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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - INSHORE

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK

April 20 & 21, 2021



NOTE - These Sailing Instructions are for Inshore Races - boats up to a nominal 32 ft. However, boats 24 ft & under are preferred, since boats over 24 ft are encouraged to participate in the offshore events.

1 RULES

1.1 The St. Augustine Race Week Inshore Series shall be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS); the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (www.sailjax.com); and class rules for any One-Design class established. The First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for this Series. The Competitors Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 20 in the Boaters' Lounge at the Camanchee Cove Yacht Harbor. Overall winners' will be announced Wednesday, April 21 during the Offshore Skippers' Meeting at St Augustine YC (SAYC) and will be recognized again at the Awards Party on Saturday at SAYC.

1.2 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The following sections of these Sailing Instructions alter provisions of the RRS:

1.2.1 Failure to start within time limit – Sailing Instructions 10.5.3

1.2.2 Time limit – Sailing Instructions 12

1.2.3 Establishment of arbitration procedures – Sailing Instructions 14.3

1.2.4 Competitors shall display Regatta Burgee – Sailing Instructions 5

1.2.5 Even if not racing, if the Race Committee observes a participating yacht obstructing the passage of a vessel not involved in the Regatta and in violation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the Race Committee may proceed against the yacht under RRS 60.2.

1.3 TIME - All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours) in 24-hour format. Official Race Committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: (202) 762-1401 or (202) 762-1069.

1.4 USE OF ENGINE

1.4.1 In accordance with RRS 42.3(i) - In an emergency, an engine or other means of propulsion may be used when appropriate to avoid collision or in grave emergency. Full details shall be given to the Protest Committee who, after a hearing, may impose a penalty.

1.4.2 An engine may be used to supply power for charging batteries, pumping, weighing anchor, or other necessary purposes, provided mechanical propulsion is not engaged.

2 RADIO COMMUNICATION - The Race Committee will monitor VHF 78A during races, and may, as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a yacht while racing.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - No signals will be made ashore. Yachts should monitor VHF 78A prior to leaving dock on days of adverse weather in case the Race Committee declares postponement or abandonment.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - All VHF announcements are only an aid to competitors and are supplementary to any flag signals or official notices. Failure to make any announcement via VHF will not be grounds for redress.

5 REGATTA BURGEES - While racing, each yacht shall fly from her backstay or her starboard shroud (if no backstay) the official Race Week burgee, to be distributed along with each Skipper's Bag when registering.

6 RACING AREA - The racing area will be on the Tolomato River (ICW), north of the Vilano Bridge.

7 COURSES - Races will be sailed on courses between Markers 54 and 57 as shown on the attached diagrams. Starting and finishing will be between the Committee Boat and Marker 55. The courses will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions and may vary between races.

8 SCHEDULE OF THE RACES - The first warning signal for each day's racing is scheduled for 1025 for Class 1; Class 2 will start 10 minutes later, or as soon as possible after the last Class 1 boat crosses the start line. Three races will be held each day, if time allows. Boats will be allowed one 'throw-away' **if 5, or more, races are completed**, otherwise all will count.

- 9 CLASSES** - Boats will race in one of two PHRF fleets with lighter boats in one class (Class 1) and heavier displacement in the other (Class 2). Daysailors and sport boats are encouraged to participate. These boats will sail in the fleet with lighter boats (Class1) and will be assigned a PHRF rating by the race committee if they do not already have one. See Notice of Race, section 5, Classes and Divisions for more details on establishing a class of boats. The race committee reserves the right to assign boats to Class 1 or Class 2 at or before the Skippers' Meeting. Boats in Class 1 fleet may be required to sail a longer course. Boats in both classes can elect to fly a spinnaker but must declare so before the start of each race and hence will use a lower handicap for that race.

10 THE STARTS, CLASS FLAGS & STARTING SEQUENCE

10.1 The starting line for both classes will connect between an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and Marker 55.

