



**BLUE MAX RACE**  
**FCSA Spring Series #6 of 6**  
**Saturday, June 20, 2015**  
**\*\*\*Monitor Channel 72 throughout race\*\*\***

**North Florida Cruising Club**  
PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1.0 RULES**

The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RSS), the rules of First Coast Sailing Association and this NOR. These may be altered by the Sailing Instructions.

**2.0 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 The race is open to all boats with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA). [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com)
- 2.2 Boats that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by FCSA may obtain a provisional rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for review and issuance of a Rating Certificate.
- 2.3 A boat 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 boat sailing in the Cruiser Class shall have an identifying sail number on her mainsail.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing [registration](#) with North Florida Cruising Club, which is the organizing authority.
- 2.5 Boats shall register in one of the following three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker or Cruiser Class. Boats will be scored in the FCSA Annual Series based on the class designated on its entry form.

**3.0 CLASSES**

- 3.1 Performance Classes: The performance classes will consist of a Spinnaker Class and a Non-Spinnaker Class. These classes may be further subdivided or combined at the Race Committee's discretion based on number of entries.
- 3.2 Cruiser Class: A Cruiser Class will be offered. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA definitions and rules pertaining to the Cruiser Class.
- 3.3 A Multihull Cruiser Class may also be formed provided there are at least three registrants. Refer to PHRF Rules of FCSA for rules pertaining to multihull cruisers.

**4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 4.1 **NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.** Please RSVP to [Barbara Sperbeck](#) if you are participating.
- 4.2 Register for race by
  - 4.2.1 Completing registration form and mailing with payment to  
North Florida Cruising Club PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241
  - 4.2.2 *E-mail registration. Mail in payment or pay at after party.*
- 4.2 *On the water: Race Committee Boat will display race course;*
- 4.3 **12:55 p.m. Warning Signal**

**5.0 ENTRY FEE/REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$25.00 for NFCC Members, and \$30.00 for non-members (\$25.00 if US Sailing Member).
- 5.2 Entries may be mailed to: North Florida Cruising Club PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241  
Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club and include completed entry form (StandardRace Entry Form available at [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com)).  
Boats may also register between the hours of 10:00 thru 11:45 a.m. on the day of the race.

**6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to be downloaded from the North Florida Cruising Club website or the First Coast Sailing Association website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com).



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## **7.0 COURSE**

7.1 Course will be a single PHRF Time on Distance race using government navigation marks and inflatable markers.

## **8.0 SCORING THE RACE**

8.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.

8.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.3 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the Annual Series scoring.

## **9.0 RACE PRIZES**

9.1 First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each class at the post-race party.

## **10.0 INFORMATION**

Contact: Barbara Sperbeck, Racing Fleet Captain **(904) 229-6130**

**There will be a post-race party & awards presentation at Amity Marina. For questions, please contact Patty Trantham 904-449-2403.**



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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Racing Rules A4 and A5 are changed by SI 12.3 as follows: "A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without hearing."

1.3 Racing Rules 35, A4, and A5 of the RRS are changed by SI 14.1 as follows: "A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes in corrected time after the first boat in her class will be scored 'Did Not Finish' without a hearing."

### 2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with North Florida Cruising Club as set forth in the Notice of Race.

2.2 Additional eligibility requirements and class definitions are defined in the Notice of Race Articles 2 and 3.

### 3. SAFETY

3.1 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.

3.2 Boats shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver. Racing boats interfering with other vessels may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or contestants and possible disqualification.

3.3 Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.

3.4 Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side prior to their class Warning Signal.

3.5 Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have withdrawn.

3.6 For the safety of all race participants, the NFCC Race Committee strongly recommends the wearing of a life jacket during the race.

### 4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the board located on the Race Committee Boat.

### 5. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted in accordance with SI 4.1 before 12:00 on the day of the race.

5.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated to each boat while on the water and prior to her warning signal.

