



NOTICE OF RACE

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK YOUTH SAILING REGATTA

420 One-Design

March 18 & 19, 2023

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1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), by the rules of the 420 Class Association as appropriate to the fleet and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions. Oral changes to these SI's may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

2. Event

The organizing authority is First Coast Sailing Association. The event will be hosted at The St. Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St Augustine, FL 32080.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 All skippers must submit a completed registration prior to the close of on-site registration.
- 3.2 The 420 fleet is open to junior sailors up to and including 18 years of age at the time of the regatta.
- 3.3 Competitors must have completed all parts of the entry form and Covid self-assessment form. Liability release documents must be signed by parent/guardian of any participating junior sailor prior to the close of on-site registration.

4. Registration; Entry Fees

- 4.1 Registration is online at www.staugustineraceweek.com
- 4.2 Registration fee is \$100 per boat payable at the time of registration and must be received by Midnight Friday, March 10. All registrations and payments received after that day must include a late fee of \$10. Credit cards can be used for online registration. Checks and credit cards will be accepted at registration desk.
- 4.3 Skippers and crew will receive T-Shirts, water bottles, a buff and a skippers bag. All skippers, crew and parents are invited to a pizza party Sunday afternoon at St. Augustine Yacht Club.

5. Safety and Adult Responsibility

- 5.1 Participants compete entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. All competitors under the age of 18 must have an adult representative designated and reachable during the event. The adult representative must sign a liability waiver at registration and agree in writing to be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 5.2 The adult representative (parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are responsible for the safety of the sailor. It is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to decide if the junior sailor shall sail in the weather and sea conditions present for the event. Parents not personally attending any part of the event must ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their junior sailor. It is the decision of the competitor's designated adult to enter the regatta and to start or continue any race. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the competitor. This includes insuring that the competitor wears a PFD and appropriate clothing for immersion in cold water. The designated adult will accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event

including financial responsibilities for boat damages if their sailor was found at fault for the damage. This also includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

6. Schedule (All times below are tentative - Please check regatta notice board for updates)

Friday, March 17

1600-1800 Boat / Trailer Drop off at SAYC (St. Augustine Yacht Club)

Saturday, March 18

0900-1015 Registration at SAYC – T-shirts & Skipper Packets distributed

1030 Skippers meeting on SAYC outside deck.

Races to start approximately at noon – Race course: downtown St. Augustine between the Castillo de San Marcos and the Bridge of Lions.

Coach boat launching (Lighthouse Boat Ramp). Trailer parking available in parking lot and SAYC parking lot.

1600 No races shall be started after this time.

End of day – skippers, crew and family are free to enjoy the Historic Old City.

Sunday, March 19

0845 Launch/Tow

0955 Warning signal for first race. Three or more races are scheduled

1400 No races shall start after this time.

After boats are put away, a pizza party and awards presentation will be held at St. Augustine Yacht Club.

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting.

8. Courses & Racing Area

8.1 Racing will take place on the Matanzas River in the vicinity of Castillo de San Marcos, 1 South Castillo Dr., St. Augustine, FL 3208. Sailing instructions will designate the course.

8.2 All competitors and boats must be towed from SAYC to the race course and back.

9. Measurement and Equipment

9.1 All competitors must supply their own equipment.

9.2 All competitors are allowed to use only one hull, centerboard, rudder (with tiller and extension), mast, boom, and set of sails during the regatta. Substitution of such equipment must be requested in writing to the Race Committee for approval. RC approval shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

9.3 All Equipment must be 420 class legal in weight and measurement.

9.4 All boats MUST have an attached bow line a minimum of 20' in length with a bowline on the end. The bowline must also stowed neatly and free of knots to assist with safety rescues.

10. Scoring

10.1 The Low-Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except each boat's worst score(s) will be discarded for every six (6) races completed. This changes rule A2

10.2 One race completed constitutes a regatta.

10.3 In case of a series tie, RRS A8.1 and A8.2 shall apply.

11. Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers overall.

12. Coaches and Support Boats

All coach and support boats must check in with regatta management at St. Augustine Yacht Club 442 Ocean Vista Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32080 for berthing assignments and a safety briefing. Each boat shall have a working VHF radio, an anchor suitable for the conditions, and a basic first aid kit. **All coach and support boat drivers must be tethered to an automatic engine shutoff while operating the boat.** Complete information for coaches and safety vessels will be included in the sailing instructions.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

St. Augustine Race Week Youth Sailing Regatta

March 18 & 19, 2023

1. RULES

- a. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ENTRIES

- a. 2.1 The Sailors must meet the eligibility requirements as stated in the Notice of Regatta.
- b. 2.2 Competitor Waivers will need to be completed prior to sailing in the event. The decision to sail or to compete in any race will be the sole responsibility of the competitor's designated adult representative and that adult representative accepts full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to this event.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Will be posted than no later than 10 minutes after the Skippers Meeting. Oral changes to these SI's may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a. 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the docked Race Committee Signal Boat. A repeat of the signal will be posted at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.
- b. 5.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after AP is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE

- a. Saturday, March 18
 1. Check-In/Registration – St. Augustine Yacht Club 0900
 2. Mandatory Support Boat Meeting 1020
 3. Mandatory Skipper's Meeting 1030
 4. Tow to the Race Course 1100
 5. Warning signal for first race 1155
 6. Last race cannot start after 1600
- b. Sunday, March 19
 1. Launch and tow 0845
 2. Warning signal 0955
 3. No race will be started after 1400
 4. Awards, Pizza, and Desert immediately following Pack Up at the St. Augustine Yacht Club

7. CLASS FLAGS

- a. Class Flags will be displayed at the skipper's meeting.

