

Elphick Memorial Race

North Florida Cruising Club

AUGUST 30th, 2008

Offshore; Mayport to Fernandina, FL

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race/regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) 2005-2008
- 1.2 The rules will only be deviated from under the prescriptions of US Sailing, the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA), the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 The North Florida Cruising Club (NFCC) is the Organizing Authority for this Race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the starboard side of the RC boat.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Starboard side of the Race Committee (RC) Boat, and will be signified by RC flying the “Come within hail” flag, Code Flag “Lima”. (L). An effort will also be made to broadcast changes on VHF Ch 68. Failure of any yacht to hear said changes will not materially prejudice that yacht, as the white board is the official change location.




4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE/AFLOAT

- 4.1 There will be NO signals made ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES

- 5.1 There will be NO Skipper’s Meeting.
- 5.2 Saturday, Aug 30th, 2008: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser Class:
0925 Warning Signal for First Class
0930 Start of First Class.

6 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Name</u>
Cruiser:	First		Pennant “One”
PHRF Non-spin:	Second		Pennant “Two”
PHRF Spinnaker:	Third		Green Flag

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 This Race will be on NOAA Chart(s) 11488, 11490, and 11503, and include the area offshore from Mayport, FL to Fernandina Beach, FL. Please **note** the Red Sector on Chart 11488 aiding the avoidance of the shoals in the vicinity of Nassau Sound, and the Buoy (Can) White/Orange “B” aiding in the avoidance of the end of the Rock Jetties which may be submerged/not visible.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The Course will be displayed on a White board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat at least ten (10) minutes before the first signal.

8.2 The *anticipated* course is;

Start: Vicinity of St. Johns River Entrance Buoy R “4” (N 30° 23.89’ – W 81° 21.75’) (Approximately 358° @ 18.4 nm.) *Race Committee assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of these waypoints.*

Finish: Vicinity of St. Mary’s Entrance Buoy G “13” (N 30° 42.62’ – W 81° 22.39’)

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be existing Government Aids to Navigation; in addition, a yellow (round) inflatable may be used as a Start and/or Finish mark.

9.2 A Missing mark will be replaced by the RC boat displaying Code Flag “Mike”. (M)

9.3 The Starting mark will be on the Port side of the Race Committee boat.

9.4 A Finish mark, if used, will be on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end, and the starting mark at the port-end.

11.3 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area.

11.4 A yacht starting later than forty-five (45) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. (DNS) This changes rule A4.

11.5 If any part of a Yacht’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 68. Failure to hear a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF COURSE

12.1 To change a course, the Race Committee will display the new course on the White board as soon as practicable, be on-station at the point where the course change begins, and display a bearing to the next mark. The Race Committee will signify this action by displaying code Flag “Charlie”. (C)

12.2 Except at a gate, yachts shall pass between the Race Committee boat signalling the change of course and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the Race Committee boat to Starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish will be explained on the White course board on the Starboard side of the Race Committee boat. (See SI Rule 8.1 and 9.4)

13.2 In the event no Race Committee boat is on station at the finish, Yachts shall record their finish time when the St. Mary’s Buoy “G??” bears 270 degrees and report it to the Race Committee via VHF Ch 68 or Ph#: (904) 631-2926

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
Cruiser	1800
PHRF Non-spin.	1805
PHRF Spinnaker	1810

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available online at www.sailjax.com and from the Race Committee and must be filed with a \$20.00 Protest Fee. A protesting yacht's fee will be refunded if their protest is upheld.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee boat returns to shore, wherever that is. (The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and/or protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.)
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 Postings and Hearings will be held at a location to be determined in the Notice to Competitors. (See SI Rule 2.1)
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Any Yacht or Skipper's lack of access to forms online or at any web-site will not constitute a yacht being "materially prejudiced." Forms are available with advanced notice by requesting them from the NFCC Race Captain. (See SI Rule 27.1)
- 16.8 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows: PHRF Corrected Time.
- 17.2 This race is also part of an FCSA Series, and Low-point scoring will be used by FCSA for the series.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Yachts shall check-in by hailing the Race Committee on **VHF Ch. 68**.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 **Yachts shall be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.**

25 CANCELLATION

- 25.1 In the event of Cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, the race will not be rescheduled.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Flags will be awarded as follows:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with three (3) or more yachts;
(Three yachts constitute a class or division)
- 26.2 **POST RACE** - Results will be available immediately after the Race.
Results will also be posted online at www.sailjax.com and www.nfcssail.com
- 26.3 Awards will be available after the Race. Location of the Awards presentation will be at 9:00 PM (2100) on the dock in front of the RC boat.

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28 INFORMATION

- 28.1 Point of Contact: NFCC Race Captain David Kyser (904) 631-2926, davekyser@yahoo.com