### 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 None

### 7. RACE SCHEDULE

7.1 Saturday, June 20, one race, two start times

7.2 Schedule of Events:

Warning Signal 1 <sup>st</sup> class	
Spin/Non Spin:	12:55 pm
Cruiser:	1:10pm

## 8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted in the RRS.

Class	Flag
Spinnaker	Gold
Non-Spinnaker	Gold
Cruiser	Pink

## 9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 Race Committee boat is Hunter 35 S/V Goin' South; monitoring channel 72
- 9.2 The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the north and River Marker 20 to the south as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

## 10. THE COURSE

10.1 Race course will be displayed from a course board on the Race Committee boat.

10.2 A single race using river navigation marks as designated in Attachment A

10.2.1 Locate Committee boat near location of discontinued Green 15 (west of Amity marina and on a line between Green 13 and Green 17A). This allows race to finish in vicinity of Amity marina.

10.2.2 Race participants Head North to Green 13 then South to Green 17A (Green 17 is too shallow to use as turning mark), then finish at Committee boat.

## 11. MARKS

11.1 Marks may be government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners) or yellow inflatable Mark "W" described in SI 11.2. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. Mark "W" will be designated by its alphabetic designator. Approximate positions for the government navigation marks are shown in Attachment A.

11.2 A yellow inflatable mark set to windward of the starting line as a windward mark will be designated "W", WHISKEY.

11.3 A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No boat shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee

boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

## 12. START

12.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable mark set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat.

12.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

12.3 A boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without hearing. This changes Rules A4 and A5.

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 **If Race Committee boat is on station at the Finish:** The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark set to the left side relative to the final leg of the course.

13.2 A yacht shall have finished when any part of her hull, crew, or equipment touches this imaginary line.

13.2.1 Monitor Race Committee via VHF channel 72. If unable to communicate, a yacht may telephone or text the RC at (904) 229-6130.

## 14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. A boat failing to finish within 60 minutes in corrected time after the first boat in her class will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

## 15. PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee. Protest time will end one hour after the Race Committee boat docks after the racing.

15.2 Protest notices will be delivered to Race Committee at the after party 20 minutes following the protest time limit.

## **16. SCORING**

16.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.

16.2 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

## **17. PRIZES**

17.1 Results will be announced and awards presented at Amity Marina following the race.

The results will also be posted on the FCSA website [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com).

17.2 Results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2015- 7:30 PM.

## **FURTHER INFO:**

Barbara Sperbeck, 904-229-6130;  
barbarasperbeck@bellsouth.net

# ATTACHMENT A

FCSA's purpose is to handicap sailboats (PHRF), make up the annual schedule, sponsor an Interclub Regatta, and hold an Awards and General Meeting in January. FCSA's Board of Directors is made up of one volunteer from each of the eight member clubs.

See a club handicapper to get a PHRF rating. New rating \$35, Renew by February 1st \$30, Change rating \$5.

The handicapping committee consists of one volunteer from each club and a volunteer Chief Handicapper. Requests for ratings are completed by a club handicapper and approved by the Chief Handicapper. Rating protests are submitted to the Chief Handicapper and voted on by the handicapping committee.



Distance	nm
1 to 3	1.039
1 to 5	2.787
1 to 7	4.643
1 to A	2.793
1 to B	1.570
3 to 5	1.773
3 to 7	3.615
3 to 9	4.638
3 to A	1.829
3 to B	1.126
3 to C	3.763
5 to 7	1.863
5 to 9	2.926
5 to A	1.468
5 to B	2.299
5 to C	2.029
5 to D	3.486
7 to 9	1.095
7 to C	0.977
7 to D	1.697
7 to E	2.240
9 to C	1.726
9 to D	0.618
9 to E	1.486
A to B	1.523
A to C	3.140
B to C	4.303
C to D	2.328
C to E	3.111
D to E	1.127
11 to 13	2.317
11 to 15	3.400
11 to 17	5.631
11 to 17A	6.836
13 to 15	1.109
13 to 17	3.360
13 to 17A	4.575
13 to 18	5.585
15 to 17	2.252
15 to 17A	3.467
15 to 18	4.476
17 to 17A	1.216
17 to 18	2.225
17A to 18	1.010
18 to 20	2.038