10.2 Once the RC boat is on station at the start line, each yacht shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the RC boat and hailing its boat name. Alternatively, yachts may hail the RC boat on VHF 78A for this purpose. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

10.3 Rule 30.1 "I Flag Rule" (sometimes called the 'Round-an-End Rule') will NOT be in effect for all races.

10.4 Start Sequence – The start order will be Class 1 followed by Class 2.

10.5.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26: 5 minute warning signal as follows:

5 minutes before the start	Class Flags Raised	Class 1 = Code flag 5 (blue/yellow) Class 2 = Code flag 6 (black/white)	Horn
4 minutes before the start	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag raised (blue with white square)	Horn
1 minute before the start	"P" Flag Removed		Long horn
0 time The Start		Class Flags Removed	Horn

10.5.2 The warning signal for succeeding starts will be made after the preceding class clears the line.

10.5.3 Yachts that have not properly started within 10 minutes of their class start may be scored DNS.

- 11 THE FINISHES** - The finish line will connect between a solid orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the designated finish mark, usually Marker 55.

- 12 TIME LIMITS** - Modifying RRS 35, and inclusive of all races, there will be a fixed time limit for each race of 2 hours after the start of each race; yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.

- 13 PENALTY TURNS** - A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS 44 shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A Yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of that intent immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat.

14.2 Protests shall be filed on an official US SAILING protest form with the Race Committee not more than 2 hours after the final yacht finishes the final race of the day (RRS 61.3).

14.3 ARBITRATION - For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to proceeding with an official protest hearing (modifies RRS Part 5, B).

15 SERIES SCORING

15.1 Race and Series scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System.

15.2 Each day's scored racing will be combined to count for that day's class awards. Two days scored races are required to constitute the Series. Boats will be allowed one 'throw-away' **if 5, or more, races are completed**, otherwise all will count.

- 16 RACE RESULTS** - Results will also be posted on the regatta registration website and on www.sailjax.com. Overall Regatta Results will also be e-mailed to the addresses given on the registration documents. Any request for clarification of the results shall be raised as soon as possible, and in any case, within 5 days of e-mail publication.

17 RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

17.1 The safety of a yacht or sailing vessel and its crew, the decision as to whether or not to start, and having started, whether or not to continue is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht's designated skipper. *For the purpose of this section, the term "yacht" shall mean the designated skipper as representative of the owner, and in the absence of the designated skipper, members of the remaining crew.*

17.2 A yacht is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3 It is for the yacht to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By going to sea the yacht confirms that it is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4 The yacht is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.

17.5 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the yacht.

17.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the yacht of its responsibilities.

17.7 The yacht is responsible for ensuring that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, and in date - and that crew members know how to use it.

17.8 The yacht is responsible for adhering to all local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations governing the operation in the body of waters where the race and race events shall be held. This includes conformance to the United States Coast Guard Safety Regulations.

17.9 A Race Committee inspection of a yacht does not reduce the responsibilities of the yacht set out here.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – OFFSHORE

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK

April 22, 23 & 24, 2021



1 RULES

1.2 The St. Augustine Race Week Offshore Series shall be governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS); the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association; and class rules for any One-Design class established.

1.3 Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply, Prescriptions 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply. Changing RRS 63.7, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence over the Notice of Race if there is a conflict.

1.4 The First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for this Series. The St. Augustine Yacht Club hosts a Competitors Meeting Wednesday and the final awards event Saturday evening.

1.4 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The following sections of these Sailing Instructions alter provisions of the RRS:

1.4.1 Conflict between Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race – Sailing Instructions 1.2

1.4.2 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 shall not apply – Sailing Instructions 1.2

1.4.3 Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply – Sailing Instructions 1.2

1.4.4 Failure to start within time limit – Sailing Instructions 10.5.3

1.4.5 Time limit – Sailing Instructions 12

1.4.6 Steering Assistance – Notice of Race 5

1.4.7 Competitors shall display Regatta Burgee – Sailing Instructions 5

1.4.8 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 vessel will display code flag L with one horn and communicate the changes before the next warning signal".

