



2017 Women's Sailing Series A Four-Race Women's Series on the St. Johns River

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NOTICE OF RACE

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This Notice of Race shall govern in cases where the Host Club does not issue their own Notice of Race.
- 1.2 The Women's Sailing Series will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RSS) and First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA).
- 1.3 This Standard NOR applies for all races in the FCSA Women's Series for the year 2017.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All boats must have a valid PHRF rating from FCSA. Boats not having a valid rating may obtain an uncontested temporary PHRF rating on a one-time basis, assigned by the host Club Handicapper in accordance with FCSA Rules.
- 2.2 Participating boats shall have their sail number on the mainsail and headsails with an LP exceeding 130%.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the host Club, which is the organizing authority for that race.
- 2.4 Two classes will be offered. A boat may change classes in the individual races of the series; however the corrected results in one class will not apply to another class in calculating overall series results.

3.0 CLASSES

- 3.1 **Performance Class** : Open to Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker performance boats with all-female crews or a female crew with no more than one male defined as the Owner, or the Owner's representative (such as may be defined by insurance) but he shall not assist the crew in any way while racing.
- 3.2 **Cruiser Class** : (As defined by FCSA PHRF Rules) Sailing a Cruiser Class boat with an all-female crew or a mixed crew with 50% or more of those on board being female and the boat must be helmed by a female while racing.
- 3.3 Performance boats are encouraged to participate in the all-female Performance Class. However, if performance boat chooses to enter in the Cruiser Class with a mixed crew, the boat's rating shall be adjusted in accordance with FCSA PHRF Rules with exception that head foils will be permitted with a -6 seconds per nautical mile penalty. In addition, any performance sails such as laminated sails, molded sails, woven/laminated cruising Mylar sails, and radial-cut racing woven polyester sails, etc. shall be adjusted -6 seconds per nautical mile for any headsail and -6 seconds per mile for any mainsail.
- 3.4 All boats will be rated in accordance with their declared Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker rating as registered for a given race. Boats may change their Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker registration in other races of the series. Corrected results will be calculated based on the declared rating (Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker) for each boat as registered for each race of the Series.



4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4.1 The host club shall post on the www.sailjax.com website at least 48 hours before the start of the scheduled first race if there is to be a Competitor's meeting, where it is to be, and the amount of the entry fee.
- 4.2 If there is no preliminary posting for the Competitor's Meeting, the race will be held at the host club's site as follows :
Registration : 10:00-11:45 a.m.; Competitor's Meeting 12:00 Noon; Warning Signal for first start 12:55 p.m.
- 4.3 Check with the host club for availability of docking the night prior to the race and the day of the race.

5.0 ENTRY FEE/REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry Fee shall be accompanied by an entry form. (Standard Race Entry Form is available at www.sailjax.com.)
- 5.2 If the start is to be on the water boats may register with the host club before the start date of the regatta or register by giving the entry fee and registration to the Committee Boat prior to the first warning signal on the day of the race.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 This NOR and these accompanying Sailing Instructions shall govern unless changed by the host club during the Competitor's Meeting.

7.0 COURSE

- 7.1 Course will be a single distance race using government navigation marks and/or inflatable marks.
- 7.2 The course will be described at the Competitor's meeting.
- 7.3 If there is no Competitor's Meeting the course will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee Boat on the water at the designated time and location.

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 Each boat starting and finishing the race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, will be scored points equal to her corrected finishing place in class.
- 8.4 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the computation for Series scoring.
- 8.5 The host club sponsoring the race may provide alternate classes and trophies as they desire. However, results that are submitted to FCSA to go towards year end trophies must be submitted for either the Performance Class or the Cruiser Class.

9.0 RACE PRIZES

- 9.1 The number of prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Host Club based on classes and registrations.
- 9.2 First, second and third place prizes may be awarded in classes with five or more boats. Fewer prizes may be awarded in classes with fewer than five boats.

10.0 INFORMATION

Race #1 The Florida Yacht Club
5210 Yacht Club Road
Jacksonville, FL 32210
<http://www.thefloridayachtclub.org>

Race #2: Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club
1830 Epping Forest Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32217 (904) 739-7200
<https://www.efyc.com>

Race #3 North Florida Cruising Club
PO Box 24268
Jacksonville, FL 32210
<http://www.nfcsail.com>

Race #4: The Rudder Club
8533 Malaga Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32244 (904) 264-4094
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 These Sailing Instructions shall govern in cases where the Host Club does not issue their own Sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as modified by the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) and Notice of Race Articles 2 and 3.
- 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".

