



Scuttlebutt about the Main Street Bridge

Event Highlights

- **Friday, Sept 2nd:** Meet at Sister's Creek. Dock space available (no electricity) or anchor out if you'd like. **If you are heading North on ICW to the north dock of Sister's Creek, be sure to make a 90° to the north dock. DO NOT CUT THE CORNER.**
- **Saturday, Sept 3rd:** Sail as a Racer in the Herb Elphick Memorial race or Cruising Sailor from the St. Johns River Inlet to St. Mary's River Inlet. OR Cruising Sailors sail at your leisure.
- **Saturday Night:** AWESOME Regatta Party at The Crab Trap with happy hour prices all night. Attendees pay for their drinks and what they order off of the menu. NFCC will not pre collect or pay for purchases.
- **Sunday, Sept 4th:** Sail as a Racer in the Tommy Hall Memorial race or Cruising Sailor from St Marys River Inlet to St. Johns River Inlet. OR Cruising Sailors sail at your leisure.

Questions? Please contact our NFCC Labor Day Regatta team.

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NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB (Herb Elphick Memorial Race)
NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS SATURDAY, September 3, 2016
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).

3.2 Yachts that do not have a current PHRF rating assigned by the FCSA may obtain a provisional new rating (\$35.00 first-time annual fee) that will be submitted to FCSA for formal review. The NFCC Club Handicapper is Bill Weinbecker (william.weinbecker@gmail.com)

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) must be completed in full, and along with the appropriate fee shall be filed with the Race Committee by 23:00 Friday, Sept 2.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: NFCC Race Committee, PO Box 24268 Jacksonville, FL 32241 or at the General Meeting on Aug 20th. Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek dock on Friday evening, Sept 2.

4.3 The entry fee is \$40.00. 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, Sept 3, 2016.

7.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

7.1 This 4-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, Sept 3. 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) 229-6130 to receive the Race Notice. The Race Notice via the VHF radio will be given even if there are no changes in the Sailing Instructions.

8.0 THE START

8.1 All yachts are required to set their timepiece in synch with the USNO time (refer to 11.0).

8.2 No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time.

8.3 Engine propulsion shall be disengaged during the last four minutes prior to the designated start time.

8.4 Starting Penalties - Any vessel early over the line will perform an 'end to round' on either side of the starting line and restart the race (RRS 30.1).

8.5 If the Race Committee Boat is present

8.4.1 RC Boat will announce synchronized time with USNO time on the VHF radio.

8.4.2 Follow the horns and flags from the RC Boat.

8.4.3 The RC will use RRS Rule 26 for the starting sequence (5-minute start).

8.6 If the Race Committee Boat is **NOT** present

8.5.1 Yachts shall self-start.

8.5.2 No yacht shall start prior to 09:30:00 as synchronized with USNO time (refer to 11.0).

8.5.3 The start line shall be an imaginary line connecting St. Johns entrance buoys G3 and R4. 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 – west to east. G3 is located at N 30° 23.754 / W 81° 21.638. R4 is located at N 30° 23.894 / W 81° 21.605.

9.0 THE COURSE

9.1 After the start, Performance Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes shall proceed about 2.167 NM to STJ leaving the buoy to port, and then 19.279 NM to the finish line. STJ is located at N 30° 23.589 / W 81° 19.140.

9.2 After the start, Cruising classes shall proceed 18.705 NM directly to the finish line.

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

10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish 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 As a courtesy the finishing yacht should make an obvious turning maneuver sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing.

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) 229-6130. Leave a message via text message or voicemail with: boat name, finish time and a call back number (text message is preferred- speak CLEARLY). In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish.

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

12.1 Protests shall be submitted in writing to the Race Committee by either hand delivery or mailing to the address given in SI section 4.2.

12.2 Notice of protest shall be required when the yacht has finished or withdrawn from the race and in no event shall be more than one hour following the yacht's finish time.

13.0 TROPHIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place flag trophies may be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes regardless of class size at September 15, 2016 General Club meeting. 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. Final race results will also be announced at the NFCC General Meeting on Thursday, September 17th, 7:30 PM.

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