



St. Augustine Yacht Club

Commodore's Cup

November 3, 2019



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 Eligibly and Entry

- 2.1 All sailboats as defined in FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.
- 2.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, provisional rating may be given, while ratings are being processed by FCSA. FCSA membership and valid rating are required for to be eligible for prizes.
- 2.3 Entry may be done online or by presenting entry form found at www.staugustineyachtclub.com.

3 Fees

- 2.1 Entry Fee will be \$50.00 (\$35.00 SAYC Members) inclusive of tax for the regatta, payment must be received prior to racing. SAYC Members may charge their house account.

4 Schedule

- 4.1 Skipper's Meeting will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club at 1000.
- 4.2 First warning signal will be at 1255. Both classes will start at the same time.

5 Sailing Instructions & Classes

- 5.1 Classes will be Performance and Cruising as defined in FCSA Bylaws. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be declared at or before the skipper's meeting.
- 5.2 Sailing Instructions will be available on 10/28/2019 at www.staugustineyachtclub.com and distributed to racing email list. Please contact sailcommodore.staugustineyc@gmail.com to be included in email list.

6 Venue & Courses

- 6.1 Racing will be in the vicinity of STA East of the Saint Augustine Inlet.
- 6.2 Courses will be provided in Sailing Instructions and at the skippers meeting.
- 6.2 In the event of adverse weather racing will occur north of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River.

7 Penalty System

- 7.1 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

8 Scoring

- 8.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring as defined in RRS Appendix A.
- 8.1 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Distance.

9 Radio Communication

- 9.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 9.2 Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72 for course announcements and registration.

10 Prizes

- 10.1 Results will be announced at the SAYC after racing. All participants are encouraged to attend for cocktails and dinner. A special prize will be awarded to the boat with the most commodores (past and present) aboard.
- 10.2 Prizes will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class at the SAYC Awards Banquet on 11/10/2019. The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest corrected time boat in the performance class.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

12 Insurance

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 Further Information

- 13.1 For further information please contact Justin Muller, Rear Commodore of Sail, SAYC – rearcommodore.staugustineyc@gmail.com – 978-697-7788.



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Sailing Instructions



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- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between these instructions and Notice of Race, these instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official event website:
<https://www.staugustineyachtclub.com/meehansmemorial.html>

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the end of the skipper's meeting.

4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore.
- 4.2 If the race is to be cancelled or postponed prior to 1100 November 3 2019
 - 4.2.1 It will be indicated per SI 2.1
 - 4.2.1 It will be announced as cancelled or postponed via email to participants
- 4.3 Skippers Meeting at the SAYC Clubhouse 1000 November 3, 2019 (registrations closed at end of meeting)

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Schedule – November 3, 2019 – Warning Signals
 - 1255 Performance Boats – Spin & Non-Spin (Start 1300)
 - 1305 Cruising Boats – Spin & Non-Spin (Start 1310)
- 5.2 At its discretion the Race Committee may combine both classes into one start
- 5.3 Schedule subject to RRS 27.3.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6 Classes and Class Flags

- 6.1 Classes will be Performance and Cruising as defined in FCSA Bylaws. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be declared at or before the skipper's meeting.
- 6.2 Class Flags will be:

Performance Boats Code Flag 5



Cruising Boats Code Flag 6



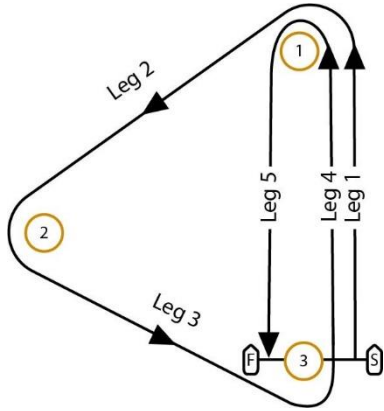
7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 Weather Dependent - announced at Skipper's Meeting or via VHF Channel 72 no later than 1130 should the inlet prove to be impassable
 - 7.1.1 **Primary** - In the vicinity of ATON "STA" to the East of the St Augustine Inlet, Saint Augustine, FL.
 - 7.1.2 **Secondary** - North of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River, Saint Augustine, FL.

