



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK YOUTH SAILING REGATTA**

#### **Scholastic & C420 (Trap & Spin) Classes**

**April 6 & 7, 2024**

**Revised 1-23-24.**

#### **1. Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), by the rules of the 420 Class Association as appropriate to the fleet and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.

#### **2. Event**

The organizing authority is the First Coast Sailing Association. The event will be hosted April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at The St. Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St Augustine, FL 32080.

#### **3. Eligibility and Entry**

- 3.1 All skippers must submit a completed registration prior to the close of on-site registration.
- 3.2 The 420 fleet is open to junior sailors up to and including 18 years of age at the time of the regatta.
- 3.3 Competitors must have completed all parts of the entry form including the sailor questionnaire. Liability release documents must be signed by the parent/guardian of any participating junior sailor prior to the close of on-site registration. Documents are available on-line.

#### **4. Registration; Entry Fees**

- 4.1 Registration is limited to 30 boats and can be found online at [www.staugustineraceweek.com](http://www.staugustineraceweek.com)
- 4.2 Two classes are available, Scholastic (main and jib only) and Club (trap and spin).
- 4.3 Registration is \$106.50 per boat payable at the time of registration to secure your registration. Registrations after March 29<sup>th</sup> (if available) will be \$117.15 per boat.
- 4.4 Skippers and crew will receive T-Shirts, and a skipper's bag. All skippers, crew and coaches are invited to a pizza party Sunday afternoon at St. Augustine Yacht Club after racing.
- 4.5 Lunches will not be provided for either day of racing.

#### **5. Safety and Adult Responsibility**

- 5.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. All competitors under the age of 18 must have an adult representative designated and reachable during the event. The adult representative must sign a liability waiver at registration and agree in writing to be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 5.2 The adult representative (parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to decide if the junior sailor shall sail in the weather and sea conditions present for the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their junior sailor. It is the decision of the competitor's designated adult to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the competitor. This includes insuring that the competitor wears a PFD and appropriate clothing for immersion in cold water. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event

including financial responsibility for boat damages if their sailor was found at fault for the damage. This also includes onshore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

## **6. Sailing Instructions**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on-line and posted at the skippers meeting.

## **7. Courses & Racing Area**

7.1 Racing will take place on the Matanzas River in the vicinity of Castillo de San Marcos, 1 South Castillo Dr., St. Augustine, and can be viewed from the bayfront seawall. Sailing instructions will designate the courses.

7.2 An alternative course for C420 (trap & spin) may be designated if unfavorable wind conditions are present.

7.3 All competitors and boats must be towed from SAYC to the racecourse.

## **8. Measurement and Equipment**

8.1 All competitors must supply their own equipment and lunches. Lunches will NOT be provided.

8.2 All Equipment must be 420 class legal in weight and measurement.

8.3 All boats MUST have an attached bow line a minimum of 40' in length.

## **9. Scoring**

9.1 The Low-Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except each boat's worst score(s) will be discarded for every six (6) races completed. This changes rule A2

9.2 One race completed constitutes a regatta.

9.3 In case of a series tie, RRS A8.1 and A8.2 shall apply.

## **10. Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers overall for both fleets.

## **11. Coaches and Support Boats**

All coach and support boats must check in with regatta management at St. Augustine Yacht Club 442 Ocean Vista Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32080 for berthing assignments and a safety briefing. Each boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for the conditions, and a basic first aid kit. **All coach and support boat drivers must be tethered to an automatic engine shutoff while operating the boat.** Complete information for coaches and safety vessels will be included in the sailing instructions.

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### St. Augustine Race Week Youth Sailing Regatta

**April 5 & 6, 2024**

#### **1. RULES**

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **2. ENTRIES**

- a. The Sailors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Regatta.
- b. Competitor Waivers will need to be completed prior to sailing in the event. The decision to sail or to compete in any race will be the sole responsibility of the competitor RRS 3.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

#### **4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- a. Will be posted than no later than 10 minutes after the Skippers Meeting. 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 Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the docked Race Committee Signal Boat. A repeat of the signal will be posted at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.
- b. If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

##### **a. Saturday, April 5th**

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| 1. Check-In/Registration – St. Augustine Yacht Club | 0900 – 1015 |
| 2. Mandatory Support Boat meeting                   | 1010        |
| 3. Mandatory Skipper's Meeting                      | 1030        |
| 4. Launch and tow to the racecourse                 | 1100        |
| 5. First warning                                    | 1155        |
| 6. Last race cannot start after                     | 1600        |

##### **b. Sunday, April 6th**

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| 1. Launch and tow   | 0845 |
| 2. First warning  | 0955 |
| 3. No race will be started after  | 1400 |
| 4. Awards, Pizza, and Desert immediately following De-rigging at the St. Augustine Yacht Club |      |

#### **7. CLASS FLAGS**

- a. Class Flags will be displayed at the skipper's meeting.

