



2018 Frostbite Series- February 21st and 28th

- 1. Rules:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020)*.
- 2. Eligibility and Entry:** Open to all Sailboats. Registration prior to the warning signal by vhf radio channel 72, or hail, must be acknowledged by the race committee boat.
- 3. Disclaimer of Liability:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to race. Registering and participating in these races constitutes an acceptance of an agreement to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, This Race Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
- 4. Schedule:** The race series will take place on two consecutive Wednesday evenings in February, February 21st and 28th. The number of races in the series will be as many as can be completed and determined by the race committee. It is our goal to have 2 races per evening for a total of 4 races. Races will start at 4pm.
- 5. Instructions:** See attached Sailing Instructions
- 6. Classes:** Will be formed according to the PHRF ratings determined by a current FCSA rating or by the race committee. A current 2018 FCSA Certificate is recommended for all boats. There will be two classes, Performance and Cruising. Each class may sail a spinnaker and use their spin rating. Spinnaker usage must be declared at check-in.
- 7. Scoring:** Boats will be scored for each race. The series winner in each class will be the boat with the fewest total points after excluding the worst score. Points will be awarded using the low point system: First place = 1pt, Second place = 2pts, Third place= 3pts and so on. All non-finishers will be scored in accordance with rule A9.
- 8. Fees:** There will be no fees for this 2 week Frostbite Series.
- 9. Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class and will be presented at the Awards Banquet in May at SAYC.



Frostbite Series - Sailing Instructions

Boats will race in two PHRF fleets. The Cruising Fleet will consist largely of heavier displacement cruising type boats with higher PHRFs and/or less experienced crew, and use FCSA Ratings. *Cruisers will be able to use spinnakers but **must** declare so before the start of each **race** and hence they will use their lower PHRF rating for that race.* The Performance Fleet will generally include faster boats with lower PHRFs and/or more experienced crew, and will use the FCSA Rating. ***The faster Performance fleet may be required to sail a longer course.*** Boats in the Performance Fleet can elect to fly a spinnaker *but **must** declare so before the start of each race and hence will use their lower handicap for that race.*

The course will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions and will be announced on Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes before the start. The races will start at 4:00 pm. Performance and Cruising starting sequence will be announced approximately 25 minutes before the start. All races will use the following start sequence. The timing of the start is determined by the removal of the class flags (time pieces and watches are relative). Sounds are secondary and may fail. The Race Committee can delay start times, combine fleets, or separate fleets at its discretion.

<i>5 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Class Flags Raised</i>	<i>Performance= Code flag 5 Cruising= Code flag 6</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>4 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Preparatory Signal</i>	<i>“P” Flag raised (Blue with white square)</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>1 minute before the start</i>	<i>“P” Flag Removed</i>		<i>Long Horn Sound</i>
<i>0 time The Start</i>		<i>Class Flags Removed</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>

All sailors must check in with the committee boat at least 15 minutes before the start on VHF channel 72 or by passing by the Committee boat and hailing. Election to fly a spinnaker in both Performance and Cruising classes must be announced prior to the start of

each race. The race committee will monitor channel 72 and can provide race information up until the class flags are raised.