8. RACING AREA

- a. The racing area will be on the Matanzas River in front of the Castillo de San Marcos, North of the Bridge of Lyons. The location of each course will be described at the skipper's meeting.

9. COURSES & MARKS

- a. The attached diagrams show the courses, the course designations, the marks in order, and the rounding direction of each.
- b. The courses will use bright yellow inflated marks.

10. STARTS

- a. 10.1 Prior to the first race of each day competitors shall check in by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number.
- b. 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby orange starting buoy. Boats not racing shall stay clear of the starting area. Boats shall not sail through the starting line unless they are starting.
- c. 10.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Boats who fail to start 3 minutes after their starting signal may be scored DNS.
- d. 10.4 The RC intends to hail premature starters. Failure of the RC to hail a premature starter or a competitor's failure to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for redress; the skipper is solely responsible for starting in accordance with the RRS.

11. FINISHING

- a. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the RC signal boat and the nearby red finishing buoy. Boats shall not sail through the finish line unless they are finishing.

12. TIME LIMIT

- a. 12.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to finish.
 1. Boats racing more than 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE and will receive two more points than the last finisher, but not more than DNF. This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4, A5 and adds to A11.
- b. 12.2 If boats are delaying the start of the next race the RC may terminate the race and score those boats in the place they would have finished.

13. PROTESTS

- a. 12.1 Competitors intending to protest must inform the RC immediately after finishing the race to be protested and before communicating with coaches, parents, or spectators. Written protests shall be delivered to the protest committee within 60 minutes of the relevant RC signal boat docking. The official docking times will be displayed on the official notice board and forms will be available from the Race Committee Signal Boat on shore.
- b. 12.2 A list of protests will be displayed within 30 minutes after the protest time expiration. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day. The location of each hearing will be noted on the official notice board.

14. SCORING

- a. 14.1 The low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except that each boat's worst score(s) will be discarded for every six (6) races completed. This changes rule A2.
- b. 14.2 One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

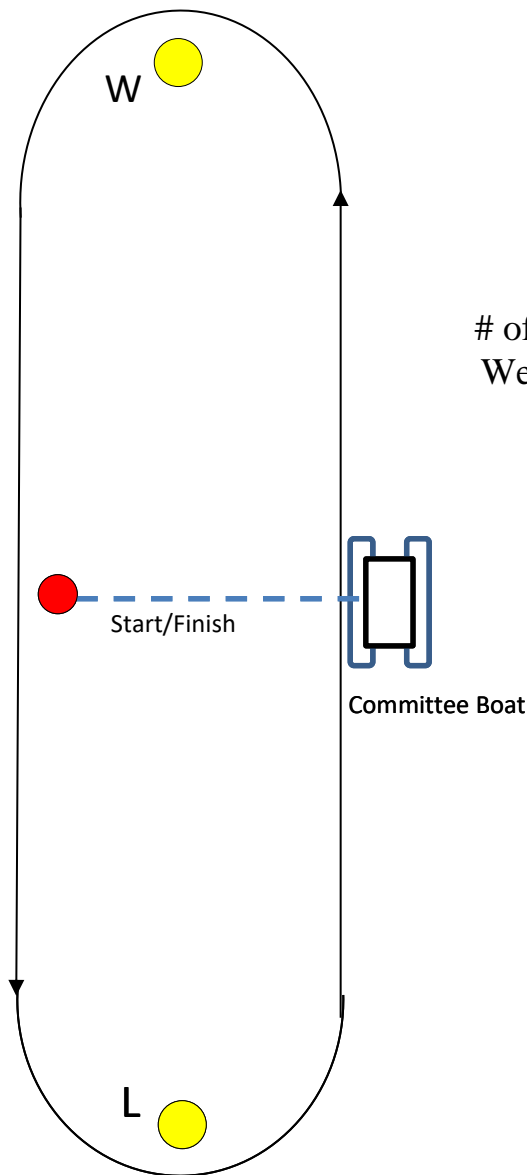
15. ENVIRONMENTAL & SAFETY

- a. 15.1 Competitors shall not discharge trash into the water. Any competitor who throws trash into the water is subject to disqualification. Such disqualification will be posted on the official notice board and any competitor so disqualified MAY NOT request a hearing.

- b. 15.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify an RC vessel before leaving the racing area if possible. Sailors are NOT permitted to leave the race course unaccompanied. All racers retiring from a race must approach a safety boat and get under tow to return to their launching place.
- c. 15.3 Support, spectator, and coach boats shall stay well clear of the course while any race is in progress unless rendering assistance to any vessel in danger. If a competitor receives such assistance they shall retire. After the finish coaches and spectators shall not communicate with competitors until they are well clear of the finish area. There is no coaching of competitors while they are on the race course. No wake is permitted within 500 yards of the race course while boats are racing. Violation of any part of this section may result in a penalty being assessed up to and including disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the vessel violating this instruction.

16. TROPHIES

- a. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers overall.



420 COURSE
S-W-L-F
Start/Finish line is closed
of laps will be indicated on course board.
Weather Mark is a large yellow inflatable.
Finish Mark is a red ball.