Notice of Race  SASS-SAYC  Spring Forward Race  Sunday, March 12, 2017

The Saint Augustine Sailing Sisters SASS with the SAYC are proud to present the second Women's race featuring all female helmspersons and encouraging all female crews or majority female crews.

1. Rules The St. Augustine Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Spring Forward River Race. The Race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the PHRF rules of the FCSA (http://www.sailjax.com)

2. Eligibility and Entry Open to all sailboats. A female must be at the helm at all times during the race. All boats should have a PHRF rating issued by the First Coast Sailing Association http://www.sailjax.com.

2.1 There will be two classes for awarding prizes: All female crew and mixed female/male (majority female)

2.2 Everyone should pre-register. Boats may register on http://www.staugustineyachtclub.com
Or by printing the attached entry form and mailing to St. Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St. Augustine, Florida, 32080 with appropriate fee (See Notice of Race 3).

3. Fees Entry Fee is $31.95 tax incl. per boat for SAYC members and $42.60 tax incl. for nonmembers and must be paid before the race by cash, check or credit card. Entry fee checks should be made out to the St. Augustine Yacht Club. Members may also choose that the fee be charged to their club account.

4. Schedule Sunday March 12, 2017
   09:30 Skippers’ Meeting SAYC Clubhouse (registrations closed after meeting)
   12:00 Yachts gather to watch each Sister start
   12:15 Start for the yacht with the highest PHRF
   05:00 After-race awards party begins at SAYC clubhouse

5. The Courses The course to be sailed will be an inshore course on the Tolomato River, ICW, just north of the Vilano Beach Bridge. Any changes to the course will be announced at the Skippers Meeting and on VHF channel 72 prior to the start of the race sequence.

6. Scoring This will be a pursuit race based on PHRF time on distance rating. You will be assigned your official start time at the Skipper’s Meeting, 9:30 Sunday at SAYC.

6.1 At the Skippers Meeting all captains must provide a crew list. Mixed Class boats must declare how many men will be on board and will receive an additional handicap of 5 sec per mile per male crew member.

6.2 Any yacht that may use a spinnaker or any sail other than a main, jib, or mizzen must declare so prior to receiving their start time and will sail under their spinnaker rating.

7. Disclaimer of Liability Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Completion and submission of a registration form for these races constitute an acceptance of an agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, this Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
Sailing Instructions  SASS-SAYC Spring Forward River Race  March 12, 2017

1. Rules The St. Augustine Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority for the Spring Forward Bikini River Race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and the PHRF rules of the FCSA (http://www.sailjax.com)

1.1 Racing rule 42 will be changed as follows. For safety a boat shall be able to use her engine for propulsion and maneuverability, without penalty to avoid collision or to get out of a situation that might lead to trouble.

2. Schedule  12:00 Yachts begin gathering to watch Sisters Start and check in prior to 12:10  
12:15 Start of the Highest Rated PHRF yacht

4. Courses The diagram in Attachment “A” shows the course.  
The course will be in the Tolomato River, ICW north of the Vilano Bridge. Starting between the RC boat and green Marker 55 sailing south to turning marker Green 57 leaving it to port. Sail north to a position west of marker 51. When your helm is due west of 51 and it bears 90 degrees you must turn to port and return south to round Green Marker 55. Leaving Green Marker 55 to port sail north again to Marker 51, then south again to 55 and the finish line between the RC boat and Marker 55. Completing 1 lap plus a leg to the north, for a distance of 7.6 nautical miles.

4.1 Shorten Course. If no yacht in the judgment of the RC appears to be able to complete one lap (start at 55, 57, 51, back to 55) before 14:00, they will signal course is shortened by raising the “S” flag, And by making an announcement on VHF 72.

4.2 Shortened Course The diagram in Attachment “B” shows the shortened course. Upon the shorten course signal all yachts will not turn at marker 55 but will continue south rounding Marker 57 leaving it to port and sail north to finish between the RC boat and marker 55.

5. Marks The marks are all government channel markers

6. Time The official time for the race will be that of the RC boat’s atomic timer clock. The clock and official time will be on display at the sign-in desk at the skipper’s meeting. Please synchronize the time piece you are going to use for your start with this official clock at the skipper’s meeting. Use this official time to judge your start according to your assigned time.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

8. Prizes Trophies will be awarded for first, second, and third to finish in two classes: All Female and Mixed Crew.

9. After Race Award Party Captains and crew are invited to the SAYC Clubhouse for the after race Awards party starting at 5pm. A dinner will be served at 6pm for an additional charge. Advance reservations are required and can be made by emailing manager@stauguatineyachtclub.com or calling 904-824-9725
7. **The Start** Yachts will start at their assigned pursuit start times. The start will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and Marker 55. The Race Committee Boat will announce a courtesy time check. Yachts identified as over early by the Race Committee Boat must return and restart, keeping clear of all other racers.

8. **The Finish** The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and Marker 55.

9. **Time Limits** The protest time limit is within 30 minutes of the last yacht’s finish time.

10. **Radio Communication** Race committee will communicate on VHF channel 72. (back up channel 78A) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

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**Attachment “A”**

**BIKINI RACE COURSE**

**START TO SOUTH**

**FINISH TO SOUTH**

**Attachment “B”**

**SHORTENED COURSE**

**ON SIGNAL**

**FINISH TO NORTH**

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**Start Finish**

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ST AUGUSTINE YACHT CLUB
YACHT RACING ENTRY FORM

RACE: Spring Forward River Race   DATE: Sunday March 12, 2017

YACHT NAME:_________________________ SAIL #:________

YACHT MAKE/MODEL:_________ LENGTH:______ COLOR:________

PHRF RATING:_______________ US SAILING MEMBER #________

CLASS:______________(SPINNAKER, NON-SPIN, CRUISING)

OWNER'S NAME:_________________________ PHONE:________

SKIPPER'S NAME:_________________________ PHONE:________

CELL PHONE:_________________________ FAX:________

EMAIL:________________________________

MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP: ________________________________

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EMERGENCY CONTACT: ______________ PHONE:________

VESSEL NORMALLY DOCKED AT:______________________________

The undersigned, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her guests, and the members of the crew of his/her yacht, hereby assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the St. Augustine Yacht Club shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for any loss or injury to participants or others or the loss or damage to any yacht. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and does hereby indemnify and hold the St. Augustine Yacht Club free and harmless under, from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in any SAYC sponsored race.

SIGNED:_________________________ DATE:____________

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