

2011 Wednesday Night Race Series

This year the St. Augustine Yacht Club will be hosting three series of Wednesday Night Races, with five races in each series. Races are open to anyone interested in fun and friendly competition on the water. Enclosed please find Notice of Race, Race Instructions and a Registration Form for boats not already listed in the fleet.

The club will host a post race happy hour after each race. All racers and crew are welcome.

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Wednesday Night Race – 2011 Notice of Race

1. Rules Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and by these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility All sailboats. Everyone should try to pre-register (fill out race form), but feel free to show up the night of a race and check in on channel 72. All boats should have a current PHRF rating issued by the First Coast Sailing Association. (See Sailjax.com for forms). Boats without a rating from FCSA will be issued a provisional rating by SAYC.

3. Schedule The race series will consist of three series of 5 races scheduled as follows:

March Series

Race#1 Mar 2nd

Race#2 Mar 16th

Race#3 Apr 13th

Race#4 Apr 27th

Race#5 May 11th

Summer Series

Race#1 May 25th

Race#2 Jun 8th

Race#3 Jun 22nd

Race#4 Jul 13th

Race#5 Aug 10th

Fall Series

Race#1 Aug 24th

Race#2 Sept 7th

Race#3 Sept 21st

Race#4 Oct 5th

Race#5 Oct 19th

4. Registration Boats already in the fleet may register on the SAYC website (SAYC2000.com). Boats not listed in the fleet on the SAYC website may register in advance by completing the attached Entry Form/Waiver and sending it to the address listed on the form.

5. Fees Entry Fee for each series is \$30 per boat which can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Entry fee checks made out to the St. Augustine Yacht Club should be sent to St Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32080. Please note on the check that it is for the “Fall Series”. SAYC members may elect to charge the Entry Fee to their account.

6. Instructions See attached sailing instructions.

7. Fleets Fall Series: Boats register to race in one of two PHRF fleets: ‘Cruising Fleet’ (flying code flag 6) or ‘Performance Fleet’ (flying code flag 5). Performance Fleet boats may fly a spinnaker and will be charged 15 seconds per mile. No spinnakers may be flown in Cruising Fleet.

8. Scoring Boats will be scored for each race. The series winner will be the boat with the fewest points using their best four finishes and **at least four scores**. Points will be awarded as follows:

First Place 1 pts

Second Place 2 pts

Third Place 3 pts

Etc.

All non-finishers (DNF, DNC, DSQ) will not be scored.

9. Prizes Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third for each race series in both fleets.

Wednesday Night Race - Sailing Instructions (Fall Series)

Boats will race in three PHRF fleets. The Cruising Fleet will consist largely of heavier displacement cruising type boats with higher PHRFs and/or less experienced crew. The Performance Fleet will generally lower PHRFs and/or more experienced crew. ***The faster Performance fleet will be required to sail the course twice, and the Cruising fleet once.*** Boats in the Performance Fleet can elect to fly a spinnaker with a 15 second/mile penalty.

Fall Series Wednesday Night Races will be sailed on one of two inland courses. The course will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions. The races will start at 5:30pm for both Performance and Cruising Fleets. Depending on conditions around the start of the race time there may be a staggered start by 10 minutes. 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.

5 minutes before the start ***Class Flags Raised*** ***Performance= Code flag 5***
Cruising= Code flag 6 Horn Sound

4 minutes before the start ***Preparatory Signal*** ***“P” Flag raised (Blue with white square)*** ***Horn Sound***

1 minute before the start ***“P” Flag Removed*** ***Long Horn Sound***

0 time The Start ***Class Flags Removed*** ***Horn Sound***

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 (Performance Fleet only) can be made at any time during the race. The race committee will monitor channel 72 and can provide race information up until the class flags are raised.

Course-A runs north-south beginning just north of the Vilano Beach Bridge and extending about 1.3 miles north on the ICW to a mark set off Boating Club Road and back to the start. This course will be used primarily when the winds are easterly or westerly.

Course-B runs east-west beginning 0.3 miles north of the Bridge of Lions and extending about 1.3 miles eastward to Red Buoy # 8 near the mouth of the St. Augustine Inlet. This course will be used primarily when the winds are northerly or southerly.

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.