

NOTICE OF RACE - Inshore

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK, 2023

Tuesday, March 21 & Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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The St. Augustine Race Week Inshore Series is two days of Inshore Racing, **March 21st & 22nd, 2023** with multiple races each day on the Tolomato River North of the Vilano Bridge. Race courses will be set between River Markers 57 and 54. Race Week includes Live Entertainment, Drinks and Food in and around the Race Week Event Tent. The final **Awards Party** will be held Saturday evening, **March 25th at the St. Augustine Yacht Club**. An associated Youth Regatta (separate NoR/Sl) will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 18th & 19th off the downtown Bayfront quay.

A Competitor's Meeting is scheduled for **9 am March 21st at Camachee Cove Marina**.

1 RULES First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for St. Augustine Race Week. The Regatta shall be governed by the current "**Racing Rules of Sailing**" (RRS) as amended by the US Sailing Prescriptions; the PHRF rules of the FCSA (<http://www.sailjax.com>); and class rules for any One-Design class established.

2 ADVERTISING Comply with current World Sailing Regulation 20: <http://www.sailing.org/documents/regulations/regulations.php>

3 FEES **The Regatta Fee of \$186.37 (including tax)** will cover two days of racing; four Event Passes for Thursday and Friday including Drink Tickets; two Awards Dinner Passes for Saturday at SAYC; and a Skipper's Bag with Regatta Hat and Shirt, local Discount Coupons and other Goodies. Additional Award Dinner Event Passes are available for \$25 + tax.

4 ENTRY FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION Prior to racing, each yacht shall be registered and shall submit (1) the proper Fee; (2) a Crew Declaration form including a landside emergency contact (which may be updated at the Competitors' Meeting); and (3) a copy of a current PHRF certificate or similar (if not issued by FCSA) for possible adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings.

Register and obtain forms by selecting the Blue "CLICK TO REGISTER" Button on this website www.StAugustineRaceWeek.com or from the link at <http://www.sailjax.com>.

5 CLASSES – Note the latest changes from previous NOR dated 11.30.2022

Class 1 (Performance) and Class 2 as previously announced will be COMBINED INTO A SINGLE CLASS due to limited entries as of 02.07.2023. Boats in this class do not have to abide by the FCSA Bylaws, Section 3.2.2 (Inshore Racing) of the PHRF Rules.

6 PRIZES Trophy Flags for individual races will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Regatta trophies will be awarded for overall 1st thru 3rd.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Obtain sailing instructions and scratch sheets from the regatta website or at the Competitors' Meeting.

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1.2 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES

The following sections of these Sailing Instructions alter provisions of the RRS:

1.2.1 Failure to start within time limit – Sailing Instructions 10.5.3

1.2.2 Time limit – Sailing Instructions 12

1.2.3 Establishment of arbitration procedures – Sailing Instructions 14.3

1.2.4 Competitors shall display Regatta Burgee – Sailing Instructions 5

1.2.5 Even if not racing, if the Race Committee observes a participating yacht obstructing the passage of a vessel not involved in the Regatta and in violation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the Race Committee may proceed against the yacht under RRS 60.2.

1.3 TIME - All published times used in association with the race will be Eastern Daylight Saving Time (UTC minus 4 hours) in 24-hour format. Official Race Committee time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: (202) 762-1401 or (202) 762-1069.

1.4 USE OF ENGINE

1.4.1 In accordance with RRS 42.3(i) - In an emergency, an engine or other means of propulsion may be used when appropriate to avoid collision or in grave emergency. Full details shall be given to the Protest Committee who, after a hearing, may impose a penalty.

1.4.2 An engine may be used to supply power for charging batteries, pumping, weighing anchor, or other necessary purposes, provided mechanical propulsion is not engaged.

2 RADIO COMMUNICATION - The Race Committee will monitor VHF 78A during races, and may, as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a yacht(s) while racing. For this and safety reasons yachts must monitor both Ch 16 and 78A while racing.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - No signals will be made ashore. Yachts should monitor VHF 78A prior to leaving dock on days of adverse weather in case the Race Committee declares postponement or abandonment.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS - All VHF announcements are only an aid to competitors and are supplementary to any flag signals or official notices. Failure to make any announcement via VHF will not be grounds for redress.

5 REGATTA BURGEEES - While racing, each yacht shall fly from her backstay or her starboard shroud (if no backstay) the official Race Week burgee, to be distributed along with each Skipper's Bag when registering.

6 RACING AREA - The racing area will be on the Tolomato River (ICW), north of the Vilano Bridge.

7 COURSES - Races will be sailed on courses between Markers 54 and 57 as shown on the attached diagrams. Starting and finishing will be between the Committee Boat and a mark in the vicinity of Marker 55. The courses will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions and may vary between races.

8 **SCHEDULE OF THE RACES** - The first warning signal for each day's racing is scheduled for 1025. Three races will be held each day, if time allows. Boats will be allowed one 'throw-away' **if 5, or more, races are completed**, otherwise all will count.

