

ATTENTION: AREA SAILORS!

First Coast Sailing Association



Workshop – Seminar - Annual Meeting

St. Augustine Yacht Club • Saturday – February 17, 2018

In response to your positive comments from last year and enhance the value of FCSA for you, our workshop and meeting is focused on plans for getting our program back on track as our club facilities recover from the hurricane damage. In addition, we will have an interesting educational program, updates on upcoming events, annual business meeting, and series trophy presentations.

PROPOSED “FCSA DAY” AGENDA

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| 10:00-10:45 a.m. | Opening address by FCSA Chairman followed by club status reports |
| 11:00 a.m.-Noon | FCSA Workshops, including St. Augustine Race Week, FCSA Youth Scholarship Program, Race Announcements & Updates |
| Noon-12:45 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00-1:45 p.m. | Educational Seminar – “Navigating Around the World via the Visual Passage Planner” by Dick Leatherman, Navigation Instructor, JSPS |
| 2:00-2:30 p.m. | Annual Business Meeting and Officer Elections |
| 2:30-2:45 p.m. | Break and Refreshments |
| 3:00-3:30 p.m. | Trophy Presentations |

2017 was certainly a challenge for all our member clubs. As we rebuild, FCSA continues to support continued growth of area sailing; we built on our success that is St. Augustine Race Week; and significantly expanded our support of youth sailing.

A purpose of FCSA is to promote interest and education in sailing. So, this year our annual meeting will include an educational seminar by our own navigation expert, Dick Leatherman.

This comprehensive day of workshops, seminar, and social, including hot buffet lunch at the St. Augustine Yacht Club (everything included but your bar tab) is only \$10. This covers the whole day.

For more information, please contact Tom Davis at (904) 234-7407.

Register by e-mail: spookboat@att.net Pay when you arrive.

NAVIGATING AROUND THE WORLD VIA THE VISUAL PASSAGE PLANNER

Instructor: Dick Leatherman, Navigation Instructor, JSPS

The Visual Passage Planner (VPP) is a block buster navigational computer program used as one of the tools in the U.S. Power Squadron's N Course. Dick Leatherman will demonstrate the VPP by following the itinerary of the 30,000 nm Whitbread around the World Sail Race.

The VPP optimizes the courses for long ocean legs by employing multiple iterations of desired routes accounting for currents, wave heights, wind speed, and wind direction. Pilot Chart data for any desired month of the year is the data base used in the VPP calculations.

Application of the VPP provides anyone with the capability to navigate anywhere in the nautical world during any time of the year. This presentation will excite the imagination of adventurers as well as armchair voyagers.

ABOUT FIRST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION

First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is a non-profit corporation formed to promote one-design and handicap sailboat racing, with inter-club competition both offshore and inshore, from Jacksonville to Daytona. The Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from each of the seven member yacht clubs and sailing organizations. These include Epping Forest Yacht Club, St. Augustine Yacht Club, Florida Yacht Club, The Rudder Club of Jacksonville, North Florida Cruising Club, Halifax River Yacht Club and Smyrna Yacht Club. Among the duties of FCSA are: coordinating the racing schedules among seven sailing organizations to avoid scheduling conflicts. This allows sailors to participate in as many races as possible without having to miss any. FCSA oversees the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) system in this area by giving all new boats their rating certificates and reviewing all requests for a rating change. In 2014 FCSA changed its bylaws to permit the organization to sponsor races and regattas. St. Augustine Race Week is the first such large regatta the organization has sponsored. FCSA also provides instruction in racing rules and sailboat racing management for its member clubs.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PHRF RENEWALS

PHRF renewals are typically due by February 1 and are subject to a \$5.00 increase for late renewals. Because we are off to a late start this year, the due date for PHRF certificate renewals has been extended one month to March 1, 2018. We encourage everyone to attend the Annual Meeting and bring your renewals with you!

First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) 2018 Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 17, 2018

St. Augustine Yacht Club

St. Augustine, Florida 32080

FCSA Website: www.sailjax.com

Introductions and Announcements

Tom Davis, FCSA Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and introduced the 2017 Board Members and FCSA Points of Contact.

- Chairman Tom Davis
- Vice Chairman Allen Jones
- Treasurer Dick Leatherman
- Secretary Denise Smith
- Chief Rater Adam Norwood
- St. Augustine Race Week (SARW) 2018 Chairman Dan Floryan with Guy Anderson
- Women's Sailing Network Christina DiLoreto
- St. Augustine Sailing Sisters (SASS) Madalin Keeble
- John D. Meehan Youth Scholarship Chairman Dave Montgomery

Tom reminded the members that the FCSA remains a charitable organization under 501(c)(3) corporation status and thanked everyone for their hard work and participation in last year's events.

