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Notice of Race - Offshore Series ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK

March 23, 24, 25, 2023

<http://www.staugustineraceweek.com>

The St. Augustine Race Week Regatta includes offshore and inshore sailing with the historic city of St. Augustine as the focal point. There will be three days of offshore racing, with courses about 30 minutes from most St. Augustine Marinas. Performance class racing will include multiple W/L &/or triangle offsets (Mariners Triangles). Cruiser class races will include the Conquistador's Corner (to and from a prescribed intersection of latitude and longitude), and Menendez Meander (out from the coastline to the north and to the south). Inshore races will be held March 21 & 22 north of the Vilano Bridge. (See In-shore NOR)

An associated Youth Regatta will be held March 18 & 19 off the downtown Bayfront quay. (See Youth Regatta NOR)

Race Week includes live entertainment, drinks, and food downtown by the Municipal Marina. The final awards party is held Saturday evening at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

An Offshore Competitors' Meeting is scheduled for 1900 hours March 22 at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

- 1 **RULES** First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for St. Augustine Race Week. The Regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) as amended by the US Sailing Prescriptions; the PHRF rules of the FCSA (<http://www.sailjax.com>) as amended by this NoR, and the SI's; and class rules for any One-Design class established.
- 2 **ADVERTISING** Comply with current World Sailing Regulation 20:
<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/constitution-regulations/>
- 3 **FEES** The Offshore Regatta Fee of **\$319.50** incl. tax covers 3 days of racing; 4 Event Passes for Thursday and Friday including drink tickets; 2 Awards Dinner Tickets, and a Skipper's Bag with regatta hat and shirt, local discount coupons and other items. The Fee after 03/21/23 is \$372.75. Withdrawals after 03/01 forfeit \$100; after 03/22 no refund. Entries after March 17 are subject to the discretion of the Race Committee. Additional Event Passes, including awards dinner, may be purchased for \$30 + tax.
- 4 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 4.1 The offshore series is open to all seaworthy self-righting cruising sailboats that are not less than 24 feet in length. Smaller boats not less than 20 feet may be eligible on an individual basis at the discretion of the Race Committee. Non-seaworthy sailboats, and those less than 30 feet are eligible for Inshore Racing.
 - 4.2 The designated skipper shall be 21 years of age or older.
 - 4.3 Minimum crew size shall be 2 (including skipper).
 - 4.4 All one-design classes shall comply with the maximum crew number in their class rules.
 - 4.5 There will be no restriction on crew changes between races. Children aged 14 and under will not count as crew.
 - 4.6 Modifying RRS Appendix G, a yacht shall have identifying symbols on each mainsail and spinnaker, and on headsails having a clew that extends behind the mast 30% or more of the mainsail foot length. The identifiers should be the same for each sail used.
 - 4.7 Yachts shall conform to all U.S. Federal regulations. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that yachts also conform to Category 4 requirements of the latest "World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing".
(<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/>)
 - 4.8 All participating yachts shall be provisioned with the following:
 - a) Radio – a 5 watt minimum VHF transmitter / receiver with a manufacturer's recommended antenna (masthead preferred). The radio must at least be capable of tuning to channels 9, 13, 16, 22A, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78A.
 - b) GPS – a GPS device at least capable of displaying real-time latitude and longitude location data.
- 5 **SELF-STEERING** Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind (modifies RRS 52).
- 6 **ENTRY FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION** Prior to racing, each yacht shall be registered and shall submit (1) the proper Fee; (2) a Crew Declaration form including a landside emergency contact (which may be updated at the Competitors' Meeting); and (3) a copy of a current PHRF certificate or similar (if not issued by FCSA) for possible adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings. Register and obtain forms at (<https://www.staugustineraceweek.com/>) or link from (<http://www.sailjax.com>).
- 7 **CLASSES AND DIVISIONS** PHRF Performance and PHRF Cruising Classes sub-divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions; also Multi-hull and One Design Classes as appropriate. Five entrants are required to establish a Class or Division thereof. Cruiser vs Performance class designations and ratings will be defined by the current FCSA PHRF Rules, excepting that Cruiser class boats shall not be restricted to use of woven polyester sail materials. Cruising Spinnaker Yachts must declare prior to the Competitors' Meeting, with the FCSA standard rating adjustment applied for all races.
- 8 **PRIZES** Trophy flags for individual races will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division of class. Regatta trophies will be awarded for overall 1st thru 3rd place in each class. A trophy will also be awarded to the FCSA Member Club with the best overall performance.
- 9 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Obtain SI's and scratch sheets from the regatta website, [sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com), or at the Competitors' Meeting.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – OFFSHORE

