

20th Annual Monkey's Uncle Race

Sunday, May 6, 2012

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. All boats should have a 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.Registration Boats may register on the SAYC website (SAYC2000.com) whether or not they are on the Fleet List. Boats not listed in the fleet on the SAYC website may also register by completing the Entry Form/Wavier and sending it to the address listed on the form. Everyone should try to pre-register, but feel free to show up the day of the race at the Skippers Meeting to sign up. **NO CLASS CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER THE SKIPPERS MEETING.**

4.Fees Entry Fee is \$25 per boat for SAYC members and \$35 for non-SAYC members . Entry fee checks made out to the St. Augustine Yacht Club should be sent to the St. Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32080. Please note on the check that it is for the "Monkey's Uncle Race". SAYC members may elect to charge the entry fee to their account. All credit cards are accepted.

Each skipper receives a FREE Monkey's Uncle T-shirt. Others can be ordered for your crew and family at a cost of \$12 for youth, ladies and men up to XL. \$13 for men XXL or XXXL. The style for 2012 is forest green colour with white lettering. Please contact Brenda and Carter at cqbren@bellsouth.net for your pre-order on the shirts. Pre-orders must be received by the 23rd of April.

5.Fleets Boats register to race in one of three PHRF fleets: "Cruising Fleet", "Non-Spinnaker Fleet", or "Spinnaker Fleet". No spinnakers may be flown in Cruising Fleet or Non-Spinnaker Fleet.

6. Prizes Trophies will be awarded for the first, second and third for all three classes.

7. After Race Award Party Captains and crew are invited to the St. Augustine Yacht Club. Cocktails at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. (\$15 per person with advanced registration for dinner requested.)

Monkey's Uncle Race Sailing Instructions- May 6, 2012

The course is intended to be a triangle course offshore, with the Cruising Class sailing around the triangle to finish, and the Performance Class (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) sailing around the triangle and then doing an extra leg to the first windward mark (Mark A) and back to the finish line. Distance for the Cruising Class of the Short Course is 4.8 NM, and the Long Course is 6.0 NM. Distance for the Performance Class of the Short Course is 8.8NM, and the Long Course is 11.0NM. The starting and finishing line will be between the Committee Boat and Mark C. The first leg will be from the starting line to Mark A, the second leg to Mark B. All turning marks should be left to port. Location of marks are as shown on the attached tables. The Committee Boat will display a placard with the designated course, followed by the letter L for the Long Course or the letter S for the Short Course.

In the event of hazardous conditions on the ocean or in the inlet an alternative course in the ICW will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.

There will be two five minute starting sequences. The Performance Fleet (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) will start at 1:00pm sharp. After a five minute pause, the starting sequence for the Cruising Fleet will begin, and the Cruising Fleet will start at 1:10pm. The Race Committee may consolidate both fleets to one start at its discretion, and will announce any change at the Skipper's Meeting or on channel 72 prior to the time the first class flag is raised. Both fleets will use the following starts 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.

5 minutes before start	Class Flag Raised	Performance=Code Flag 5 Cruising=Code Flag 6	Horn Sound
4 minutes before start	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag raised (blue with white square)	Horn Sound
1 minute before start		"P" Flag removed	Long Horn Sound
0 time		Class Flag removed	Horn Sound

All sailors must check in with the committee boat by 12:45pm on VHF Channel 72 or by passing by the Committee Boat and hailing. The race committee will monitor channel 72 and can provide race information, including any changes to these Race Instructions, up until the class flags are raised.

The 720 Degree Turn Rule will be in effect in accordance with rule 44.1 and 44.2

Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with the assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind (modifies RRS 52).

The following flags may be flown by the committee boat:

- Postponement:** rectangle 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 captain and crew of differing skill levels will be racing in close quarters so everyone is asked to be courteous and to give space where needed. The Racing Rules of Sailing should be adhered to at all times.