

# ATTENTION: AREA SAILORS!

## First Coast Sailing Association



## Annual Meeting

**ZOOM Virtual Meeting • Thursday Evening – February 25, 2021**

Last year was certainly a challenge for us all. Many races and great regattas such as SARW, Lipton Cup, and Mug Race were cancelled or postponed. Now, even our organization requirement to hold an Annual Meeting of the general membership is being challenged. In view of curtailed social activities in our member clubs, and the need to err on the side of safety, this year's Annual Meeting will be held as a virtual meeting using ZOOM. The virtual meeting will be a good way to address the issues and allow more members to safely participate. We selected Thursday evening, February 25 as the best time to obtain the highest level of participation. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will run approximately 2½ hours.

Hopefully, we can look ahead to a brighter 2021 as the cloud of COVID dissipates. In spite of the racing inactivity last year we have several items of business. Our abbreviated program will include reports from our working committees, discussion and planning of our 2021 Race Schedule, review highlights of our recently revised PHRF Rules, new Certificate Forms being developed, and general membership vote on some proposed By-Laws changes. In accordance with our current By-Laws, the proposed By-Laws changes are marked on a file attached with this Annual Meeting Announcement for your review prior to our vote.

### PROPOSED "FCSA ANNUAL MEETING" AGENDA

7:00-7:15 p.m.	Opening address by FCSA Chairman
7:15-7:45 p.m.	Committee Reports, including Treasurer, SARW and FCSA Youth Scholarship
7:45-8:15 p.m.	Schedule discussion, input from each club
8:15-8:45 p.m.	PHRF Rules Changes, New Certificate Forms
8:45-9:15 p.m.	New Business: Vote on Proposed By-Laws Changes, Officer Election
9:15-9:30 p.m.	Summary and Closing Comments

**Please mark your calendars to attend this important meeting.**

## **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 nine member yacht clubs and sailing organizations. These include Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club, St. Augustine Yacht Club, Florida Yacht Club, The Rudder Club of Jacksonville, North Florida Cruising Club, Harbour Sailing Club, Halifax River Yacht Club, Smyrna Yacht Club, and St. Augustine Sailing. Among the duties of FCSA are: coordinating the racing schedules among nine 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 By-Laws 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. Don't worry! Your current 2020 Certificate is still valid at this time and will remain valid until your new Certificate Form is issued. You will hear more about this in the Annual Meeting.

## **MEETING DETAILS**

The e-mail that sent you this meeting announcement contains a link that you can click to access the virtual meeting. Please remain muted using the on-screen controls to minimize audio disruption until you wish to speak. The e-mail will also contain general information about the ZOOM program and how to use it and copy of the proposed By-Laws changes for your review.