9 **CLASSES** - Boats will race in one PHRF fleet. Daysailors and sport boats are encouraged to participate. Boats will be assigned a PHRF rating by the race committee if they do not already have one. Boats can elect to fly a spinnaker but must declare so before the start of each race and hence will use a lower handicap for that race.

10 THE STARTS, CLASS FLAGS & STARTING SEQUENCE

10.1 The starting line for both classes will connect between an orange flag displayed on the RC boat and a mark in the vicinity of Government Marker 55.

10.2 Once the RC boat is on station at the start line, each yacht shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal ~~of the first class~~ by sailing past the stern of the RC boat and hailing its boat name. Alternatively, yachts may hail the RC boat on VHF 78A for this purpose. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

10.3 Rule 30.1 "I Flag Rule" (sometimes called the 'Round-an-End Rule') will NOT be in effect for all races.

10.4 Start Sequence – The start order will be Class 1 followed by Class 2 (if there is a second Class)..

10.5.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26: 5 minute warning signal as follows:

5 minutes before the start	Class Flags Raised	Class 1 = Code flag 5 (blue/yellow) Class 2 = Code flag 6 (black/white)	Horn
4 minutes before the start	Preparatory Signal	"P" Flag raised (blue with white square)	Horn
1 minute before the start	"P" Flag Removed		Long horn
0 time	The Start	Class Flags Removed	Horn

10.5.2 The warning signal for succeeding starts will be made after the ~~preceding class~~ last boat clears the line.

10.5.3 Yachts that have not properly started within 10 minutes of their class start may be scored DNS.

11 **THE FINISHES** - The finish line will connect between a solid orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the designated finish mark, a mark in the vicinity of Marker 55.

12 **TIME LIMITS** - Modifying RRS 35, and inclusive of all races, there will be a fixed time limit for each race of 2 hours after the start of each race; yachts finishing after the time limit will be scored DNF.

13 **PENALTY TURNS** - A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS 44 shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 A Yacht intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee of that intent immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat.

14.2 Protests shall be filed on an official US SAILING protest form with the Race Committee not more than 2 hours after the final yacht finishes the final race of the day (RRS 61.3).

14.3 ARBITRATION - For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an optional short arbitration hearing may be held prior to proceeding with an official protest hearing (modifies RRS Part 5, B).

15 SERIES SCORING

15.1 Race and Series scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System.

15.2 Each day's scored racing will be combined to count for that day's class awards. Two days scored races are required to constitute the Series. Boats will be allowed one 'throw-away' **if 5, or more, races are completed**, otherwise all will count.

16 RACE RESULTS - Results will also be posted on the regatta registration website and on www.sailjax.com. Overall Regatta Results will also be e-mailed to the addresses given on the registration documents. Any request for clarification of the results shall be raised as soon as possible, and in any case, within 5 days of e-mail publication.

17 RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

17.1 The safety of a yacht or sailing vessel and its crew, the decision as to whether or not to start, and having started, whether or not to continue is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht's designated skipper. *For the purpose of this section, the term "yacht" shall mean the designated skipper as representative of the owner, and in the absence of the designated skipper, members of the remaining crew.*

17.2 A yacht is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3 It is for the yacht to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By going to sea the yacht confirms that it is fit for those conditions and its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

17.4 The yacht is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.

17.5 Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the yacht.

17.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the yacht of its responsibilities.

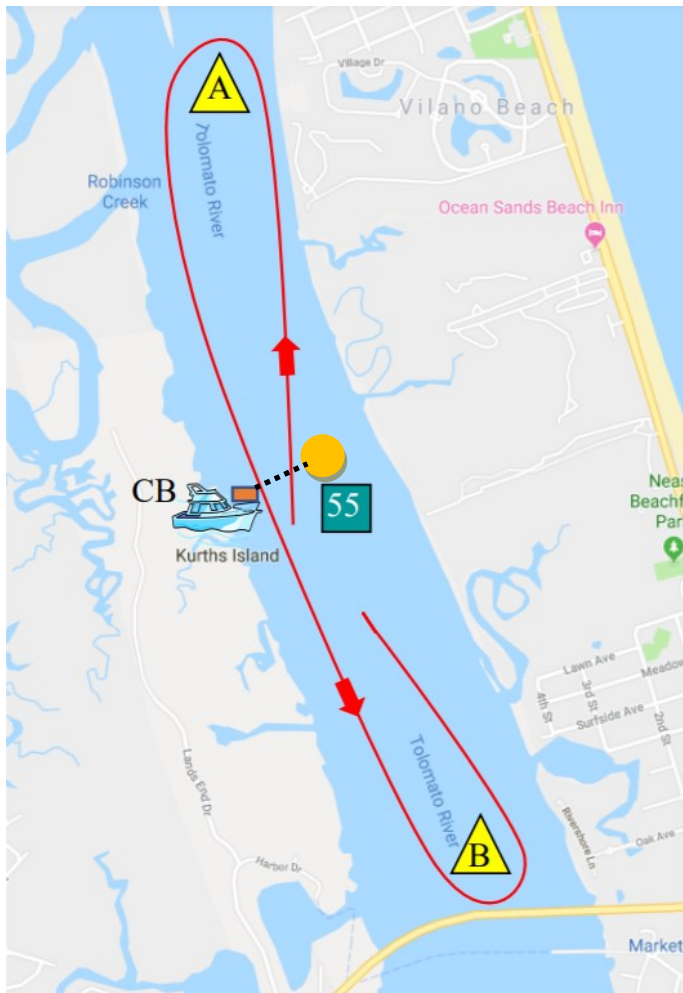
17.7 The yacht is responsible for ensuring that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, and in date - and that crew members know how to use it.

