



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FIRST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY - JANUARY 28, 2017**

**ST. AUGUSTINE YACHT CLUB**

**Get Connected with First Coast Sailing!**

Plan on a full day workshop including updates on upcoming events, Rules, and Race Management refreshers. After lunch, featured speaker, Paul Abdullah of North One Design will cover topics of interest, answering your questions and providing tips on boat preparation, sail trim, boat speed, and tactics.

Late afternoon we'll have a social followed by our Annual Business meeting, sit-down dinner, and awards presentations that evening.

Check [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com) in the days ahead for details.



Paul Abdullah is part of the North One Design team as an area and class representative. Paul is a long time Thistle and J/24 sailor from the North Florida area. He is a class champion in the J/70, J/24, Thistle, Y Flyer, Highlander and Interlake classes. Paul also volunteers his time running the US Sailing Championship of Champions event.

As part of the North Sails One Design team, Paul provides coaching and technical support to area racers and throughout the southeast.

# ATTENTION: AREA SAILORS!

## First Coast Sailing Association



## Workshop – Seminar - Annual Meeting

*An Expanded All-Day Agenda*

St. Augustine Yacht Club • Saturday - January 28, 2017

(Please respond)

In response to your positive comments on last year's program, and enhance the value of FCSA for you, we're continuing the full-day program of expert racing tips, training, and information updates in addition to our annual business meeting and trophy presentation.

### PROPOSED "FCSA DAY" AGENDA

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| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | FCSA Workshops, including St. Augustine Race Week, FCSA Youth Scholarship Program, Race Announcements & Updates |
| 11:00-Noon      | Race Management and Rules Updates/Refresher   |
| Noon-1:00 p.m.  | Lunch   |
| 1:00-4:00 p.m.  | North One Design – Racing Tips from Paul Abdullah   |
| 4:00-5:30 p.m.  | Annual Business Meeting and Officer Elections   |
| 5:30-6:30 p.m.  | Social Hour   |
| 6:30-8:00 p.m.  | Dinner and Trophy Presentations   |

You have the choice of attending any of the meetings, seminars, and lunch, if you like, capped off by a social, dinner and FCSA Annual Trophy presentations. If you are short on time just come to the afternoon session, social and dinner/meeting.

**In either case, don't miss the North One Design Race Clinic! Only 50 seats are available.**

We had a great year in 2016! FCSA has built a strong organization to support continued growth of area sailing; we continued to build on our success that is St. Augustine Race Week; and significantly expanded our support of youth sailing.

A purpose of FCSA is to promote interest and education in racing. So, this year our annual meeting will include an afternoon race clinic led by a top-notch sailor and instructor, Paul Abdullah from North Sails One Design.

The cost of the North Sails One Design session: **FREE!**

FCSA is providing this session as added value to its members. However, the course will be available to only the first 50 registered attendees.

To register, please pick Option 1 or Option 2 described below. Each option includes a nominal charge to cover a portion of your meals at St. Augustine Yacht Club. FCSA wants this to be great value for all area sailors.

So here are the options:

**Option 1 - Full Day:** This includes late morning workshops where you can participate and help us plan our events for 2017. There will be a short refresher course just before lunch. After lunch, starting at 1 pm, we will have the racing clinic led by Paul Abdullah. This 3-hour session will be followed by a social, dinner and our Annual Meeting during which our Board for 2017 will be elected and the FCSA Annual Trophies will be presented. This comprehensive day of workshops, race clinic, and social, including the North One Design seminar, **lunch and dinner** at the St. Augustine Yacht Club (everything included but your bar tab) is only \$25 for FCSA members, \$30 for non-members. This covers **lunch and full sit-down dinner**. North One Design race clinic is **free** for Option 1 attendees.

**Option 2 – Afternoon & Evening:** If you skip the morning sessions and lunch, and just attend the North One Design race clinic, social, and dinner/meeting, the cost is only \$20 for FCSA members, \$25 for non-members. North One Design race clinic is **free** for Option 2 attendees.

For more information, please contact Tom Davis at (904) 234-7407.

Register by e-mail: [spookboat@att.net](mailto:spookboat@att.net) Pay when you arrive.

## **ABOUT FIRST COAST SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is a non-profit corporation formed to promote one-design and handicap sailboat racing, with inter-club competition both offshore and inshore, from Jacksonville to Daytona. The Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers from each of the seven member yacht clubs and sailing organizations. These include Epping Forest Yacht Club, St. Augustine Yacht Club, Florida Yacht Club, The Rudder Club of Jacksonville, North Florida Cruising Club, Halifax River Yacht Club and Smyrna Yacht Club. Among the duties of FCSA are: coordinating the racing schedules among seven sailing organizations to avoid scheduling conflicts. This allows sailors to participate in as many races as possible without having to miss any. FCSA oversees the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) system in this area by giving all new boats their rating certificates and reviewing all requests for a rating change. In 2014 FCSA changed its bylaws to permit the organization to sponsor races and regattas. St. Augustine Race Week is the first such large regatta the organization has sponsored. FCSA also provides instruction in racing rules and sailboat racing management for its member clubs.**