1.5 TIME - All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours) in 24-hour format. Race Committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: (202) 762-1401 or (202) 762-1069.

2 RADIO COMMUNICATION - The Race Committee will monitor VHF 72 during races, and may, as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a yacht while racing.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - No signals will be made ashore. Monitor VHF 72 prior to leaving dock in case the Race Committee postpones racing, abandons racing, or changes race location (refer to 9.5).

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the regatta registration website. On race days, Notices will also be posted on a placard stand at the tent area near the Municipal Marina. Whenever possible, Notices and other general information (such as postponement or abandonment) will be given on VHF 72.

4.2 All VHF announcements are only an aid to competitors and are supplementary to any flag signals or official notices. Failure to receive any announcement via VHF will not be grounds for redress.

5 **REGATTA BURGEES** - While racing, each yacht shall fly from her backstay or her starboard shroud (if no backstay) the official Race Week burgee, to be distributed along with each Skipper's Bag when registering.

6 **RACING AREA**

6.1 The racing area for offshore races will be in the Atlantic Ocean as depicted on NOAA Chart 11480.

6.2 Racing area for Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions shall be on the Tolomato River (ICW), north of the Vilano Bridge.

7 **SCHEDULE OF THE RACES** - The first warning signal for each day's racing is scheduled for 1025 for Cruiser Classes; Performance classes will start immediately thereafter.

8 **CLASS FLAGS** Cruiser Spin: Blue Performance Spin: Gold One-Design: TBA
Cruiser N-Spin: Pink Performance N-Spin: Gray

9 **COURSES** - Performance and One-Design Class courses will be generally the same each day (refer to 9.4). Each day's Cruiser Class course "letter" designator will be posted on the starboard side of the RC boat once on station at the start line (refer to 9.1, 9.2, 9.3).
Each day's start area will be in the vicinity of the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA' @ N 29° 54.912' – W 81° 15.280'. Wind direction and sea conditions will determine precise start locations, but in general the start area will be about 0.5 NM north of 'STA'.

9.1 Race 1: "Scout and Back" – Thursday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin Classes.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated 'pin', in the direction heading most easterly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... easterly to the designated 'Course' longitude.

'Turn'... at the designated longitude. A yacht shall be completely on the far side of the designated longitude line, prior to 'turning'. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at this 'turn'.

Round... the inflatable buoy 'RB' to port, to be located near shore at approximately N 29° 57.5' – W 81° 17.5'.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA', by rounding it to starboard.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 000° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	Longitude	~ Distance NM	Course	Longitude	~ Distance NM
'K'	W 81° 08.000'	17.7	'X'	W 81° 11.000'	12.6
'L'	W 81° 09.000'	16.0	'Y'	W 81° 12.000'	10.9
'M'	W 81° 10.000'	14.3	'Z'	W 81° 13.000'	9.2

9.2 Race 2: "Pedro's Passage" – Friday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin Classes.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated 'pin', in the direction heading most northerly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... northerly to the designated 'Course' latitude.

'Turn'... at the designated latitude. A yacht shall be completely on the far side of the designated latitude line prior to 'turning'. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at this 'turn'.

Round... the inflatable buoy 'RB' to port, to be located near shore at approximately N 29° 57.5' – W 81° 17.5'.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy 'STA', by rounding it to starboard.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of 'STA', and 'STA' bears 000° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	Latitude	~ Distance NM	Course	Latitude	~ Distance NM
'P'	N 30° 03.0'	16.4	'R'	N 30° 00.0'	10.6
'E'	N 30° 02.0'	14.4	'O'	N 29° 59.0'	8.7
'D'	N 30° 01.0'	12.5			

9.3 Race 3: “Conquistador’s Corner” – Saturday race for both Cruiser Spin and Cruiser N-Spin Classes.

Start... between the RC boat and the designated ‘pin’, in the direction heading most easterly, or as directed by the Race Committee.

Head... Northeast (about 045°) or Southeast (about 135°) to the designated ‘Course’ lat / lon corner.

