

Halifax River Yacht Club
2017 St. Augustine Dash
Notice of Race

1 RULES

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2017 St Augustine Dash will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the 2017 St Augustine Dash Notice of Race (NOR), the 2017 St Augustine Dash Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2017 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2017 Rating Procedures and Racing Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.
- 1.2** Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at www.hryc.com.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising shall be restricted in accordance with World Sailing Regulations.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The St Augustine Dash is open to all single or multi-hulled sailing vessels, with a minimum of 21 feet LOA, having inboard or outboard auxiliary power, manned by an eligible captain and crew, and meeting all safety requirements of Section 11. The Race Committee may consider the qualification of a yacht by virtue of its history and/or survey.
- 3.2** Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entrance form and sending it, together with the required fee to:
Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089

4 FEES

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows:
Entry fee shall be \$25.00. This fee includes entry for skippers and crews in the Dash Rum Party on Thursday, August 31. The entry fee shall be waived if entered in the 2017 Commodores Cup series. Entrants will have the use of Halifax River Yacht Club facilities on August 31 and September 1.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** The St Augustine Dash will be held on Sept. 1, 2017..
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the St Augustine Dash will be 1755.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1** Each entrant who does not have a First Coast Sailing Assoc. valid rating shall fill out a FCSA Valid Rating application with their entry form and receive a FCSA Valid Rating. The fee for this rating is the responsibility of the applicant.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be emailed to the entrant with their FCSA Valid Rating, available at HRYC, and will also be available at www.hryc.com.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a Northerly direction, approximately 53 miles to finish at the St Augustine Sea Buoy.

9 SCORING

9.1 All yachts shall be scored using their HRYC Valid Rating and corrected *time on distance*.

9.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, (RRS) 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be one (1) percent of a yacht's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c) (RRS). A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

11.1 All yachts are encouraged to comply with all World Sailing Regulations Category 4 requirements.

12 SUPPORT YACHTS

12.1 All support yachts shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all yachts have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions or use any other device, technology or other aid which is not available to all boats.

14 AWARDS

14.1 Trophies will be given as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
- 1st and 2nd in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
- 1st overall

14.2 Trophies will be awarded at the HRYC Annual Sailing Awards Dinner (to enable personalization) at HRYC on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Dress is responsible casual, and reservations are required.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Committee Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a yacht will be allowed to compete, penalties

(except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is ***ALWAYS*** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie ***SOLELY*** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts ***NO*** responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1** For further information please contact:
- Halifax River Yacht Club
Attn: Race Committee
331 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089
www.hryc.com

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September 1, 2017

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Daytona Beach, FL

Sailing Instructions

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2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Any notices to competitors will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at www.hryc.com.
- 2.2** Communications via VHF radio shall be made on **channel 72**. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted at www.hryc.com.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE AND ACTIVITIES

- 5.1** Date of the start for a single race is Friday September 1, 2017.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be 1755 EDT.
- 5.3** There will be a skippers meeting, and party, at the HRYC clubhouse on Thursday, August 31, at 1800 EDT. The party begins at 1700 EDT.
- 5.4** There are no planned activities in St. Augustine.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a Northerly direction, approximately 53.7 nautical miles to finish at the St Augustine Sea Buoy [RW "STA" Mo (A)].

7 MARKS

- 7.1** Government marks will be used as part of the race course, to denote both the start and finish locations. Any other government marks can be left to either side.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1** There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the race committee signal boat.

9 THE START

- 9.1** There will be a single start for all classes with a warning at 1755. The starting line will be located at the Ponce Inlet sea buoy (R #2).

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled shall be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72 if possible; however, it is the responsibility of any yacht that is OCS to properly clear themselves.
- 10.2 Display of code flag “I” as the preparatory flag requires a yacht that is OCS within one minute of the start to round an end of the starting line before starting.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be an imaginary line extending northward from the St. Augustine sea buoy. A yacht shall record their finish **when the sea buoy is directly south (180°) of the helmsman’s normal position.** The buoy can be kept to either side while finishing.
- 11.2 All boats are instructed to report their finish time as soon after they finish as is possible, ideally within just a few minutes of completing the race. Finish times should be sent by text message to **386.679.6314**, providing the name of the boat and time of day for their finish. Do not report elapsed time.
- 11.3 A yacht failing to report their finish time within 30 minutes of completing the race can be penalized using the scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) if the R/C decides such a delay was unwarranted.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 (RRS), will apply. A boat will not be scored worse than DNF. (Did Not Finish).

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limit for all classes is 18 hours, or 1200 Saturday, September 2nd, whichever is later. If no boat has finished the race by this time, the race will be abandoned by the R/C.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 18 hours of the start will be considered DNF.
- 13.3 The time reference for all boats shall be that which is provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology time as broadcast by radio station WWV in Fort Collins Colorado. These may be accessed by telephone at 303-499-7111, Internet at <http://time.gov/widget.html> or by radio. The station radiates at 10,000 Watts on 5, 10, and 15 MHz; and 2500 Watts on 2.5 and 20 MHz. Each competitor is responsible for calibrating their own clocks.
- 13.4 All boats are strongly encouraged to use the RaceQs smartphone application (<http://raceqs.com/>) to track their boat in the races. This free application will allow competitors to replay the race, with an opportunity to see where they may have performed well, or poorly, with respect to the other boats in the fleet. In addition, since the application uses GPS time to report position and location it can serve as a verification of events on the water, possibly to verify the reported finish time, or interactions between boats in the event of a protest.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 U.S. Sailing [Protest forms](#) are available at HRYC and online. Protests shall be filed on a U.S Sailing Protest Form and be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is Sunday, September 3rd at 1800. Boats that intend to file a protest must inform the R/C of their intentions when they report their finish time. All boats involved in the protest should be contacted by VHF and informed of their involvement by the boat filing the protest.
- 14.3 The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 (RRS) and 62.2 (RRS).
- 14.4 Protests shall be filed in person at HRYC.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance to rule 2.1 of the Sailing Instructions to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).

- 14.6 Protest hearings shall be scheduled as soon as possible after boats return to shore. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the time of the protest hearing. All protests hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL.
- 14.7 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.8 Breaches of instructions 16 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.9 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 64.
- 14.10 All boats shall carry at all times a US Sailing protest form and a standard protest flag.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 1. Scoring will be the low point system.
- 2. Additional scoring points (RRS Appendix A11):

DNS (Did Not Start) # of entrants +1	DGM (Disqualified, Gross Misconduct) # of entrants +5
OCS (Over Course Side) # of contestants +1	SCP (Scoring Penalty Taken) # of entrants + 20%
DNF (Did Not Finish) # of contestants +1	TLE (Time Limit Expired) last place +1
DSQ (Disqualified) # of entrants +1	

- 15.2 All boats shall be scored using their FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.
- 15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion
- 15.4 Ties will be broken in accordance with the RRS Appendix A, Section 8.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the committee boat, and state their boat name, sail number and fleet.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 16.4 All boats competing in the St. Augustine Dash shall comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the HRYC Rating Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or Wi-Fi network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.
- 21.2 RACEQS -- ***** A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or Wi-Fi network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
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23 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 (USD).