



*We're getting ready for the Labor Day Regatta  
and need to know if you'll be coming!*

It's easy to register online at [www.nfccsail.wix.com/nfcc](http://www.nfccsail.wix.com/nfcc). Just complete the Registration Form and pay early for discounted pricing in the Ship's Store!

### Pricing Schedule

Aug 30: Herb Elphick Memorial Race, Mayport to Fernandina	\$40 (\$45 after August 16)
Aug 30: Regatta Party, Fernandina Marina Open Space – <b>Member</b>	\$15 (\$20 after August 16)
Regatta Party, Fernandina Marina Open Space - <b>Non-Member</b>	\$20 (\$25 after August 16)
Aug 31: Tommy Hall Memorial Race, Fernandina to Mayport	\$40 (\$45 after August 16)

### Event Highlights

- **Friday, Aug 29th:** Meet at Sister's Creek. Dock space available or anchor out if you'd like.
- **Saturday, Aug 30th:** Sail as a Racer or Cruising Sailor from the Mayport Jetty to Fernandina Beach.
- **Saturday Night:** AWESOME Regatta Party - 6:30pm to 9:30pm. *This is a catered event and the club is providing beer and wine and a live band!*
- **Sunday, Aug 31st:** Racers will sail from Fernandina back to Mayport. Cruising Sailors can sail back Sunday or Monday at your leisure.

Race Skippers will receive a Race Package which includes Race Instructions, a wristband to the Regatta Party, and assorted other goodies. Race instructions will also be available from [sailjax.com](http://sailjax.com).

**Questions? Please contact our NFCC Labor Day Regatta team.**

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## NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, August 30, 2014

Atlantic Ocean, from St. Johns River Inlet to St Marys River Inlet

#### 1.0 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; and (3) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS).

#### 2.0 MANAGEMENT

The race will be managed by the North Florida Cruising Club, which is also the organizing authority.

#### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The race is open to all yachts with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com)).

3.2 Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by FCSA may obtain a provisional new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for formal review. The FCSA Chief Handicapper is Adam Norwood ([anorwood@comcast.net](mailto:anorwood@comcast.net)).

3.3 A yacht participating in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker Class shall have sail numbers on the mainsails, spinnakers, and all headsails with an LP exceeding 130% of J. A yacht sailing in the Cruiser Class shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.

#### 4.0 REGISTRATION and ENTRY FEE

4.1 The standard FCSA race entry form ( [www.sailjax.com/Standard-Race-Entry-Form.pdf](http://www.sailjax.com/Standard-Race-Entry-Form.pdf) ) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee by 23:00 Friday, August 29. Participants may also register on-line at the following link: <http://www.nfccsail.wix.com/nfcc>.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance on-line or by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: NFCC Race Committee, P.O. Box 600856, Jacksonville, FL 32260. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek dock on Friday evening, August 29.

4.3 The entry fee is \$40.00 for entries submitted on or before August 16, 2014 and \$45.00 for entries submitted after August 16, 2014. Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.

#### 5.0 CLASSES

The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser. A Spinnaker Cruiser Class or Multihull Class may also be created with at least three registrants. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA definitions and rules pertaining to the Cruiser Class.

#### 6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None

All Classes Start Race: 09:30, Saturday, August 30, 2014

#### 7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 This 2-page document is the only printed Notice pertaining to the running of the race.

7.2 A Race Notice pertaining to any changes to the start and running of the race will be made by VHF radio transmission on Channel 72 at 08:00 Saturday, August 30. This Race Notice will be repeated at 08:30. If unable to receive by VHF radio for this purpose, a yacht shall telephone the Race Committee at (904) 699-9162 to receive the Race Notice. The Race Notice will be given even if there are no changes in the Sailing Instructions.

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### 8.0 THE START

8.1 Yachts shall self-start as follows: No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0). The start line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys R-4 and G-3, with R-4 to port and G-3 to starboard. A yacht shall have started when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line while sailing in the proper starting direction – from west to east. Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time. (R-4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605)

### 9.0 THE COURSE

9.1 Spinnaker Fleet Race Course – After the start proceed 2.153 nm to the First Turn Mark – St. Johns Lighted Buoy ‘STJ’ (N 30° 23.589 / W 81° 19.140). Leave ‘STJ’ to port. Continue for 19.279 nm to the Finish.

9.2 Non-Spinnaker & Cruiser Class Race Course – After the start, proceed 18.705 nm directly to the Finish.

### 10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Marys entrance buoys G-15 and R-14, with G-15 to port and R-14 to starboard. Each yacht shall record its own finish time when it touches this line with any part of its hull, crew, or equipment while sailing in the proper finishing direction – from east to west. (G-15 is located at N 30° 42.592 / W 81° 23.189)

10.2 Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second). As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver and simultaneously sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts (hence the turning maneuver and courtesy horn).

10.3 As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee via VHF channel 72. If unable to communicate by radio for this purpose, a yacht may telephone the RC at (904) 699-9162. Leave a message with your finish time as a voicemail or text message (text message is preferred). In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish (telephone messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

### 11.0 TIME

11.1 All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Savings 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. Each yacht shall synchronize its timepiece to this standard.

11.2 The time limit shall be 10 hours. A boat failing to finish within this time limit will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

### 12.0 PROTESTS

Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery or mailing to the address given in 4.2. Notice of protest shall be required when reporting the yacht’s finish time or withdrawal from the race and in no event shall be more than one hour following the yacht’s finish time using the same procedures for communication of finish time as defined in 10.3.

### 13.0 TROPHIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flag trophies may be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes regardless of class size. Additional flag trophies may be awarded for other classes as defined in 5.0.

### 14.0 POST-RACE

If possible, provisional race results will be announced at the Regatta Party at Fernandina Marina (18:30 to 21:30). The final results will later be posted on the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com). Final race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 18, 7:30 PM.

**FURTHER INFO:** Tim Little, (904) 699-9162 [spinnaker67@gmail.com](mailto:spinnaker67@gmail.com)