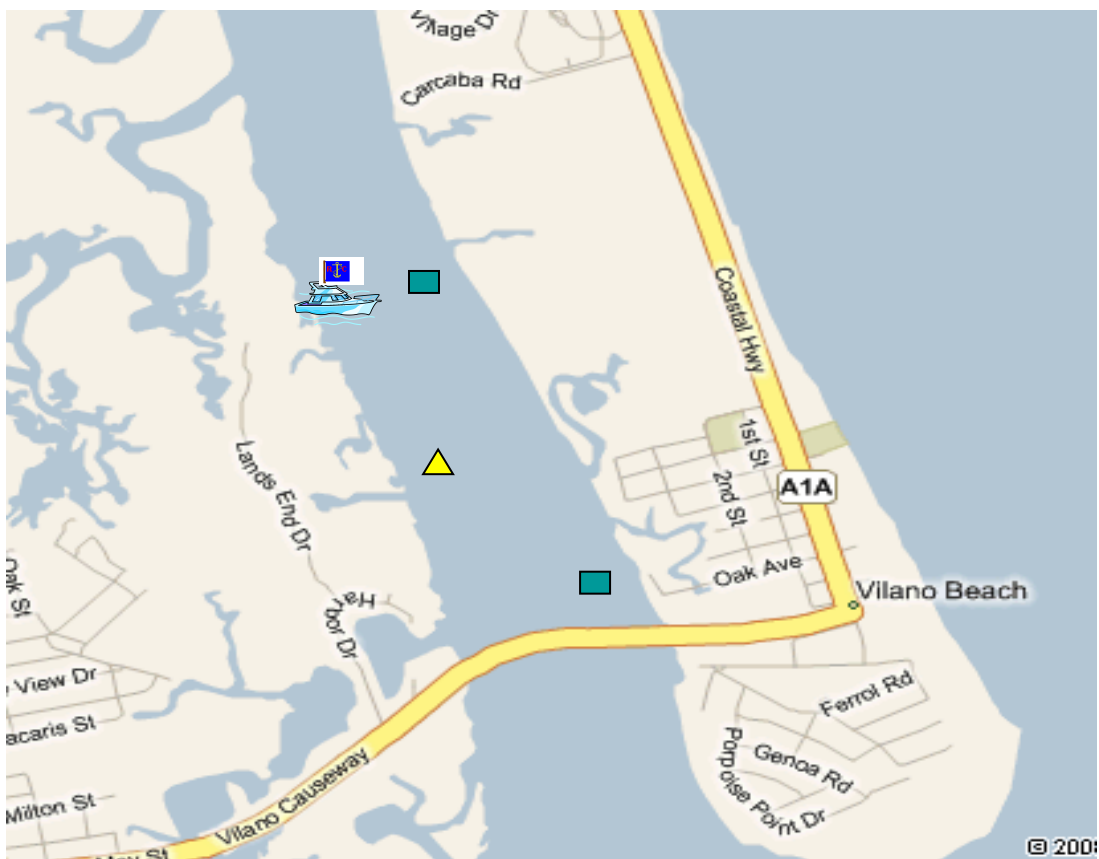
In the goal of having 2 races per night, a short triangle course will likely be used and announced before the start. The expected course will be a triangle between Marker 55, marker 57, and an anchored inflatable buoy on the west side of the river.

Courses may be shortened if conditions require it. The 720 Degree Turn Rule will be in effect (rule 44.1 and 44.2).

The following flags may be flown by the committee boat:

- Postponement: rectangular pennant with red and white stripes
- General Recall: yellow pennant outlined in blue
- Individual Recall: white square with a blue cross
- Shorten Course: a white square with a blue square in its center
- Come Within Hail: Code Flag L, yellow and black squares

These races are intended to be a fun and friendly event, so protests are strongly discouraged. Varying boats with captains and crew of differing skill levels will be racing in close quarters so everyone is asked to be courteous and give spacing where needed. The Racing Rules of Sailing should be adhered to at all times.



**ST AUGUSTINE YACHT CLUB
YACHT RACING ENTRY FORM**

RACE: _____ DATE: _____

YACHT NAME: _____ SAIL #: _____

YACHT MAKE/MODEL: _____ LENGTH: _____ COLOR: _____

PHRF RATING: _____ US SAILING MEMBER # _____

FLEET: _____ (CRUISER or PERFORMANCE)

OWNER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

SKIPPER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

VESSEL NORMALLY DOCKED AT: _____

The undersigned, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her guests, and the members of the crew of his/her yacht, hereby assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the St. Augustine Yacht Club shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for any loss or injury to participants or others or the loss or damage to any yacht. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and does hereby indemnify and hold the St. Augustine Yacht Club free and harmless under, from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in any SAYC sponsored race.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

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