Tom then discussed membership growth rates with an accompanying bar graph presentation of 89 members in 2017. Memberships were down from 2016 for various reasons, and Dan Floryan mentioned that all clubs should encourage their members to apply for PHRF ratings.

Tom welcomed the newest member to FCSA: Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club.

Tom also encouraged all members to support the U.S. Sailing Association which supports the FCSA.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Leatherman reported the following information.

First Coast Sailing Association Treasurers Report

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Bank Balances as of Jan 31, 2018:

FCSA \$5,655.93

SARW \$12,784.56

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Financial obligations are current for:

Insurance, P O Box, U S Sailing Membership and Monthly FL Sales Tax

Scholarship Information for 2017:

FCSA gave \$1,125 to SARW for scholarships

SARW has a \$2,000 line of credit from FCSA

In 2017 SARW distributed \$7,560 in scholarship funds to FCSA member organizations

Dick Leatherman

FCSA Treasurer

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Chief Rater's Report

Adam Norwood reported 66 renewals, 48 dropouts, and 25 new applications, 41 paid; for a total of 89 ratings as posted on sailjax.com and updated 2/15/2018. Adam stated there is always a 25% rollover and that no appeals were filed in 2017. Adam asked to be emailed with any questions, concerns, or typographical errors.

Dan Floryan updated the status of SARW 2018 with a slide presentation.

Dave Montgomery updated the members pertaining to the Youth Scholarship Program and monies distributed.

Susan Grich, Women's Sailing Network, introduced the new coordinator, Christina DiLoreto.

Jodi Weinbecker, FYC Sailing Director, discussed the Feb 24th first PHRF regatta cancellation due to lack of pre-registered boat entries.

New Business

Tom Davis then presented the proposed slate of FCSA Board of Directors for 2018.

- Chairman Tom Davis
- Vice Chairman Allen Jones
- Secretary Denise Smith
- Treasurer Dick Leatherman
- Chief Rater Adam Norwood

Tom opened the floor for nominations and/or a motion. Guy Anderson made a motion to close the nominations; Dick Allsopp seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Tom Davis then called for 2018 FCSA Member Club Representatives. The following representatives responded.

- Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club, Allen Jones
- Florida Yacht Club, Susan Grich
- Halifax River Yacht Club, Todd Stebleton
- North Florida Cruising Club, Dick Leatherman
- Rudder Club of Jacksonville, Tom Davis
- Smyrna Yacht Club, David Smith
- St. Augustine Yacht Club, John Grannis
- Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club, Gilbert Wright

Dick Allsopp, Rudder Club of Jacksonville, asked how PHRF races are calculated and that Time on Time (ToT) is preferential to Time on Distance (ToD) calculations as used in almost all racing events. Dick Allsopp would also like to forego Skippers/Competitors Meetings and have all instructions posted in the sailing instructions (S.I.s) and Notices of Racing (NoRs). Considerable discussion ensued. Concerns were raised about how to change the By-Laws, if necessary, and if all clubs represented needed time for discussions with their respective PROs. Jodi W. was concerned about actual race calculations, and Adam mentioned Tabs A and B were already attached for ToD and ToT calculations for race committees to use at their discretion.

Justin Muller, SAYC, made a motion to strike the ToD (Time on Distance) clause in the PHRF Rules of the FCSA to allow individual clubs to calculate race results using either method.

Dick Allsopp seconded, but Jodi asked the motion be clarified.

Justin Muller made a motion to strike the requirement for ToD (Time on Distance) in the PHRF Rules of the FCSA thus allowing both ToT and/or ToD calculations at the discretion of each club.

Dick Allsopp seconded the motion. Tom Davis called for votes, and the motion carried unanimously.

Guy Anderson then presented the FCSA Annual Series trophies.

Tom Davis thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Adam made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Guy seconded; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Annual Meeting

February 17, 2018

Overall Agenda

10:00 – 10:30	Chairman's opening address
10:30 – 10:45	Short Break, Coffee / Donuts
10:45 – 11:15	SARW Update / Youth Scholarship
11:15 – 11:30	Women's Sailing Program
11:30 – 12:00	Club Reports / Announcements
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch and Discussion Topics
13:00 – 14:00	Educational Program: "<i>Visual Passage Planner</i>" - Dick Leatherman
14:00 – 14:30	Annual Meeting / Election of Board
14:30 – 14:45	Short Break
14:45 – 15:30	Annual Trophy Presentations

