



EPPING·FOREST YACHT CLUB

2011 Jessie Ball Regatta

NORTH FLORIDA WOMEN'S SAILING NETWORK SERIES - RACE #2

Saturday, June 4, 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-20012, the prescriptions of US SAILING, and by these Sailing Instructions.

2. MANAGEMENT

The race will be under the management of the Epping Forest Yacht Club, which is the organizing authority.

As a condition of participation all members of the crew, guests, and owners of the vessels participating assume all risks of accident and agree that Epping Forest Yacht Club, the North Florida Women's Sailing Network, and the First Coast Sailing Association shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for loss or injury to participants or others, or the loss or damage to any yacht and shall hold Epping Forest Yacht Club, the North Florida Women's Sailing Network, and the First Coast Sailing Association free and harmless from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney fees, and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in the race.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

3.1 Entry must be made on the standard First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) Entry Form with entry fee paid before the competitors meeting.

3.2 The entry fee shall be \$30.00 per boat. Make checks payable to Epping Forest Yacht Club. ***Advanced registration is encouraged and will be rewarded with a free gift bag.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Boats having a valid FCSA PHRF Certificate may compete. Boats without a valid FCSA PHRF Certificate may obtain an uncontestable temporary WSS rating for the Women's Sailing Series. Entrants must have completed registration and paid fees to the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

5. Use of VHF Radio

The Race Committee shall monitor marine radio VHF channel 68; however official signals will be made only in accordance with these Sailing Instructions and RRS.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1300: Race committee arrives, race day registration opens.
- 1400: Registration closes, competitors meeting (attendance is not mandatory).
- 1455: Warning signal, start.
- 1730-1930: Recognition and awards at EFYC Mariners Deck in the marina.

7. CLASSES

7.1 The fleet will be divided into three classes: spinnaker mixed crew, non-spinnaker all female crew, and cruiser mixed crew.

7.2 In the classes with mixed crew up to 50% of crew may be male. The boat must be helmed by a female from the preparatory signal until finished. No male shall touch the helm while racing.

7.3 There shall be one start for all classes.

7.4 Awards for this regatta shall be made up to three deep in all three classes.

7.5 This is race number 2 of a series of 4 in the North Florida Women's Sailing Network Series.

8. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Window located on the west wall window of the Epping Forest Yacht Club Marina Harbormaster's office.

9. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 13:55 hours on the day of the race.

10. COURSES

Courses will be as announced at the competitors meeting.

11. MARKS

Marks will be Orange and/or Yellow Inflatable Buoys or fixed navigational markers.

12. THE START

12.1 The start line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a pin-end buoy at the port end.

12.2 Yachts shall check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal for the start by sailing past the stern of the race committee boat on a starboard tack and hailing their sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

12.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given five minutes before the starting signal.

12.4 The warning signal for the start will be red.

12.5 The preparatory flag will be the "P" flag. A solid blue flag may be used as a substitute for the "P" flag.

12.6 Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS 29.

12.7 Yachts failing to cross the start line within 15 minutes of the start signal will be scored DNS.

12.8 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the race committee boat and the pin-end buoy. The race committee will set the finish line in approximately the same position as the start line unless weather or other conditions require it be relocated.

12.9 Yachts failing to cross the finish line within 2.0 hours of their start shall be scored DNF. (Modification of RRS 35)

13. PENALTIES

The two-turn (720 degree) penalty will apply in accordance with RRS 44. Any yacht that exonerates itself in this manner for a minor foul shall notify the race committee of such action after finishing.

14. PROTESTS

Notice to protest shall be given by hail immediately after finishing with acknowledgement from the race committee. Submit protests in writing not more than 20 minutes following the race committee's arrival back at Epping Forrest Yacht Club Marina with a \$20.00 filing fee which shall be returned if the protest is upheld. The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt. Decisions of the protest committee will be final. (Rules 70 and 71 set aside.)

15. Further Information

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