## 8. RACING AREA

- a. The racing area will be on the Matanzas River in front of the Castillo de San Marcos, North of the Bridge of Lyons. The location of each course will be described at the skipper's meeting.
- b. An alternate course for one or both fleets may be used in the event of unfavorable conditions and will be located between the Conch House (Salt Run entrance) and the Inlet.

## 9. COURSES & MARKS

- a. It is the RC intention to run W/L courses starting both fleets at the same time and course and will be scored separately. Should we need to use the Trapezoid Course, the finish lines will be separated as noted in 11.a and 11.b.
- b. The attached diagrams show the courses, the course designations, the marks in order, and the rounding direction of each.
- c. Windward/Leeward Course will be designated with a "W" followed by the number of laps; i.e. W/L2 is a W/L course with 2 laps. Course diagram listed below in appendix.
- d. Trapezoid Course will be designated with a "T" followed by the number of laps i.e. "T2" will be Trapezoid course with two outer laps. "T1" will be a standard Trapezoid course one outer lap. Scholastic (main/jib class) will sail the inner leg only, with no reaching marks, (therefore W/L on the inner leg of the Trapezoid). Course diagram listed in appendix.
- e. Gates will be used for leeward roundings. Race committee reserves the right to change course to a single leeward mark that will be rounded to port.

## 10. STARTS

- a. Prior to the first race of each day competitors shall check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number.
- b. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby yellow starting buoy. Boats in classes that are not in sequence shall stay clear of the starting area.
- c. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Both fleets will start at the same time.
- d. The RC intends to hail premature starters. Failure of the RC to hail a premature starter or a competitor's failure to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress; the skipper is solely responsible for starting in accordance with the RRS.

## 11. FINISHING

- a. For W/L courses, all fleets will start and finish on the same course.
- b. For a Trapezoid course, The finishing line for the Scholastic (main/jib) 420 fleet will be between the green flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby green finishing mark, windward of committee boat. Boats shall not sail through the finish line unless they are finishing.
- c. For the Trapezoid course, The finishing line for the C420 (trap/spin) fleet will be between the purple flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby purple finishing mark, leeward of the committee boat. Boats shall not sail through the finish line unless they are finishing.

## 12. TIME LIMIT

- a. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes.
- b. Boats racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE and will receive two more points than the last finisher, but not more than DNF. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and adds to A11.

## 13. PROTESTS

- a. Competitors intending to protest must inform the RC immediately after finishing the race and before communicating with coaches, parents, or spectators. Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee within 40 minutes of the relevant RC signal boat

docking. The official docking times will be displayed on the official notice board and forms will be available from the Race Committee Signal Boat on shore.

- b. A list of protests will be displayed within 30 minutes after the protest time expiration. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. The location of each hearing will be noted on the official notice board.

#### **14. SCORING**

- a. The low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except that each boat's worst score(s) will be discarded for every six (6) races completed. This changes rule A2.
- b. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