Turn... at the designated latitude AND at the designated longitude. A yacht need not go to the lat / lon point itself, but she must completely cross both the latitude line and the longitude line, in no particular order, before finishing. She shall record in her log the lat / lon and time at these ‘turns’.

Finish... at the St. Augustine Entrance Buoy ‘STA’.

Record a finish time when within 150 feet of ‘STA’, and ‘STA’ bears 090° M. (Refer to 11.2)

Course	North Corner Location	~ Rhum NM	Course	South Corner Location	~ Rhum NM
‘F’	N 30° 01.0’ : W 81° 08.0’	17.0	‘T’	N 29° 49.0’ : W 81° 08.0’	17.5
‘G’	N 30° 00.0’ : W 81° 09.0’	14.3	‘U’	N 29° 50.0’ : W 81° 09.0’	14.9
‘H’	N 29° 59.0’ : W 81° 10.0’	11.7	‘V’	N 29° 51.0’ : W 81° 10.0’	12.3
‘J’	N 29° 58.0’ : W 81° 11.0’	9.1	‘W’	N 29° 52.0’ : W 81° 11.0’	9.6

9.4 Race: Performance Classes – two possible courses are proposed; two races are planned each day.

Course ‘PW’: W/L course consisting of two inflated buoys (‘A’ and ‘C’) and a start/finish line leeward of ‘C’. Three circuits for Spinnaker Classes and two circuits for Non-Spinnaker Classes are planned.

Course ‘PT’: 45-45-90 triangle course consisting of three inflated buoys (‘A’, ‘B’, and ‘C’) and a start/finish line leeward of ‘C’.

- One-Design Classes (3x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – C – A – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*
- Spinnaker Class: (Triangle + 2x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – B – C – A – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*
- Non-Spinnaker Class: (Triangle + 1x W/L) *Start (Pin/RC) – A – B – C – A – Finish (RC/Pin)*

For either course designated, start at the RC boat with pin to port; finish at the RC boat with pin to starboard. Round marks to port. Mark ‘C’ is not be considered a ‘mark of the course’ on the first and last legs.

For days with Westerly winds (uncommon), the RC boat may set the start/finish line mid-course between inflated buoys ‘A’ and ‘C’. In all scenarios, the start/finish line will be closed except for starting and finishing.

9.5 Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions - The organizing authority may elect to run the day’s races inshore. Yachts should monitor VHF 72 prior to leaving dock and on their way to the race area in case this option is chosen. In this instance, the Offshore classes will race on the Inshore venue racecourse instead of those described in section 9.1 – 9.4. Class flags remain unchanged (refer to Section 8). Monitor VHF channel 78a for the Inshore venue course.

9.5.1 - The scheduled sequence of races is as follows:

1030: Performance Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes scheduled start. Two starts are planned - one for the Non-Spinnaker classes, one for the Spinnaker classes. Additional races will be conducted immediately after the finishes, if there is time.

1330: After the Offshore Performance class races are finished, the Offshore Cruiser classes will start their one race. Two starts are planned – one for Cruiser N-Spin, one for Cruiser Spin.

9.5.2 - Each race will be a multi-lap ‘triangle’ course with multiple turning marks, and a mid-course start/finish line. Turning marks and the start/finish line will be set using a selection of inflatable buoys and ATONs.

9.5.3 - Performance class races are planned to be two laps each.

9.5.4 - The Cruiser class race is planned to be three laps.

9.5.5 - Rule 30.1 “I Flag Rule” shall NOT be in effect for inshore races.

9.5.6 - The start/finish line will be closed except when starting or finishing.

10 THE STARTS

10.1 The starting line will connect between the staff of an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the course side of a designated ‘pin’. The starting line for Performance Classes may be different than for Cruiser Classes.

