "

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 Racing 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 FCSA 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, or their designee before the start of the race.

Send registration forms and the appropriate fee to Allen Jones, 4438 Barrington Oaks Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32257, or deliver the registration form to the NFCC general meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2009, at the Florida Tackle & Gun Club, 9010 San Jose Blvd between 6:45 PM and 9:00 PM, attention Adam Norwood. Signed registration forms must be submitted before the race.

Completed registration forms may also be given to Adam Norwood before the start of the race at Sisters Creek Boat Launch.

4. **ENTRY FEES:** NFCC Members = \$ 25.00

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

5. **SKIPPERS' MEETING:** There will be no Skippers' Meeting.

6. **THE SAILING AREA:** The Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480.

7. **PROTESTS:** Submit in writing to Race Committee by 8:00 AM EDT Wednesday May 27, 2009.

8. **RECALLS:**

Due to the non-standard starting format, racers are encouraged to self-monitor other racers at the start line, and advise early starters via voice and radio. Should a yacht be over the line early and not return to restart, and two competing yachts in the same class protest such, that yacht shall be classified as DNS and possibly disqualified from the race.

9. **RADIO:** Racers are encouraged to monitor channels 16 and 68 during the race.

10. **ENGINE:** A yacht that is racing shall disengage all engine propulsion prior to 4 minutes before her starting time. An engine may be used to supply power for charging batteries, pumping, or other necessary purposes, provided mechanical propulsion is not engaged. Propulsion may be used at any time for safety reasons, especially in the area of the river inlet channels. The use of engine propulsion under these circumstances shall not better a yacht's position in the race, and it must be declared to the race committee when the finish time is reported.

11. **SELF STEERING:** Modifying RRS 52... yachts may be sailed with assistance of self steering gear, electric, or wind.

12. **RACE COMMITTEE CONTACT:**

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