



North Florida Cruising Club

MARCH 29TH, 2008

Jacksonville, 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.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:
 - SI Rule 8; Course- The Course will not be contained in this Sailing Instruction.
 - SI Rule 18.3; Yachts may run their auxiliary power (Motor) at the Skipper's discretion for safety reasons within 100' of the Buckman Bridge.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the NFCC web-site, located at www.nfccsail.com or the day of the race, on the white board displayed at the Skipper's Meeting.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the white board displayed ashore at the Skipper's Meeting, or if after the Skipper's Meeting, on the White board 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 may be signals made ashore on the Clubhouse flagpole at Ortega Landing.
- 4.2 See "Common Race Committee Signals" link on the NFCC web-site, under the "Racing 2008" section, for Flags and/or signals that may be made by the Race Committee boat while afloat, underway, or on-station.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES

- 5.1 There will be a shore-side Skipper's Meeting, Saturday, March 29th, at approximately 1100 at Ortega Landing. (fka ORBY) Contact Ortega Landing for courtesy dockage if you come in Friday night. (Stephanie McCann 9904) 387-5538, or smccann@ortegalanding.com) Also consult www.nfccsail.com for information on the Adopt-a-Racer/Cruiser seminar and other activities associated with this event.
- 5.2 Saturday, March 29th, 2008: PHRF Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, and Cruiser Class:
 - 1225 Warning Signal for First Class
 - 1230 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		Pennant "Three"

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The Racing area is explained in the “*River Chart w/ Race Marks & Info.*” Link at www.sailjax.com
- 7.2 This Race will be on NOAA Chart 11492 south of the Fuller Warren Bridge on the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, FL, and include the area South of the Buckman Bridge to the vicinity of Green Cove springs, FL.

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. (The *anticipated course* may be: Start vicinity of Marker **G“7”**, Finish vicinity of **R“18”**.)
- 8.2 Yachts sailing under the Buckman Bridge must sail through the main channel or either span adjacent to that. (Middle three [3] spans.)
- See also special rule concerning safety, SI Rule 18.3.

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.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: The Buckman Bridge.

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 thirty (30) 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 make 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)

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 If a yacht accepts responsibility for a protest or foul, the yacht may make two (2) complete 360 degree turns (two tacks and two gybes) at the first reasonable opportunity. (RRS 44.1 & 44.2). You must notify the RC of your turns. However, if you caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race by your breach your penalty shall be to retire.
- 14.2 If a yacht touches a mark, (other than a starting mark) you shall exonerate yourself by promptly making a 360 turn penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
Cruiser	1845
PHRF Non-spin.	1850
PHRF Spinnaker	1855

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 the FCSA Spring 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 sailing under the Buckman Bridge may run motor(s) and/or auxiliary power if, at the discretion of the Skipper or Master, for safety reasons; and only within 100' of bridge abutments, fenders, and pilings.
- 18.4 **Yachts shall be in compliance with State and Federal regulations.**

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25 CANCELLATION

- 25.1 In the event of Cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances, the race will be rescheduled.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Flags will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division with six (6) or more yachts;
 - 1st and 2nd place in each class or division with five (5) yachts;
 - 1st place only in each class or division with three (3) or four (4) yachts.(Three yachts constitute a class or division)
- 26.2 A Trophy will also be awarded for 1st place in each Division, regardless of number of yachts. (There is a Blue Max Race perpetual trophy, graciously sponsored by Holland Marine.)
- 26.3 POST RACE - Results will be available immediately after the Race.
All participants are welcome and encouraged to join the **post-race festivities** at Holland Marine located next to Reynolds Yacht Center, Green Cove Springs. A Keg and Dinner will be available. (**Free Beer, dinner \$5.00/person.**) Dockage must be arranged in advance (gratis) by contacting Holland Marine (904) 284-3349.
Results will also be posted online at www.sailjax.com and www.nfccsail.com
- 26.4 Awards will be available at the next NFCC general membership meeting, at the Florida Gun & Tackle Club, April 17th, 2008. (Social 1845, Meeting 1930)

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