



St. Augustine Yacht Club

SASS – Bikini Race

Sailing Instructions



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 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/sassbikini.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
 - 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

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Schedule – August 3, 2019
 - 0930 Skippers Meeting SAYC Clubhouse (registrations closed at end of meeting)
 - 1255 Mixed Crew Warning Signal (Start 1300)
 - 1305 All Female Crew Warning Signal (Start 1310)
- 5.1 Schedule subject to RRS 27.3.
- 5.2 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 Mixed Crew (at least 50% female) and All Female. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be made prior to the end of the Skipper's Meeting
- 6.2 Class Flags will be:

Mixed Crew

Code Flag 5



All Female

Code Flag 6



7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 North of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River, Saint Augustine, FL.
- 7.2 Courses will be setup in accordance to SI Appendix A
- 7.3 Race committee will indicate direction and laps via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes prior to warning signal

8 Marks

- 8.1 Marks are described in SI Appendix A

9 The Start

- 9.1 The Start marks are described in SI Appendix A
- 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 races.
- 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 marks are described in SI Appendix A.
- 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 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 mark A 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 90 minutes 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.

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 Distance. A minus five (-5) second per mile adjustment to a boat's rating will be made for each male on-board in mixed crew.

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 her warning.
- 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

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded both classes (All Female and Mixed Crew) at the Kingfish Grill, starting at 1700.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authorities 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.

19 Insurance

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

20 Further Information

- 20.1 For further information please contact:
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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.