2.0 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Host Club in advance or during the registration period 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.

3.0 SAFETY

- 3.1 All competitors are required to conform to the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal flotation 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 78**.
- 3.4 Boats shall check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non-course side of the Committee Boat prior to their class Warning Signal. Failing to check in may result in a DNS for that race.
- 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.

4.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Any Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the premises of the Host Club.

5.0 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 p.m. 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.



6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE



- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the premises of the Host Club.
- 6.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed: do not leave the dock." The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.
- 6.3 Signals will be made from the Committee Boat on Station if the race is started on the water with no Competitor's Meeting on shore.

7.0 RACE SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Race #1, Sunday, April 9 Race #2 Saturday, June 3 Race #3 Saturday, September 23 Race #4 Saturday, November 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.2 Registration : 10:00 am to 11:45 am Competitor's Meeting : 12:00 Noon Warning Signal first start: 12:55 pm |
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8.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 The class flags will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 8.1 If there is no Competitor's Meeting, class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted in the RRS as follows:

Class	Pennant	
Performance Class	P1	
Cruiser Class	P2	

9.0 RACING AREA

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

10.0 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The race course will be described at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 10.2 If there is no Competitor's meeting on shore, the course will be displayed from a course board on the Race Committee boat.
- 10.3 A single race using river navigation marks and inflatable marks will be displayed using the designation of the River Marks as depicted in Attachment A, and the letter designation for Mark "W", Mark "L" and Marks "A" through "E" as described in SI 11.1 and 11.2.

11.0 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks may be government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), Inflatable Marks "A", "B", "C", "D" or "E" as shown in Attachment A or inflatable Mark "W" or "L" described in SI 11.2. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. Marks "A" through "E", "W", and "L" will be designated by their alphabetic designator. Approximate positions for the government navigation marks and Marks "A" through "E" are shown in Attachment A.
- 11.2 An inflatable mark set to windward of the starting line as a windward mark will be designated "W". An inflatable mark set to leeward of the starting line as a leeward mark will be designated "L".
- 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.)



12.0 START

- 12.1 The sequence of Class starts will be announced at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 12.2 If there is no Competitor's Meeting on land the Performance Class Boats shall start first and the Cruiser Class boats shall start second.
- 12.3 The configuration of the starting line will be described at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 12.4 If there is no Competitor's Meeting on shore, the Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and an inflated sphere or mark set to the left of the Committee Boat while approaching the start line.
- 12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

13.0 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The configuration of the finish line will be described at the Competitor's Meeting.
- 13.2 If there is no Competitor's Meeting on shore, the Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Boat and an inflated sphere or mark set to the left of the Committee Boat while approaching the finish line on the final leg.

14.0 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes corrected time after the first boat of their class finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS Rule 35 and Rule A4.1.

15.0 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Host Club or from the www.sailjax.com website. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman. Protest time will end one hour after the Race Committee boat docks, signaled by a horn. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.
- 15.2 If there is no on land gathering after the race(s), the protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee boat of the intention to protest immediately after finishing and identify what boat they are protesting. The protesting boat shall issue their written protest to the Race Chairman no later than the following day.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 20 minutes following the protest time limit if a gathering takes place after the race on land.

16.0 SCORING

- 16.1 Classes will be scored using PHRF Time on Distance.
- 16.2 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.3 Each boat starting and finishing the race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, will be scored points equal to her corrected finishing place in class.
- 16.4 Results of this race will be forwarded to the First Coast Sailing Association for inclusion in the computation for Series scoring. Results that are submitted to FCSA to go towards year end trophies must be submitted for either the Performance Class or the Cruiser Class.

17.0 PRIZES

- 17.1 The number of prizes to be awarded is at the discretion of the Host Club based on classes and registrations.
- 17.2 The prizes may be awarded at the Host Club following the race(s) or at a designated location at a later date.
- 17.3 First, second and third place prizes may be awarded in classes with five or more boats. Fewer prizes may be awarded in classes with fewer than five boats.