



# St. Augustine Yacht Club

## 2021 Wednesday Night Season

### 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/wednesdaynight.html>

#### 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore.
- 4.2 If any race is to be cancelled
  - 4.2.1 It will be so indicated on the event website.
  - 4.2.2 It will be announced as cancelled via email to participants.

#### 5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Schedule

Warning signal will be at 17:25 each day for the first start except for October 13/27. One race per day is scheduled.

Spring	March 24	April 07	May 05	May 19	June 02
Summer	June 16	June 30	July 21	August 04	August 18
Fall	September 01	September 15	September 29	October 13 16:55	October 27 16:55

If there are sufficient entries, the Race Committee may split the Performance and Cruising class starts. Race Committee will announce on VHF Channel 72. Performance boats shall start first. The Cruising class warning will be 5:00 minutes after the Performance class start, thus Cruising class will start 10:00 minutes after the Performance class start. The Race Committee may issue separate postponement for Cruising class; refer to RRS 27.2.

- 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 Performance and Cruising as defined in FCSA Bylaws. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be made for the entire series.

- 6.2 One Design Classes:

- 5.2.1 Flying Scots – Class rules found here: [https://www.fssa.com/classrules\\_pdf](https://www.fssa.com/classrules_pdf)

- 6.3 Class Flags will be:

Performance and Flying Scots	Code Flag 5
Cruiser	Code Flag 6
Cruising Multi-hulls	Code Flag 6

#### 7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 Courses will be setup in accordance to SI Appendix A
- 7.2 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 15 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 2.5 hours

12.2 If no boat has passed mark A within 45 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 High Point Scoring will be used.

14.2 Boats in the starting area will be counted at the discretion of the race committee.

14.3 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time.

14.4 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **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 warning of the first start.

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 Daily results will be announced following racing at the SAYC.
- 17.2 Series prizes will be presented at the SAYC Awards Banquet on 11/14/2021.

**18 Disclaimer of Liability**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 18.2 A signed 2020 Race Waiver Form is required to be on file with SAYC.  
<https://www.staugustineyachtclub.com/uploads/1/9/1/6/19163921/racing-entryform.pdf>

**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 Bri Muller, Rear Commodore of Sail, SAYC – [rearcommadore.staugustineyc@gmail.com](mailto:rearcommadore.staugustineyc@gmail.com) – 781-742-5600