St. Augustine Race Week 2022

March 23, 24, 25

1 RULES

- 1.1 The St. Augustine Race Week Offshore Series shall be governed by the current “Racing Rules of Sailing” (RRS); the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association as modified by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions; and class rules for any One-Design class established.
- 1.2 Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply, Prescriptions 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply. Changing RRS 63.7, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race if there is a conflict.
- 1.3 The First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for this Series. The St. Augustine Yacht Club hosts a Competitors Meeting Wednesday and the final awards event Saturday evening.
- 1.4 **ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**
The following sections of these Sailing Instructions alter provisions of the RRS:
 - 1.4.1 Conflict between Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race – Sailing Instructions 1.2
 - 1.4.2 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply – Sailing Instructions 1.2
 - 1.4.3 Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply – Sailing Instructions 1.2
 - 1.4.4 Failure to start within time limit – Sailing Instructions 10.5.3
 - 1.4.5 Time limit – Sailing Instructions 12
 - 1.4.6 Steering Assistance – Notice of Race 5
 - 1.4.7 Competitors shall display Regatta Burgee – Sailing Instructions 5
 - 1.4.8 Oral changes to these SI’s may be given on the water by hail from the RC signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC vessel will display code flag L with one horn and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.
- 1.5 **TIME** - All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours) in 24-hour format. Race Committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: (202) 762-1401 or (202) 762-1069.

- 2 **RADIO COMMUNICATION** - The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during races, and may, as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a yacht while racing.

- 3 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - No signals will be made ashore. Monitor VHF 72 prior to leaving dock in case the Race Committee postpones racing, abandons racing, or changes race location (refer to 9.5).

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the regatta registration website. On race days, Notices will also be posted on a placard stand at the tent area near the Municipal Marina. Whenever possible, Notices and other general information (such as postponement or abandonment) will be given on VHF 72.
- 4.2 All VHF announcements are only an aid to competitors and are supplementary to any flag signals or official notices. Failure to receive any announcement via VHF will not be grounds for redress.

- 5 **REGATTA BURGEES** - While racing, each yacht shall fly from her backstay or her starboard shroud (if no backstay) the official Race Week burgee, to be distributed along with each Skipper’s Bag when registering.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area for offshore racing will be in the Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480.
- 6.2 The racing area for the Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions shall be on the Tolomato River (ICW), north of the Vilano Bridge.

- 7 **SCHEDULE OF THE RACES** - The first warning signal for each day’s racing is scheduled for 1025 for the Cruiser Class divisions; Performance Class divisions will start immediately thereafter.

8	<u>CLASS FLAGS</u>	Cruiser Spin: Blue	Performance Spin: Gold	One-Design: TBA
		Cruiser N-Spin: Pink	Performance N-Spin: Gray	

9 **COURSES** - Performance and One-Design Class courses will be generally the same each day (refer to 9.4). Each day's Cruiser Class course "letter" designator will be posted on the starboard side of the RC signal vessel once on station at the start line (refer to 9.1, 9.2, 9.3).

Each day's start area will be in the vicinity of the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA' @ N 29° 54.912' – W 81° 15.280'. Wind direction and sea conditions will determine precise start locations, but in general the start area will be about 0.5 NM north of 'STA'.

9.1 Race 1: "Scout and Back" – Thursday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin divisions.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated 'pin', in the direction heading most easterly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... easterly to the designated 'Course' longitude.

'Turn'... at the designated longitude. A yacht shall be completely on the far side of the designated longitude line prior to 'turning'. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at this 'turn'.