10.2 Once the RC boat is on station, each yacht shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first class by sailing past the stern of the RC boat and hailing its boat name. Alternatively, yachts may hail the RC boat on VHF 72 for this purpose. If it is necessary to use VHF for this purpose, please wait for boat name confirmation from the RC personnel. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

10.4 Rule 30.1 “I Flag Rule” (sometimes called the ‘Round-an-End Rule’) will be in effect for all offshore races.

10.5 Start Sequence – The intended start order is Cruiser N-Spin, Cruiser Spin, Non-Spinnaker, Spinnaker, One-

Design. Depending on Class sizes, the Race Committee may combine Cruiser Classes for a single start; they also may combine Performance Classes for a single start. One-Design Classes will start alone.

10.5.1 - Races will be started using RRS Rule 26: 5-minute warning signal.

10.5.2 - Warning signals for succeeding starts will generally be made after the preceding class clears the line.

10.5.3 - Yachts not properly started within 5 minutes of their class start will be scored DNS without a hearing.

11 THE FINISHES

11.1 When the RC Boat is on station for taking finish times the finish line will connect between the staff of a solid blue flag displayed on the RC boat and the course side of the designated 'pin'.

11.2 For Cruising Class races with no RC boat on station at the 'STA' finish...

a) Using a timepiece that is synchronized with USNO time (refer to 1.5), a yacht shall record its own finish time (to the second) as described in 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3. As a courtesy, the finishing yacht should simultaneously sound a horn to indicate it has finished racing. When possible, note the finishing times of nearby yachts.

b) As soon as practical after finishing, a yacht shall report its finish time to the Race Committee via cellular telephone text in the following manner: "**Boat Name 14.32.16**"

In no case shall a yacht fail to report its time directly to the RC any later than 1 hour following its finish. Should reporting by text fail, the RC will also be available via VHF for this purpose. Text #: **904-398-7343**

12 TIME LIMITS - Modifying RRS 35, and inclusive of all races, there will be a fixed time limit for each day's Racing of 16:00:00; yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.

12.1 For both Offshore Cruising classes there will be a fixed time limit for each day's racing of 16:00:00. Yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.

12.2 For both Offshore Performance classes, the time limit for all boats to finish a race will be 30 minutes after the first boat successfully sails and finishes the race in their respective class. Any boat not finishing in the time limit window will be scored DNF. No race may start after 15:00:00 of that day.

12.3 If Optional Race Course Venue for Adverse Ocean or Inlet Conditions is in effect, for all classes (Both Offshore Cruiser and Performance boats) and for all races, the finish time limit is 30 minutes after the first boat in their respective class has successfully sailed and finished the race. Boats not finishing in the 30 minute time limit window will be scored DNF.

13 PENALTIES -

13.1 Appendix V of the US Sailing Prescriptions shall apply.

From V1 – The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A yacht may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

From V2 – 'After a race, a yacht that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A yacht takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3.'

13.2 A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS 44 as modified by Appendix V shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat or when otherwise reporting its finish time.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A Yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat or when otherwise reporting its finish time.

14.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed in person with the Race Office at St. Augustine Yacht Club no later than 17:00 race day. Forms will be available at the Race Office.

14.3 Hearings will be held as soon as practical after 17:00 each day. Thursday and Friday hearings will be held in the Marina / Event Tent area. Saturday hearings will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

14.4 On Saturday, Requests for Redress based on earlier jury decisions shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision is posted.

15 SERIES SCORING

15.1 Race and Series scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System as modified:

DNF, RAF = number that started the race for that division

DNS, OCS = number that came to the starting area for that division

DNC, DSQ = number entered in the race for that division

- 15.2** Each day's scored racing will be combined to count for that day's division awards. Two days scored races are required to constitute the Series. All scored races will be combined for the Series awards.
- 15.3** Modifying RRS Appendix A2, there will be no excluded scores.
- 16** **RACE RESULTS** - Results for each race will be announced at its respective after-event party. Overall Regatta Results will also be e-mailed to the addresses given on the registration documents. Any request for clarification of the results shall be raised as soon as possible, and in any case, within three days of e-mail publication. Results will also be posted on the regatta registration website and on www.sailjax.com.