

NOTICE OF RACE

North Florida Cruising Club

Women's Regatta

"Hands-on-the-Helm for Hubbard House"

Women's Sailing Series (WSS) #3

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009



1. RULES

1.1 The NFCC HOH for HH Race shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2009-2012, 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

2.1 Classes will be All-female Spinnaker, All-female Non-spinnaker, Mixed Crew* Spinnaker, and Mixed Crew* Cruiser Classes. *- A crew of at least 50% female; female must be at helm entire race. 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. Temporary ratings may be obtained prior to the race/regatta. Obtain forms from: www.sailjax.com 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. 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 at the NFCC General meeting September 18th, 2008, or at the Friday night Dinner party October 3rd, or (Late Fee) at the pre-race Skipper's meeting. Entry Forms, early tickets, and race fees mailed must be received before October 2nd, 2008.

3. SCHEDULE

3.1 Friday October 2nd, 6:00 – 10:00 PM: Registration and Pre-Race Dinner and Celebration Party at the *Rudder Club of Jacksonville*, 8533 Malaga Avenue, Orange Park, Florida. Contact the Rudder Club for dockage. (264-4094)

3.2 Saturday October 3rd, 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Late Registration

Saturday October 3rd, 2:00 PM: Shore-side Skipper's Meeting at Rudder Club of Jacksonville.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009: 1455 Warning Signal for First Class; 1500 Start of First Class.

Results will be announced at Post-race festivities.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry Fees are as follows: (Checks should be made payable to *North Florida Cruising Club*.)

Early Registration= \$35.00 (Includes Registration at Friday night party)

Late Registration= \$40.00

Friday Dinner Tickets= \$10.00 per adult if received before October 3rd; \$12.00 at the door.

Be sure to include Dinner Registration form found at www.nfccsail.com

http://coralreefsailing.net/hands_on_the_helm

(Include Dinner ticket count/fee with Registration)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at www.nffcsail.com, or you may request one via an e-mail to the Race Captain Allen Jones directly at jersi-jones@att.net 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 Notice to Competitors Board. Signals may be made ashore. (See Sailing Instructions)

6. VENUE

6.1 The racing area will be in the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north.

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. INFORMATION

8.1 Post-race Social and results/awards after race at The Rudder Club of Jacksonville.

8.2 Point of contact: Race Captain Allen Jones cell phone: 321-7010

8.3 Additional info: Regatta Chairperson - Chuck Fields cell phone: 631-1462

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October 3rd, 2009

Jacksonville, 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) 2009-2012
- 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 will be changed as follows:
 - SI Rule 8; Course- the Course will not be contained in this Sailing Instruction.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on a white board displayed at the Skipper's Meeting.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on a white board displayed ashore at the Skipper's Meeting, or if after the Skipper's Meeting, on a white board on the starboard side of the Race Committee boat, and will be signified by RC flying the "Come within hail" flag, Code Flag "Lima". 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 may be signals made ashore on the Clubhouse flagpole at the Rudder Club.
- 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 EVENTS/RACES

- 5.1 Saturday October 3rd, 2009: 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Late Registration
- 5.2 2:00 PM: Skipper's Meeting at the Rudder Club.
- 5.3 1455 Warning Signal for First Class; 1500 Start of First Class, 1505 Start of Second Class.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class Start Flags:

All Female Non-Spin and Mixed-crew Cruiser: First Pennant "One"

All Female Spinnaker and Mixed-crew Spinnaker: Second Pennant "Two"

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The Racing area is explained in the "River Chart w/ Race Marks & Info."
 - See Link at www.sailjax.com
- 7.2 This Race will be on NOAA Chart 11492.

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.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be existing Government Aids to Navigation; in addition, a yellow inflatable may be used as a Weather (“W”) or Start and/or Finish mark.

9.2 A missing mark will be replaced by the RC boat displaying Code Flag “Mike”.

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 Buckman Bridge.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 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. 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 make 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”.

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)

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 & 44.2).

You must notify the RC of your turns. However, if you caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by your breach your penalty shall be to retire.

14.2 If a yacht touches a mark, (other than a starting mark) you shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 turn penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Time limits are as follows:

A/F Non-spin & Mixed Cruiser - 1800

A/F & Mixed Spinnaker - 1805

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 on Distance.

17.2 This race is also part of the Women's Series, and Low-point scoring will be used in 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 CANCELLATION

19.1 In the event of cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, the race will be rescheduled.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Awards will be as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with three or more yachts; (Three yachts constitute a class or division)

20.2 POST RACE - Results will be available immediately after the Race.

All participants are welcome and encouraged to join the post-race festivities at The Rudder Club of Jacksonville. Results will be posted online at www.nfccsail.com

21 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.

22 INFORMATION

22.1 NFCC Race Captain Allen Jones, cell: 321-7010 e-mail: jersi-jones@att.net

22.2 Regatta Chairperson: Chuck Fields, cell: 631-1462 e-mail: iskagua@comcast.net