

LABOR DAY WEEKEND REGATTA & CRUISE 2019

It's easy to register online:

<http://sailjax.com/FCSA-Race-Entry.pdf>

PHRF ratings can be requested at:

www.sailjax.com/FCSA-Rating-Application.pdf



Weekend Event Highlights:

Friday, August 30th – Meet at Sisters Creek. Dock space available or anchor out if you like. No electricity provided. Race Registration packets available from David Parrish or Jacquie Welti.

Saturday August 31st – 0900 Herb Elphick Memorial Race** start approx. one mile north of the St. John's Inlet R4 (30° 23.894' N/ 81° 21.605' W) to the St. Mary's Inlet G15 (30° 42.592'N/ 81° 23.189'W). OR join us for a leisurely cruise to Cumberland Island, GA near Sea Camp Dock. Racing yachts are to take their own finish time and report to RC via VHF Channel 72 or phone. Please refer to SI's.

AFTER RACE RAFT UP PARTY: Whenever you get there til dusk!

Accommodations:

Anchor out at beautiful Cumberland Island National Seashore (no overnight docking permitted)

www.nps.gov/cuis

Sunday September 1st – Dinghy or ferry to Cumberland Island for an afternoon picnic at Sea Camp Beach. Island access fee is \$10pp. For those coming by car, ferry reservations highly recommended. Best outbound: 1145 from St. Mary's to Cumberland Island; Best return: 1645 from Cumberland Island to St. Mary's. BYO Food & drink. www.cumberlandislandferry.com/ferry-schedule

Monday September 2nd – 1000 Tommy Hall Memorial Race** starting a bit south of the St. Mary's inlet G15 (30° 42.592'N / 81° 23.189'W) racing to the St. John's inlet R4 (30° 23.894'N/ 81° 21.605'W) or take a leisurely cruise to Mayport.

Questions? Please connect with your NFCC Labor Day Regatta Team: Race Captain: Dave Parrish 904-463-2881; Race Committee: Jacquie Welti 904-472-1433 or NFCC Rear Commodore Laura Peirano 904-233-0353 or email lpcap2017@gmail.com

**** PLEASE NOTE: A Notice of Race will be transmitted on both race days via VHF Ch 72.** Please refer to SI for details.

2019 NFCC Herb Elphick Memorial Race

NORTH FLORIDA CRUISING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SATURDAY, August 31, 2019

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 current Racing Rules of Sailing

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

3.0 ELIGIBILITY The race is open to all yachts with a current PHRF certificate from First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA - www.sailjax.com)

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 0830 Saturday August 31.

4.2 Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance by mailing the completed form with the appropriate fee to: NFCC Race Committee, 2147 River Blvd , Jacksonville, FL 32204.

Registration documents may also be submitted at the Sisters Creek dock on Friday evening, August 30.

4.3 The entry fee is \$30 for NFCC Members, and \$35 for non-members .

Make checks payable to: North Florida Cruising Club.

5.0 CLASSES The fleet will be divided into three classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competitors Meeting: None. All Classes Start Race: 9:00 AM, Saturday, August 31, 2019

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 LISTEN TO CHANNEL 72 AT 0800 & 0830. 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 0800 Saturday, August 31. This Race Notice will be repeated at 0830. The Race Notice will be given to communicate the start scenario and any changes to the Sailing Instructions

8.0 THE START

8.1 There will be two possible start scenarios 'A' and 'B'.

A. Yachts will start between The RC Boat KARA VELA and an inflatable mark in the vicinity north of St Johns channel marker R-4 in a northerly direction with the committee boat to port.

B. Yachts shall self-start as follows: No yacht shall start prior to 9:00:00 as synchronized with USNO time. 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 After the start, all yachts shall 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) 463-2881. Leave a message with your finish time as a text or voicemail. In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than one hour following its finish (text or voice messages accepted – leave your boat name, finish time, and a call-back number – speak CLEARLY).

11.0 TIME 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's timekeeper shall synchronize their timepiece to this standard.

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 trophies may be awarded in Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Cruiser classes regardless of class size.

14.0 POST-RACE RAFT-UP If possible in the Cumberland Island anchorage area in the vicinity of Sea Camp, provisional race results will be announced at that time. RAFT-UP will end before dark. The final results will later be posted on the FCSA website www.sailjax.com. Final race results will also be announced at the September NFCC General Meeting.