



Halifax River Yacht Club

2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint

Notice of Race



1 RULES

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint will be: The 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Notice of Race (NOR), the 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Sailing Instructions (SI), the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the 2023 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2023 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 the Regatta Network web site. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25749>

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** The Starlight Regatta and Sprint is open to all single or multi-hulled sailing vessels, with a minimum of 20 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 on the Regatta Network web site. The required fee may be paid online or can be sent/delivered 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 \$75.00. This fee includes entry for skippers and crews in the Starlight Regatta and Sprint. The entry fee shall be discounted if entered in the 2023 Commodores Cup Race Series. Fees must be paid no later than the Skipper Check-In period.
- 4.2** Entrants will have the use of Halifax River Yacht Club facilities on event days. Dock space will be provided to all competitors as available at HRYC. Contact the yacht club to arrange. (Dockmaster 386-290-9454) Rafting may be required.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** The Starlight Regatta and Sprint will be held on Thursday - Saturday, August 31 - September 2, 2023.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Starlight Regatta and Sprint races will be 1755 EDT on Friday, September 1, 2023.
- 5.3** Thursday, August 31:
- Skipper check-in (1600-1700).
 - Competitors Meeting (1700).
 - Rum Party (1700-2000) (RSVP requested for planning - See 17.1).
 - Taco buffett (1730-1930) - \$20 /person tax and tip included.

- 5.4 Friday, September 1: Warning for the start at 1755 EDT.
- 5.5 Saturday, September 2: There will be an awards ceremony and modest dinner at the St. Augustine Yacht Club at 1700 EDT. We will have the details of this meal before the Skipper Check-In, where we will collect an estimated headcount.
- 6 MEASUREMENTS / RATING**
- 6.1 Each entrant must have a current First Coast Sailing Association PHRF rating. The fee for this rating is the responsibility of the applicant.
- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the Regatta Network web site and will be emailed to registered competitors when posted.
- 8 THE COURSE**
- 8.1 The Starlight Regatta and Sprint is a race within a race, consisting of a single start. From the starting line, near the Ponce Inlet (R#2) Sea Buoy, the course continues in a northwesterly direction towards Racing's North Turn Restaurant, after passing a GPS waypoint to starboard, continuing up the coast to the Main St. Pier where times will be collected for the Sprint race. Competitors will continue approximately 43 nm to the St Augustine Sea Buoy (MoA) where the competitor's recorded time will be used for the Starlight Regatta.
- 8.2 Competitors will record and report their own times at both the Main St. Pier and at the St Augustine Sea Buoy. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9 SCORING**
- 9.1 All yachts shall be scored using their FCSA 2023 PHRF Valid Rating and corrected *time on time*.
- 9.2 Competitors should declare Performance or Cruising class at time of registration. Multi-hull entries should contact the R/C for guidance. The entered rating will declare your use of a spinnaker, if desired. All sail decisions related to ratings must be final by the end of Skipper Check-In, 1700 on August 31.
- 9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion. All ratings are verified with the published FCSA ratings. (<http://www.sailjax.com/2023/2023-PHRF-Ratings.pdf>)
- 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

14.2 Trophies will be awarded at the St. Augustine Yacht Club on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 1700 EDT. Dress is “responsible casual”, and reservations are requested. We will gather this information at Skipper Check-In.

15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage 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 overseen 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

karen@hryc.com or hrycrc@gmail.com

Club: 386-255-7454

Todd Stebleton Race Chair: 386-547-3555



Starlight Regatta and Sprint



August 31 - September 2, 2023
Halifax River Yacht Club
Daytona Beach, FL
Sailing Instructions



1 RULES

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- 1.2 Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the Regatta Network site.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board available at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25749>.
- 2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on **channel 72**. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the 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 hours on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25749>.

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 single start is Friday, September 1, 2023.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal will be 1755 EDT.
- 5.3 **Thursday, August 31, 2023:** Skipper check-in (1600-1700 EDT), Rum Party and Competitors' Meeting (1700 EDT).
- 5.4 **Friday, September 1, 1755 EDT**, warning signal for the start.
- 5.5 **Saturday, September 2, 1700 EDT**, awards and dinner at St. Augustine Yacht Club.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint is a race in a race, both beginning with the common start at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy (R#2).
- 6.2 **Race 1:** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a northwesterly direction passing between shore and a waypoint off of the Racing's North Turn Restaurant, continuing parallel to the coast for approximately 7 nm to finish at the Main St. Pier, in Daytona Beach FL.