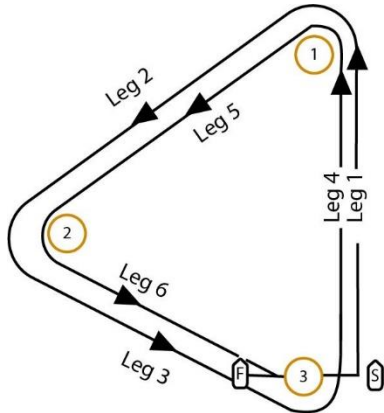
8 Marks & Courses

8.1 Primary

8.1.1 Course A – Triangle + Windward + Leeward



8.1.3 Course B – Triangle – Twice Around



8.1.4 Marks may be an appropriate temporary mark or ATON "STA"

8.1.5 Committee boat is only a mark of the course for the start and finish

8.1.6 Race Committee will announce bearing and distance to Mark 1 and the course, via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes before the warning signal. Cruising & Performance class may sail different courses.

8.1.7 Race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.2 at any mark.

8.2 Secondary

8.2.1 Courses will be setup in accordance to SI Appendix A

8.2.2 Race committee will indicate direction and laps via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal

9 The Start

9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat (S), and the designated mark 3 for the **Primary Race Area** and in accordance with SI Appendix A for the **Secondary Race Area**.

9.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9.5 If any part of a boat'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 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 The Finish

- 10.1 The finish line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat (F), and the designated mark 3 for the **Primary Race Area** and in accordance with SI Appendix A for the **Secondary Race Area**.
- 10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11 Penalty System

- 11.1 When racing in the **Secondary Race Area** for all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 Time Limits

- 12.1 For all classes the time limit will be 3 hours.
- 12.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet this time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 120 minutes for the primary racing area and 90 minutes for the secondary racing area after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club as soon as practical thereafter.
- 13.4 Boats intending to file protest must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race that the incident occurred in, either by hailing the committee boat or via VHF Channel 72.

14 Scoring

- 14.1 Low Point Scoring will be used as defined in RRS Appendix A.
- 14.2 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time – this modifies NOR 8.2.

15 Safety Regulations

- 15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2 All boats must check-in with the Race Committee, via VHF Channel 72, or by sailing within hailing distance of the committee boat, no later than 5 minutes before the first warning signal
- 15.3 See RRS 27.1 and 40.

16 Radio Communication

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, or to comply with above instructions, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 16.2 Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72 for course announcements and registration.

17 Prizes

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Sailing Instructions – Appendix A

General ICW Race Courses



Course - North



Course - South



Unless otherwise specified in NORs or Sailing Instructions, Inshore Saint Augustine Yacht Club events will use the following course diagrams.

1. The start/finish line will be between the Orange Flag on the Committee Boat (CB) and Government Mark 55.
2. Boats will start heading either north or south.
3. The race committee will identify Mark A and Mark B prior to starting. They may be government marks or other suitable temporary marks.
4. The race committee will specify the number of laps to be sailed.
5. Boats may not pass west of the Committee Boat, or east of Mark 55 while racing. In other words, the start/finish line must be crossed each time it is passed. Therefore, the committee boat and Mark 55 are marks of the course, as such RRS 18 applies. They should not be considered obstructions.
6. All other marks shall be rounded to port.

As an example, the race committee might make the following radio announcement: "Today's race shall be Course - South, once around. Mark A is Government Mark 57. Mark B is a yellow tetrahedrane approximately 0.75 miles north of Mark 55." This should be interpreted and sailed as follows: (i) Start between CB and Mark 55 heading south (ii) round government mark 57 (Mark A) to port (iii) head north, leaving Mark 55 to starboard and CB to port (iv) round the yellow tetrahedrane (Mark B) to port (v) head south, finish with CB to starboard and Mark 55 to port.

Race committee may shorten course for one or more classes according to RRS 32.2 and may finish boats between CB and Mark 55.