

Bikini Race

St Augustine Yacht Club

Date: **7-Aug-16**start time: **12:15:00**

Distance

Course: **S55,57,51,55,51** F55**7.80** nmWind: **SSW 12-25**

Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker		Yacht	Club	Sail #	Yacht Make	S/N	PHRF	Adjustments	Adj. PHRF	Finish Actual	Elapsed Actual	Adjustment	Start Time	Avg nm/hr	Div Place
50/50 Mixed Crew															
PHRFection	Madalyn Keeble	SAYC	1131	Beneteau FC10	S	99		20	79	13:50:51	1:09:04	0:26:47	12:41:47	6.776	1
Moon Pie	Leeland Blackford		40352	Beneteau First 345	S	138		10	128	13:57:19	1:21:54	0:20:25	12:35:25	5.714	2
Blue Sky	Susan Hunter	SAYC	114	C&C 32	N	199		5	194	13:57:56	1:31:06	0:11:50	12:26:50	5.137	3
Skybird J	Jocelyn Grannis	SAYC	33	Ranger 33	N	189		10	179	13:59:47	1:31:00	0:13:47	12:28:47	5.143	4
Actaea	Noelle Harwell	RIYC	172	Concordia 41	N	196		5	191	14:00:12	1:32:59	0:12:13	12:27:13	5.033	5
Phosphorescence	Karen Lane	SAYC	0	Morgan OI 51	N	219		10	209	14:02:26	1:37:33	0:09:53	12:24:53	4.798	6
Ariel	Kathy Floryan	SAYC	None	Hunter 386	N	172		5	167	14:02:39	1:32:19	0:15:20	12:30:20	5.070	7
Kotchka	Jen Woida	SAYC	2514	Hinckley 38	N	195		10	185	14:04:13	1:36:13	0:13:00	12:28:00	4.864	8
Augusta Belle	Buffy Meatazo		0 11732	Catalina 22	N	290		5	285	14:05:31	1:50:31	0:00:00	12:15:00	4.235	9
Erinsong	Annabel Hucke	SAYC	11	Hunter 35.5	N	183		10	173	14:05:53	1:36:19	0:14:34	12:29:34	4.859	10
All Female Crew															
Naked Option	Tracy Sampson		0	Person 33-2 CB	N	189			189	14:10:40	1:43:11	0:12:29	12:27:29	4.536	1
Sassy	Judy Fegen	SAYC	226	Hunter 216	N	250			250	14:13:10	1:53:37	0:04:33	12:19:33	4.119	2
Swim Up Tiki Bar	Barbara Sperbeck	NFCC	39	Bristol 27.7	N	258			258	14:22:27	2:03:56	0:03:31	12:18:31	3.776	3
Stimulus	Jennifer Pidcock		0	Hunter 36	N	180			180	14:30:19	2:01:40	0:13:39	12:28:39	3.847	4
Monkeys Uncle	Brenda Quillen	SAYC	110	Hunter 45CC	N	162		15	147	DNS		0:17:56	12:32:56		
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More than first place, women sail for confidence Bikini River Sailboat race makes its debut

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More than a dozen sailboats careened down the Intracoastal Waterway with flared sails Sunday afternoon; every single helm handled by women wearing concentrated expressions.

The wind – in the most temperamental of manners – bullied sailboat sterns and churned the water under the hulls. Spray decorated the air and misted the ladies' faces. Sails, like unruly clouds, puckered and strained every which way.

See a slideshow from the race

And a couple of times during it all, Madalin Keeble was a little unsure of herself.

"I was a little nervous a few times," Keeble admitted. "So when we crossed the finish line first, yes, I was shocked."

Several of the Bikini River Sailboat Race contestants agreed the conditions proved rowdy during the race's debut. On top of challenging conditions, it was the first time a race in St. Johns County featured all-female helms persons.

"No pressure," Keeble laughed.

But pressure didn't keep Keeble from mastering the wheel of her boat PHRFection, according to race captain and crew member Mark Reddinger.

Reddinger was one of four men aboard Keeble's sailboat providing guidance and manpower during the race.

"She did great and she listened really well," Reddinger said.

Unfortunately male crew members cost Keeble a few points. For every guy on board, five points were deducted from Keeble's total. The point deduction is a way to encourage crews to be entirely composed of women.

But Keeble said she's still learning the ropes, practicing caution and preparing for next year. After all, she's only been sailing for five years.

"Women tend to take their time learning things," she said. "It's not about ego for us."

Keeble moved to Florida a few years ago from Georgia after the death of her husband. Somewhat bored and ready to make a few friends, she took a sailing lesson.

Then she bought a sailboat. Then she bought what she claims is the fastest sailboat in Northeast Florida.

"Then the rest is history," she said.

She joined the St. Augustine Yacht Club, assembled crews and began a successful racing career. This year, as one of the heads of the St. Augustine Sailing Sisters, Keeble decided it was time to add a girls race to the schedule.

Keeble said men were allowed to participate this year because some of the lady sailors are still gaining experience. Because of the exception, there were two prize categories; all-female crews and crews that were at least 50 percent female. It was a pursuit race with the slowest sailboats positioned at the front of the starting line and the fastest toward the back.

"My boat was the fastest, so we were the very last to go," she said.

But that was hardly a deterrent for Keeble and her crew. They navigated PRHFection through a crowd of lurching sailboats and aimed for the finish line.

Occasionally, Keeble needed a little reassurance and guidance from Reddinger and the other guys on board.

"But I think it's good for women to get that encouragement, it builds up our confidence," Keeble said.

Crew member Helen Sullivan agreed.

"It's all about building confidence in these ladies," Sullivan said. "I bet next year we'll be seeing all women crews and even more boats."

Aboard the sailboat Ariel, Kathleen Floryan was experiencing her first real race with a crew of seven women and her husband.

Nervous, excited and enthralled, Floryan said she's already eager for the next big race.

Her husband, Danny, said he wouldn't be surprised if she starts battling for the helm more often.

"I don't doubt she'll take over the sailboat," he laughed. "But you know what? I'll buy another one and I'll start racing her."

The crews were still awaiting the official results Sunday evening at the yacht club, but the atmosphere was one of camaraderie. Husbands swigged cold beers while the ladies joked and shared their experiences. Eyes were already set on the next race.

"I'll tell you what," Keeble said. "It's about confidence and adventure. Living life with adventure."

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