



## **Ponce de Leon (Full Moon) Offshore Race**

**(Following Ponce de Leon)**

**Saturday, August 1, 2015**

### **Notice of Race**

**1. Rules** Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, 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 ([staugustineyachtclub.com](http://staugustineyachtclub.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 Waiver 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. The Skipper's Meeting will be held at 3 PM on the day of the race at the SAYC clubhouse, for final registration and sailing instructions.

**4. Instructions** See attached Sailing Instructions.

**5. Fees** Entry Fee is **\$26.50 inc. tax** per boat for SAYC members and **\$37.00 inc. tax** for non-members, 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 "Full Moon Offshore Race". SAYC members may elect to charge the Entry Fee to their account.

**6. Safety** The designated skipper shall be 18 years of age or older. The minimum crew size shall be 3 (including skipper). Children aged 14 and under will not count as crew. All yachts shall have a cabin enclosure, a cockpit, and shall conform to the 2010-11 ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation including US SAILING Prescriptions for Category 4 with the following exceptions:

**a.** Paragraph 3.14.6a 'Lifeline... Specifications' is changed from "shall" to "should".

**b.** Paragraph 3.27.2 'Navigation Lights' location is changed from "shall" to "should".

**c.** Paragraph 4.10.1 'Radar Reflector' is changed from "shall" to "should".

**d.** Paragraph 4.11.1 'Navigation Equipment' is modified as follows: "Participating yachts shall carry appropriate charts and light lists for the race area and specifically NOAA Chart 11488 or equivalent".

**e.** Paragraph 4.12 'Safety Equipment Location Chart' is changed from "shall" to "should".



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f. Paragraph 4.23 The requirement for SOLAS Pyrotechnic signals is waived; participating yachts shall conform to US Federal Regulations for carriage of visual distress signals.

All yachts shall conform to the following: Radio – Participating Yachts shall be provisioned with a 25 watt minimum VHF transmitter / receiver with a manufacturer’s recommended antenna. It is recommended that the radio have DSC capability.

It is recommended that each yacht be adequately prepared for medical emergencies and contingencies, with appropriate crew training and medical kit. Safety equipment should be carefully inspected for wear and deterioration.

Crew members on deck after sunset should be encouraged to wear a safety harness and life jacket equipped with a white strobe light, and personal EPIRB.

Yachts should carry adequate rig cutters and/or hacksaw with extra blades, as well as punches capable of driving out all standing rigging clevis pins.

Skippers should conduct a pre-race safety briefing for all crew members to consider possible contingencies and methods to avoid, minimize, or cope with them.

**7. Fleets** Boats register to race in one of two PHRF fleets: ‘Cruising Fleet’ (flying code flag 6, using either their FCSA Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker Rating) or ‘Performance Fleet’ (flying code flag 5, using their FCSA Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker Rating). Boats in both fleets opting to fly a spinnaker must declare so before the start of the race.

**8. Prizes** Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third for both classes.

**9. After Race Award Party** Captains and crew are invited to the St Augustine Yacht Club for the After Race Party at 6 pm on Sunday, August 2, 2015



## **Full Moon Offshore Sailing Instructions – August 1, 2015**

The course will be from a line between the Committee Boat and the St. Augustine sea buoy (STA) at N 29° 54.95", W 81° 15.23" to anywhere on latitude N 30° 08" (the latitude at which Ponce de Leon reportedly ended his northbound exploration of the Florida Coast and turned south), a distance of 13.05 NM, and back to the St. Augustine sea buoy (STA), overall distance 26.10 NM. In the event of hazardous conditions on the ocean a postponement or cancellation of the race will be announced at the Skippers Meeting. In the event of light air the course may be shortened before or during the race. In the event no Committee Boat is on station the start line will be from the St Augustine sea buoy due east a distance of 300 ft.

There will be two five minute starting sequences. The Performance Fleet (Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker) starting sequence will begin at 5:55 pm and the Performance Fleet will start at 6:00 pm. After a five minute pause, the starting sequence for the Cruising Fleet will begin, and the Cruising fleet will start at 6:10 pm. 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 VHF channel 72 prior to the time the first class flag is raised. 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 following start sequence will be used:

<i>5 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Class Flag Raised</i>	<i>Performance = Code flag 5</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>4 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Preparatory Signal</i>	<i>Cruising = Code flag 6</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>1 minute before the start</i>		<i>"P" Flag raised</i> <i>(blue with white square)</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>0 time</i>	<i>The Start</i>	<i>"P" Flag Removed</i>	<i>Long Horn Sound</i>
		<i>Class Flag Removed</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>

All sailors must check in with the committee boat by 5:45 pm 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.

Each yacht shall record her own finish time (to the second) when (1) she is within 300 feet of the finish mark, and (2) that mark bears 270° Magnetic from the helm. Both conditions shall be met to have a valid finish. Record the finish time using the time piece that is synchronized with the Naval Observatory Master Clock (phone 202-762-1401). Finish times can be texted or called in to 904-687-4197 (David Patrick) or (904) 687-5145 (Dan Floryan).

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

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



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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.



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## YACHT RACING ENTRY FORM

RACE: Full Moon Offshore Race

DATE: August 1, 2015

YACHT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL #: \_\_\_\_\_

YACHT MAKE/MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHRF RATING: \_\_\_\_\_ US SAILING MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

FLEET: \_\_\_\_\_ (CRUISE FLEET or PERFORMANCE FLEET)

OWNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SKIPPER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

VESSEL NORMALLY DOCKED AT: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her guests, and the members of the crew of his/her yacht, hereby assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the St. Augustine Yacht Club shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for any loss or injury to participants or others or the loss or damage to any yacht. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and does hereby indemnify and hold the St. Augustine Yacht Club free and harmless under, from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in any SAYC sponsored race.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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