Round... the inflatable buoy 'RB' to port, to be located near shore at approximately N 29° 57.5' – W 81° 17.5'.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA', by rounding it to starboard.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 000° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	Longitude	~ Distance NM	Course	Longitude	~ Distance NM
'K'	W 81° 08.000'	17.7	'X'	W 81° 11.000'	12.6
'L'	W 81° 09.000'	16.0	'Y'	W 81° 12.000'	10.9
'M'	W 81° 10.000'	14.3	'Z'	W 81° 13.000'	9.2

9.2 Race 2: "Pedro's Passage" – Friday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin divisions.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated 'pin', in the direction heading most northerly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... northerly to the designated 'Course' latitude.

'Turn'... at the designated latitude. A yacht shall be completely on the far side of the designated latitude line prior to 'turning'. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at this 'turn'.

Round... the inflatable buoy 'RB' to port, to be located near shore at approximately N 29° 57.5' – W 81° 17.5'.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA', by rounding it to starboard.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 000° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	Latitude	~ Distance NM	Course	Latitude	~ Distance NM
'P'	N 30° 03.0'	16.4	'R'	N 30° 00.0'	10.6
'E'	N 30° 02.0'	14.4	'O'	N 29° 59.0'	8.7
'D'	N 30° 01.0'	12.5			

9.3 Race 3: "Conquistador's Corner" – Saturday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin divisions.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated 'pin', in the direction heading most easterly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... Northeast (about 045°) or Southeast (about 135°) to the designated 'Course' lat / lon corner.

'Turn'... at the designated latitude AND at the designated longitude. A yacht need not go to the lat / lon point itself, but she must completely cross both the latitude line and the longitude line, in no particular order, before finishing. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at these 'turns'.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA'.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 090° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	North Corner Location	~ Rhum NM	Course	South Corner Location	~ Rhum NM
'F'	N 30° 01.0' : W 81° 08.0'	17.0	'T'	N 29° 49.0' : W 81° 08.0'	17.5
'G'	N 30° 00.0' : W 81° 09.0'	14.3	'U'	N 29° 50.0' : W 81° 09.0'	14.9
'H'	N 29° 59.0' : W 81° 10.0'	11.7	'V'	N 29° 51.0' : W 81° 10.0'	12.3
'J'	N 29° 58.0' : W 81° 11.0'	9.1	'W'	N 29° 52.0' : W 81° 11.0'	9.6

9.4 Race: Performance Classes – two possible courses are proposed; at least two races are planned each day.

Course 'PW': W/L course consisting of two inflated buoys ('A' and 'C') and a start/finish line leeward of 'C'. Three circuits for Spinnaker Classes and two circuits for Non-Spinnaker Classes are planned.

Course 'PT': approximate 45-45-90 triangle course consisting of three inflated buoys ('A', 'B', and 'C') and a start/finish line leeward of 'C'.

- One-Design Classes (3x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – C – A – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*
- Spinnaker Class: (Triangle + 2x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – B – C – A – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*
- Non-Spinnaker Class: (Triangle + 1x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – B – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*

For either course designated, start at the RC boat with pin to port; finish at the RC boat with pin to starboard. Round marks to port. Mark 'C' shall not be considered a 'mark of the course' on the first and last legs.

For days with Westerly winds (uncommon), the RC boat may set the start/finish line mid-course between inflated buoys 'A' and 'C'. In all scenarios, the start/finish line will be closed except for starting and finishing.

9.5 Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions - The organizing authority may elect to run the day's races inshore. Yachts should monitor VHF 72 prior to leaving dock and on their way to the race area in case this option is chosen. In this instance, the Offshore classes will race on the Inshore venue racecourse instead of those described in section 9.1 – 9.4. Class flags remain unchanged (refer to Section 8). Monitor VHF channel 78a for the Inshore venue course.

9.5.1 - The scheduled sequence of races is planned as follows:

1030: Performance Class scheduled start. Two starts are planned - one for N-Spin division, one for the Spin division. Additional races will be conducted immediately after the finishes, if time allows.

1330: After the Offshore Performance Class races are finished, the Offshore Cruiser Class will start their one race. Two starts are planned – one for the N-Spin division, one for the Spin division.

9.5.2 - Each race will be a multi-lap 'triangle' course with multiple turning marks, and a mid-course start/finish line. Turning marks and the start/finish line will be set using a selection of inflatable buoys and ATONs.

9.5.3 - Performance Class races are planned to be two laps each.

9.5.4 - The Cruiser Class race is planned to be at least three laps.

