

Out & Back Race

Sunday, 16 Oct, 2011

Notice of Race

1. Rules Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2010; the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US SAILING Prescriptions for the Category 4, except as modified by Section 4 of this Notice of Race; and by these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility All seaworthy sailboats (ISAF Cat 4) that are not less than 24 feet. All boats should have a PHRF rating issued by the First Coast Sailing Association. (See Sailjax.com for forms) Boats without a rating from FCSA will be issued a provisional rating by SAYC. Boats less than 20 feet may be eligible on an individual basis at the discretion of the Race Committee.

3.Registration Boats may register on the SAYC website (SAYC2000.com) whether or not they are on the Fleet List. Boats not listed in the fleet on the SAYC website may also register by completing the Entry Form/Wavier and sending it to the address listed on the form. Everyone should try to pre-register, but feel free to show up the day of the race at the Skippers Meeting to sign up. The **Skipper's Meeting will be held at 9AM on the day of the race** at the SAYC clubhouse for final registration and sailing instructions.

4.Instructions See attached sailing instructions.

5.Fees Entry Fee is \$25 per boat which can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. Entry fee checks made out to the St. Augustine Yacht Club should be sent to the St. Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32080. Please note on the check that it is for the "Out & Back Race". SAYC members may elect to charge the entry fee to their account.

6.Safety The designated skipper shall be at least 18 years of age. The min size crew shall be 3 (including skipper). Children under 14 will not count as crew. All yachts shall have a cabin enclosure, a cockpit and shall conform to the 2010-11 ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US SAILING Prescriptions for Category 4 with the following exceptions:

- a. Para 3.14.6a '3 Lifeline. . . Specifications' is changed from "shall" to "should"
- b. Para 3.27.2 'Navigation Lights' location is changed from "shall" to "should"
- c. Para 4.10.1 'Radar Reflector' is changed from "shall" to "should"
- d. Para 4.11.1 'Navigation Equipment' is modified as follows: "Participating yachts shall carry appropriate charts and light lists for the race area and specifically NOAA Chart 11488 or equivalent"
- e. Para 4.12 'Safety Equipment Location Chart' is changed from "shall" to "should"
- f. Para 4.23 The requirement for SOLAS Pyrotechnic signals is waived; participating yachts shall conform to US Federal Regulations for carriage of visual distress signals.

All yachts shall conform to the following: Radio- Participating yachts shall be provisioned with a 25 watt minimum VHF transmitter/receiver with a manufacturer's recommended antenna. The radio is recommended that the radio have DSC capability.

It is recommended that each yacht be adequately prepared for medical emergencies and contingencies, with appropriate crew training and medical kit. Safety equipment should be carefully inspected for wear and deterioration.

Crew members on deck after sunset should be encouraged to wear a safety harness and life jacket equipped with a white strobe light and personal EPIRB.

Yachts should carry adequate rig cutters and/or hacksaw as well as punches capable of driving out all standing rigging clevis pins.

Skippers should conduct a pre-race safety briefing for all crew members to consider possible contingencies and methods to avoid, minimize, or cope with them.

7. Fleets Boats register to race in one of two PHRF fleets: "Cruising Fleet" or "Performance Fleet". No spinnakers may be flown in Cruising Fleet.

8. Prizes Trophies will be awarded for the first, second and third for both classes.

9. After Race Award Party Captains and crew are invited to the St. Augustine Yacht Club for the After Race Party at 6 pm. Bar opens at 5pm. Please RSVP to the RCoS (904 501 5079) with the number of total persons expecting to attend the party.

Out & Back Race Sailing Instructions- October 16th, 2011

The course will be from the starting line north of the St. Augustine Sea Buoy to anywhere on a line of longitude W 80 58.00 for the Performance Fleet and anywhere on a line of longitude W 81 02.00 for the Cruising Fleet. Finish back to the St. Augustine Sea Buoy for an overall minimum distance of 29.9 NM for the Performance Fleet and 23 NM for the Cruising Fleet. The starting line is the line between the Committee Boat to port and the tetrahedral buoy to starboard, set 0.5 NM north of the sea buoy offshore or a N 29 55.45, W 81 15.22, bearing 006°m from the sea buoy. Each yacht shall record its own time when they are within 300 feet of the sea buoy and the sea buoy bears 180°m from the helm. Finish times shall be called into the RCoS at 904 501 5079 or other contact info announced at the Skipper's Meeting. Times shall be GPS time.

In the event of hazardous conditions of the ocean or in the inlet the race will be postponed. In the event of light air the course may be shortened before or during the race.

There will be two five minute starting sequences. The Performance Fleet (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) will start at 1:00pm. After a five minute pause, the starting sequence for the Cruising Fleet will begin, and the Cruising Fleet will start at 1:10pm. The Race Committee may consolidate both fleets to one start at its discretion, and will announce any change at the Skipper's Meeting or on channel 72 prior to the time the first class flag is raised. Both fleets will use the following starts sequence. The timing of the start is determined by the removal of the class flags (time pieces and watches are relative). Sounds are secondary and may fail.

5 minutes before start	Class Flag Raised	Performance=Code Flag 5 Cruising=Code Flag 6	Horn Sound
4 minutes before start	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag raised (blue with white square)	Horn Sound
1 minute before start		"P" Flag removed	Long Horn Sound
0 time		Class Flag removed	Horn Sound

All sailors must check in with the committee boat by 5:45pm on VHF Channel 72 or by passing by the Committee Boat and hailing. The race committee will monitor channel 72 and can provide race information, including any changes to these Race Instructions, up until the class flags are raised.

The 720 Degree Turn Rule will be in effect in accordance with rule 44.1 and 44.2

Modifying RRS 35, there will be a fixed time limit to finish the race. **Yachts finishing after 5pm on Sunday, October 16th will be given a DNF scoring.** Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind (modifies RRS 52).

These races are intended to be a fun and friendly event, so protests are strongly discouraged. Varying boats with captain and crew of differing skill levels will be racing in close quarters so everyone is asked to be courteous and to give space where needed. The Racing Rules of Sailing should be adhered to at all times.