



St. Augustine Yacht Club

2021 Race of the Century

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/raceofthecentury.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 prior to 1100 April 11, 2021
 - 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
- 4.3 Skippers Meeting at the SAYC Clubhouse 1000 April 11, 2021 (registrations closed at end of meeting)

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Schedule – April 11, 2021 – Warning Signals
 - 1255 Performance Boats – Spin & Non-Spin (Start 1300)
 - 1305 Cruising Boats – Spin & Non-Spin (Start 1310)
- 5.2 At its discretion the Race Committee may combine both classes into one start
- 5.3 Schedule subject to RRS 27.3.
- 5.4 Up to two races are scheduled. Race Committee will announce on VHF Channel 72 after the first boat finishes the first race, whether there will be a second start.
- 5.5 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 Performance and Cruising as defined in FCSA Bylaws. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be declared at or before the skipper's meeting.
- 6.2 Class Flags will be:

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| Performance Boats | Code Flag 5 |
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| Cruising Boats | Code Flag 6 |
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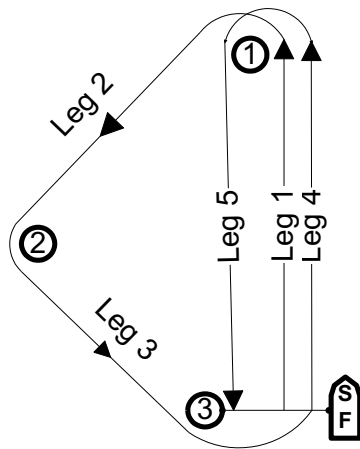
7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 Weather Dependent - announced at Skipper's Meeting or via VHF Channel 72 no later than 1130 should the inlet prove to be impassable
 - 7.1.1 **Primary** - In the vicinity of ATON "STA" to the East of the St Augustine Inlet, Saint Augustine, FL.
 - 7.1.2 **Secondary** - North of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River, Saint Augustine, FL.

8 Marks & Courses

8.1 Primary

8.1.1 Course – Triangle + Windward + Leeward



8.1.2 Marks may be an appropriate temporary mark or ATON “STA”

8.1.3 Race Committee will announce bearing and distance to Mark 1, via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

8.1.4 Race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.2 at any mark. Should the course be shortened at Mark 3, the finish will be performed according to the diagram.

8.2 Secondary

8.2.1 Courses will be setup in accordance to SI Appendix A

8.2.2 Race committee will indicate direction and laps via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal

9 The Start

9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat, and the designated mark 3 for the **Primary Race Area** and in accordance with SI Appendix A for the **Secondary Race Area**.

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 classes.

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 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 When racing in the **Secondary Race Area** 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 the first mark 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 120 minutes for the primary racing area and 90 minutes for the secondary racing area 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.
- 13.4 Boats intending to file protest must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing the race that the incident occurred in, either by hailing the committee boat or via VHF Channel 72.

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 Time – this modifies NOR 8.2.

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 the first warning signal
- 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 Results will be announced at the SAYC after racing. All participants are encouraged to attend for cocktails and dinner.
- 17.2 Prizes will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class at the SAYC Awards Banquet on 11/14/2021. The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the lowest corrected time boat across both classes, provided that the same course is sailed, otherwise it shall be awarded to the lowest corrected time boat in the performance class.

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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