**From 2011  
USCG Light List**

- Green 1**  
N 30° 17.813  
W 81° 40.411
- Red 2**  
N 30° 17.628  
W 81° 40.635
- Green 3**  
N 30° 16.780  
W 81° 40.259
- Green 5**  
N 30° 15.142  
W 81° 39.466
- Green 7**  
N 30° 13.305  
W 81° 39.077
- Green 9**  
N 30° 12.216  
W 81° 39.237
- Red 10**  
N 30° 09.513  
W 81° 41.399
- Green 11**  
N 30° 09.305  
W 81° 40.794
- Red 12**  
N 30° 07.240  
W 81° 40.800
- Green 13**  
N 30° 07.036  
W 81° 40.224
- Green 15**  
N 30° 05.926  
W 81° 40.283
- Red 16**  
N 30° 04.038  
W 81° 41.254
- Green 17**  
N 30° 03.671  
W 81° 40.393
- Green 17A**  
N 30° 02.457  
W 81° 40.522
- Red 18**  
N 30° 01.445  
W 81° 40.551
- Green 19**  
N 30° 01.335  
W 81° 40.279
- Red 20**  
N 29° 59.822  
W 81° 39.126

FCSA offers three series of PHRF races: the Spring Series Trophy, the Fall Series Trophy, and the Offshore Trophy. When a rated sailboat is entered in a club race, noted as a FCSA points race, the boat is competing for a club trophy for that race and points toward the annual trophy for the series.

Rules for the annual trophies:

Spring and Fall Series Trophies:  
6 races each, 1 throw-out race.

Offshore Series Trophies:  
14 races, 7 throw-out races.

Note: There will be no throw out races in a series if less than four races are held due to cancellation or abandonment of races in that series.

Race scoring will be the low point system, 2012-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix A, Rule A4.

Series scoring will be as follows:

DNF, RAF = # that started the race  
DNS, DSQ = # that came to the start  
DNC = # that attempted to race  
DNE = # entered in the series + 1  
Ties decided under Appendix A8.

Trophies divided by Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruising classes. All competitors must have a current FCSA PHRF rating and be a member of one of the seven FCSA member clubs.

**Also From 2011  
USCG Light List**

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Race Can "A"</b><br>N 30° 15.090<br>W 81° 41.160 | <b>Race Can "C"</b><br>N 30° 13.564<br>W 81° 37.989 |
| <b>Race Can "B"</b><br>N 30° 16.581<br>W 81° 41.539 | <b>Race Can "D"</b><br>N 30° 11.648<br>W 81° 39.522 |
|                                                     | <b>Race Can "E"</b><br>N 30° 11.648<br>W 81° 40.822 |

(Check FCSA Website [www.snijax.com](http://www.snijax.com) for contacts, addresses, phone numbers of club representatives)

- EFYC - Epping Forest Yacht Club [www.efyc.com](http://www.efyc.com)
- FYC - Florida Yacht Club [www.thefloridayachtclub.org](http://www.thefloridayachtclub.org)
- NJYC - Navy Jax Yacht Club [www.navyjaxyachtclub.com](http://www.navyjaxyachtclub.com)
- RCoJ - Rudder Club [www.rudderclub.com](http://www.rudderclub.com)

- NFCC - North Florida Cruising Club [www.nfccsail.com](http://www.nfccsail.com)
- SAYC - St Augustine Yacht Club [www.staugustineyachtclub.com](http://www.staugustineyachtclub.com)
- HRYC - Halifax River Yacht Club [www.hryc.com](http://www.hryc.com)
- SVC - Smyrna Yacht Club [www.smyrnayachtclub.com](http://www.smyrnayachtclub.com)