17.8 The yacht is responsible for adhering to all local, state, federal, and international laws and regulations governing the operation in the body of waters where the race and race events shall be held. This includes conformance to the United States Coast Guard Safety Regulations.

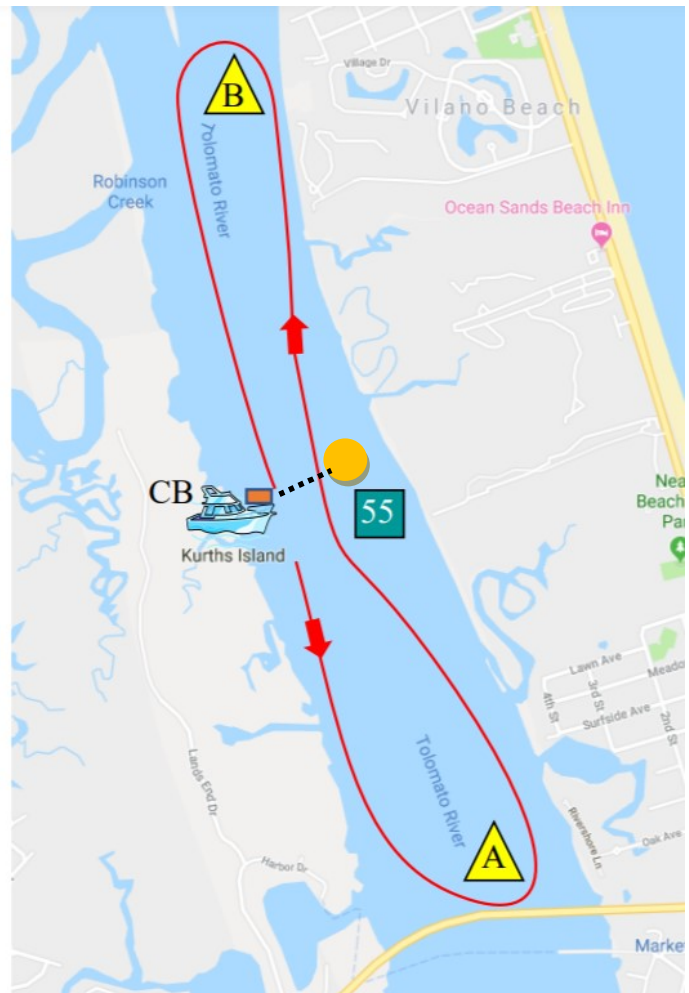
17.9 Inspection of a yacht by the Race Committee does not reduce the responsibilities of the yacht set out here.

17.10 All yachts must comply with Nav Rules bearing in mind that the Tolomato River is considered a narrow channel by commercial vessels such as barges, river cruise line boats, etc. Hence all yachts become the give way vessel.

St Augustine Race Week 2023 – Inshore Courses



NORTH COURSE



SOUTH COURSE

1. The start/finish line will be between the Orange Flag on the Committee Boat (CB) and a pin end mark in the vicinity of Marker 55.
2. All temporary turning marks will be positioned east of the main channel.
3. Boats will start heading either north or south.
4. The race committee will identify Mark A and Mark B prior to starting. They will be suitable temporary marks.
5. The race committee will specify the number of laps to be sailed.
6. Boats may not pass west of the Committee Boat, or east of the pin end of the start/finish line while racing. In other words, the start/finish line must be crossed each time it is passed. Therefore, the committee boat and the pin end are marks of the course, as such RRS 18 applies. They should not be considered obstructions.
7. All other marks shall be rounded to port.

As an example, the race committee might make the following radio announcement: “Today’s race shall be Course - South, once around. Mark A is in the vicinity of Government Marker 57. Mark B is a yellow tetrahedron approximately 0.75 miles north of Government Marker 55.”

This should be interpreted and sailed as follows: (i) Start between CB and Mark heading south (ii) round Mark A to port (iii) head north, leaving Mark to starboard and CB to port (iv) round Mark B to port (v) head south, finish with CB to starboard and Mark to port.

Race committee may shorten course for one or more classes according to RRS 32.2 and may finish boats between CB and the mark at the other end of the start/finish line.