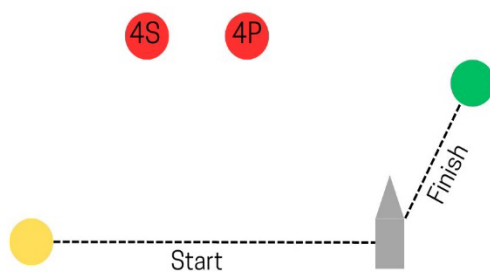
#### **15. ENVIRONMENTAL & SAFETY**

- a. Competitors shall not discharge trash into the water. Any competitor who throws trash into the water is subject to disqualification. Such disqualification will be posted on the official notice board and any competitor so disqualified MAY NOT request redress.
- b. A boat retiring from a race shall notify an RC vessel before leaving the racing area if possible. Sailors are not permitted to leave the racecourse unaccompanied. All racers retiring from a race must approach a safety boat and get under tow to return to their launching place.
- c. Support, spectator, representative, and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course, from the warning signal of that race to the finish, while any race is in progress unless rendering assistance to any vessel in danger. If a competitor receives such assistance they shall retire. After the finish coaches and spectators shall not communicate with competitors until they are well clear of the finish area. There is no coaching of competitors while they are on the racecourse. No wake is permitted within 200 yards of the racecourse while boats are racing. Coaches, support persons, spectator boats captains shall be tethered to the ECoS/kill switch at all times. Violation of any part of this section may result in a penalty being assessed up to and including disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the vessel violating this instruction.

#### **16. TROPHIES**

- a. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers overall for each fleet.

Course W: S-1-4S/4P- 1-4P- F  
Course W2: S-1-4S/4P-  
1-4S/4P-1-4P-F  
\*Green finish pin

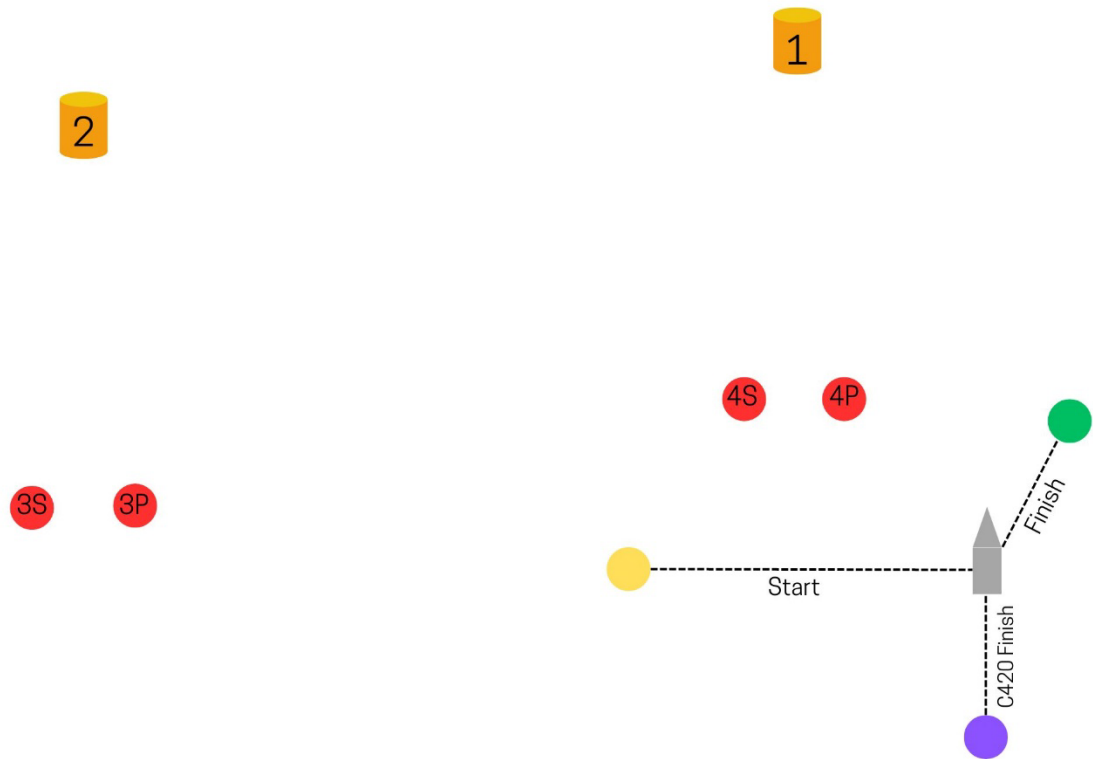


W Course

C420 COURSE  
Course T: S-1-2-3S/3P- 2-3P- F  
Course T2: S-1-2-3S/3P- 2-3S/3P-2-3P-F  
\*Purple finish pin



Scholastic 420 COURSE:  
Course T: S-1-4S/4P- 1-4P- F  
Course T2: S-1-4S/4P- 1-4S/4P-1-4P-F  
\*Green finish pin



T Course