Business Meeting Agenda

Introductions

Recap of 2017

- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Chief Rater's Report

New Business

- Election of Board

Announcements

Outgoing Officers - 2017

– Chairman	Tom Davis
– Vice Chairman	Allen Jones
– Secretary	Denise Smith
– Treasurer	Dick Leatherman
– Chief Rater	Adam Norwood

Points of Contact

Your Club Representative or Handicapper

- Chief Handicapper
 - FCSA Chairman
 - St. Augustine Race Week
 - Women's Sailing
 - Youth Scholarships
- Adam Norwood
 - Tom Davis
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Review of 2017

Chairman's Message

Maintaining our operation

- Current 501(c)(3) status
- Corporation status
- Regatta liability insurance
- We self-perform renewals & certificates

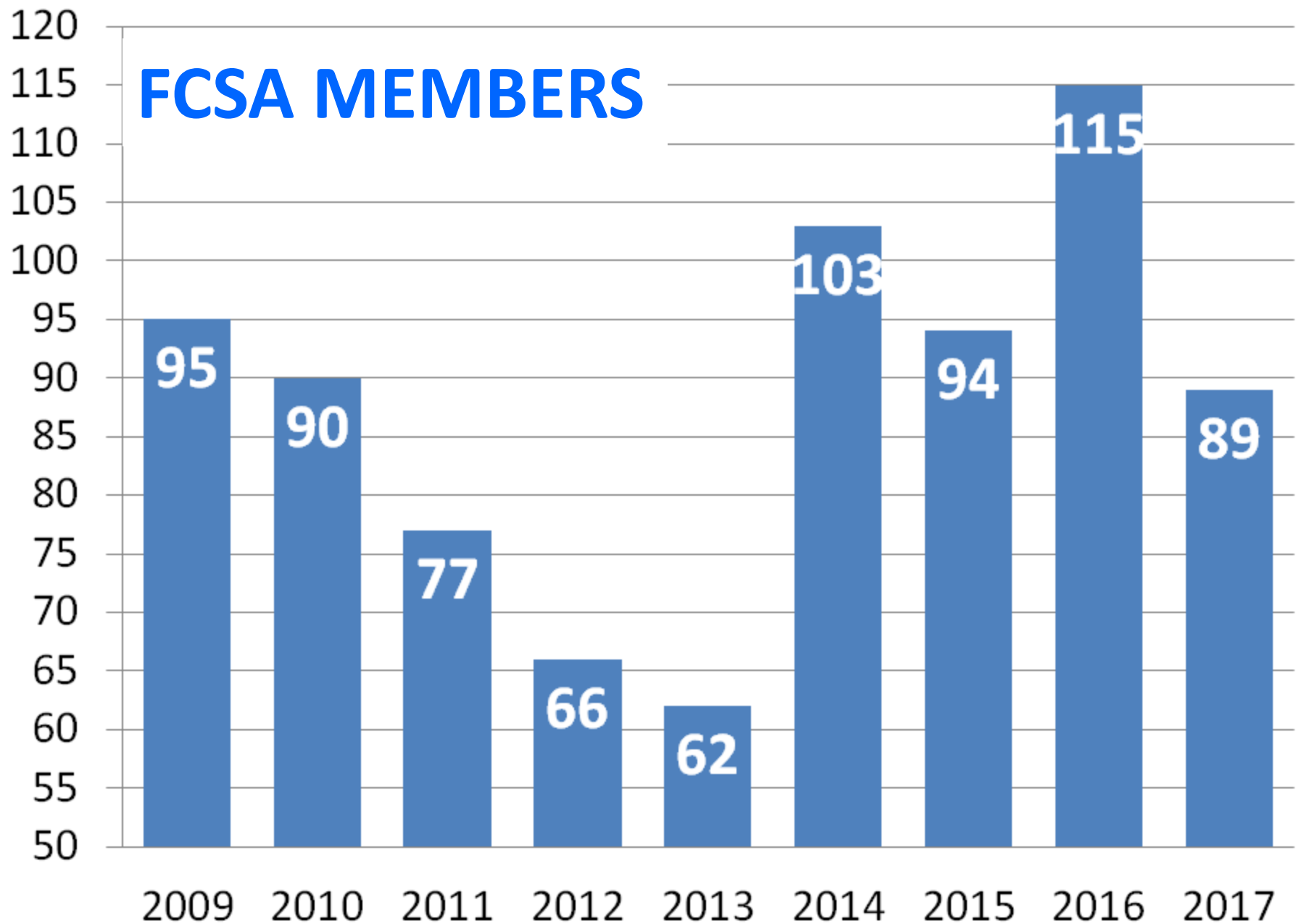
Continued regular meetings & communication

Focus on growing and retaining membership

Dues Structure

Regular Member (first time)	\$35
Regular Member (renewal)	\$30
Associate Member (first time)	\$25
Associate Member (renewal)	\$20
Change fee for current certificate:	\$5
Temporary PHRF certificate, visiting boat:	\$5

FCSA MEMBERS





CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Proudly Presented to

First Coast Sailing Association

*In appreciation for its standing as a member of US Sailing, and for
its commitment to the integrity and advancement of the sport of
sailing in the United States.*

Membership #152166Q Valid Through December 31, 2017

Bruce J. Burton, PE
President



www.ussailing.org

Jack Gierhart
Executive Director

PHRF Rules

Everything on our website is current and useful.