9.5.5 - Rule 30.1 "I Flag Rule" shall NOT be in effect for inshore races.

9.5.6 - The start/finish line will be closed except when starting or finishing.

10 THE STARTS

10.1 The starting line will connect between the staff of an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the course side of a designated 'pin'. The starting line for Performance Class divisions may differ from those of the Cruiser Class divisions.

10.2 Once the RC boat is on station, each yacht shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the RC boat and hailing its boat name. Alternatively, yachts may hail the RC boat on VHF 72 for this purpose. If it is necessary to use VHF for this purpose, please wait for boat name confirmation from the RC personnel. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

10.4 Rule 30.1 "I Flag Rule" (sometimes called the 'Round-an-End Rule') will be in effect for all offshore races.

10.5 Start Sequence – The intended start order is Cruiser N-Spin, Cruiser Spin, Performance N-Spin, Performance Spin, One-Design. Depending on Class sizes, the Race Committee may combine Cruiser divisions for a single start; they also may combine Performance divisions for a single start. One-Design Classes start alone.

10.5.1 - Races will be started using RRS Rule 26: 5-minute warning signal.

10.5.2 - Warning signals for succeeding starts will generally be made after the preceding class clears the line.

10.5.3 - Yachts not properly started within the time limit after their class start will be scored DNS, without a hearing. The time limit shall be 10 minutes for Cruiser Classes, and 5 minutes for Performance Classes.

11 THE FINISHES

11.1 When the RC Boat is on station for taking finish times, the finish line will connect between the staff of a solid orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the course side of the designated 'pin'.

11.2 For Cruising Class races with no RC boat on station at the 'STA' finish...

a) Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 1.5), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second) as described in 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3. As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should simultaneously sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts.

b) As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee Scorer via cellular telephone text in the following manner: “ **Boat Name 14.32.16** ”

In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than 1 hour following its finish. Should reporting by text fail, the RC boat will also be available via VHF for this purpose.

Text #: 904 - 398 - 7343

- 12** **TIME LIMITS** - Modifying RRS 35, and inclusive of all races, there will be a fixed time limit for each day's racing of 16:00:00; yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF. In addition...
- 12.1** For Performance Classes racing an offshore venue, the time limit for yachts to finish a race will be 30 minutes after the first yacht successfully sails and finishes the race in their respective class. Any yacht not finishing within this time limit will be scored DNF. No race will be started after 15:00:00 each day.
- 12.2** If the Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions is in effect, for ALL divisions and ALL races, the time limit for yachts to finish a race will be 30 minutes after the first yacht successfully sails and finishes the race in their respective division. Any yacht not finishing within this time limit will be scored DNF.
- 13** **PENALTIES** -
- 13.1** Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply, and is summarized here for the benefit of competitors. From V1 – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A yacht may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
From V2 – 'After a race, a yacht that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A yacht takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3.'
- 13.2** A yacht that intends to take a penalty under RRS 44 as modified by Appendix V shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat or when otherwise reporting its finish time.
- 14** **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 14.1** A Yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat or when otherwise reporting its finish time.
- 14.2** Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed in person with the Race Office no later than 17:00 race day. Forms will be available at the Race Office. Race Office contact: 904-398-7343.
- 14.3** Hearings will be held as soon as practical after 17:00 each day. Thursday and Friday hearings will be held in the Marina / Event Tent area. Saturday hearings will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.
- 14.4** On Saturday, Requests for Redress based on earlier jury decisions shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted.
- 15** **SERIES SCORING**
- 15.1** Race and Series scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System as modified here:
DNF, RAF = number that started the race for that division
DNS, OCS = number that came to the starting area for that division
DNC, DSQ = number entered in the race for that division
- 15.2** Each day's scored racing will be combined to count for that day's division awards. Two days scored races are required to constitute the Series. All scored races will be combined for the Series awards.
- 15.3** Modifying RRS Appendix A2, there will be no excluded scores.
- 16** **RACE RESULTS** - Results for each race will be announced at its respective after-event party. Overall Regatta Results will also be e-mailed to the addresses given on the registration documents. Any request for clarification of the results shall be raised as soon as possible, and in any case, within three days of e-mail publication. Results will also be posted on the regatta registration website and on www.sailjax.com.