Click on “PHRF Rules” on the FCSA website.

- Sets guidelines for classes to be offered
- More definitions and inconsistencies corrected
- Addresses the larger geographic size of FCSA
- Defines specific requirements for Cruiser Class
- Allows Cruisers to fly spinnakers in a mixed class

Welcome to the 'First Coast Sailing Association' Website!

FCSA is a volunteer group formed to coordinate PHRF sailboat racing in the NE Florida region.
Board members are from the area yacht clubs and sailing organizations.

FCSA: 4446 Hendricks Ave, #227 - Jacksonville FL 32207

Updated: Jan 21, 2016

2015-Schedule,NoRs,Results Current PHRF

DRAFT: [2016 Schedule](#) [2016 Schematic](#)

Proposed St.Johns [2016 Schedule](#) [SAYC 2016 Schedule](#)

FCSA [Annual Meeting](#) Jan 23. Be there or be square!

2016 St. Augustine Race Week

Notice of Race: [Offshore](#) [Inshore](#) [Youth](#)

SYC's Lipton Cup: [NoR](#)

Sailing Links

Windfinder: [Palatka](#) [GCSprings](#) [Julington](#) [Buckman](#)

NWS: [Palatka](#) [GCSprings](#) [Julington](#) [Buckman](#)

NWS: [2mi E Mayport](#) [2mi E Vilano](#) [2mi ESE Ponce](#)

[Southwinds](#) [RCoJ Weather Station](#) [Waypoint News](#)

[Dec 2014, New Concrete Hazards in St. Johns River](#)

Next Race... [FEC Bridge Closure Mar 29,31](#)

Jan 23: [Annual Conference](#) FCSA @ SAYC

1/9,24; 2/6,20; 3/6,20: [Spring Series](#) RCoJ

Recent Results...

Jan 01: [Hangover](#) RCoJ

Dec 13: [SJR Single Hand](#) 'BBCC'

Dec 12: [Gator Bowl phrf](#) RCoJ

Dec 05-06: [Gator Bowl OD](#) RCoJ

Nov 15: [Commodores Cup](#) SAYC

Nov 14: [Kings Day](#) EFYC

Nov 07: [WOW Race](#) RCoJ

Oct 31: [Fall River](#) NFCC

Oct 24: [Navy Day](#) EFYC

Oct 24: [Brewers Cup](#) SYC

Oct 17 [Anchors Down](#) NFCC @ EFYC

Organization/Info/Contacts

[EFYC](#) - Epping Forest Yacht Club

[FYC](#) - Florida Yacht Club

[HRYC](#) - Halifax River Yacht Club

[NFCC](#) - North Florida Cruising Club

[RCoJ](#) - Rudder Club of Jacksonville

[SAYC](#) - St. Augustine Yacht Club

[SYC](#) - Smyrna Yacht Club

[PHRF Rules](#) [FCSA By-Laws](#)

[Standard Race Entry Form](#)

[River Chart / ATONS / Info](#)

[Racing Rules](#) [Protest Form](#)

[Application for PHRF Rating](#)

[YRALIS Base Ratings](#)

[Race Results Worksheet](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Educational Resources by FCSA

FCSA Assistance to Area Clubs

- Support to local clubs in review / development of NORs and SIs
- Checklists, reminders and tips for Race Committees to be added

Race Management Seminars

Racing Rules Seminars

- FCSA will support classes at member clubs

FCSA Challenges in 2018

Membership

- Recent growth was from HRYC & SYC
- Addition of Queen's Harbour
- Sailing education

Current Trends

- Cruiser and Non-Spin Classes are still struggling
- Spinnaker Class is growing with a few new boats
- Race Management improvements are needed

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Chief Rater

Committees

- **SARW Organizing Committee**
- **Youth Scholarship Program**
- **Women's Series**



New Business

2017

– Chairman

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– Vice Chairman

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– Secretary

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Proposed - 2018

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Proposed Board of Directors - 2018

Member Clubs

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- Florida Yacht Club
- Halifax River Yacht Club
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Discussion