6.3 Race 2: From the same start line near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy and following the course for Race 1, after passing the Main St. Pier (as described in 6.2 and 11.2), the course continues in a mostly northerly direction, approximately 43.7 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 that are not explicitly included in the course can be left to either side.

7.2 The following locations are provided for use as individually described.

Ponce Inlet R#2*	29° 04.767' N 80° 53.467' W
Racing's North Turn Restaurant	29° 06.567' N 80° 56.050' W
Pass west of this location, located on the 30' contour from NOAA chart.	
Main St. Pier area	29° 13.750' N 80° 59.917' W
Pass west of this location, located on the 30' contour from NOAA chart.	
Finish as described in 11.2.	
St. Aug. Inlet MoA*	29° 55.067' N 81° 15.333' W
Finish as described in 11.3.	

* Mark location is accurate enough to provide visual contact.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

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

9 THE START

9.1 There will be a single start for both Cruising and Performance classes with a warning at 1755 EDT. 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. OCS competitors may choose the scoring penalty if they fail to restart, if they are OCS in the final minute of the sequence.

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 for each of the races is described here. Each competitor should record their own times at each of these locations and subsequently report them as described in 11.4.

11.2 **The finish line for Race 1** to the Main St. Pier will be an imaginary line extending eastward from the northeastern corner of the pier. A yacht shall record their own finish **when they are able to sight along the north side of the pier from the helmsman’s normal position**. If the R/C is present at the pier: (1) they will announce the time over the radio. (2) Approaching vessels should hail the R/C before they arrive at the pier. The presence of the R/C will be announced before the start, if they are available.

11.3 **The finish line for Race 2** will be an imaginary line extending northward from the St. Augustine sea buoy. A yacht shall record its finish **when the sea buoy is directly south (180°) of the helmsman’s normal position**. The buoy shall be kept to port while finishing. Finished yachts should stay clear of the finish area after they have completed the course.

11.4 All boats are instructed to report their finish time as soon as possible after finishing each race, ideally within 30 minutes of completing the race. This instruction refers to each of the individual races. Finish times should be sent by text message to 386.679.6314 and 386.547.3555, providing: *name of the boat, the race number (1 or 2), and the local time of day (using 24 hour format)* for their finish. Do not report elapsed time.

11.5 A yacht shall report their finish time as soon as is possible within a safe and practical limit. Ideally within 60 minutes of completing any of the races. A yacht can be penalized using the scoring penalty

(SI 12.1) if the R/C decides a significant delay (more than 60 minutes) was unwarranted. Note, it is suggested that finish times at the St. Augustine sea buoy are reported **BEFORE** a vessel turns into the inlet, when skipper and crew need to focus on other items.

11.6 Any yacht failing to report its finish time within the protest time limit will be scored DNF in the race.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 (RRS), is modified for those boats not exonerating themselves under Rule 44.1. A boat will accept a 1% adjustment to their elapsed time for those that accept the scoring penalty. The time limit to report accepting of the scoring penalty is at the time of the reported finish times.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limit for all classes to complete Race 2 is 18 hours, or 1200 EDT 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. This is also the time limit for Race 1.

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 <https://time.gov/> 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 online and on the event web site. 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 Saturday, September 2nd at 1400 EDT, or two hours after the time limit, whichever is later. Boats that intend to file a protest must inform the R/C of their intentions when they report their finish time. Provide the names of all other competitors that are involved. All boats involved in the protest should be contacted by VHF (or audible hail) and informed of their involvement by the boat filing the protest at the time of the incident.

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 can be filed in person at SAYC, or the completed protest form may be emailed to hrycrc@gmail.com with the subject of “2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Protest for [race #]”. For electronic submissions, the deadline is based on the time it was received, not the time it is read.

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 no later than the deadline to file. All protest hearings will be held at SAYC before the awards are given out.

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 Scoring will be separate for each race using the low point system.
- 15.2 All boats shall be scored using their 2023 FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on time*.
- 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 7.

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. The R/C may accept VHF check-in on channel 72.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. See 11.4 for contact numbers.
- 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 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint should comply with all current World Sailing OSR Category 4 requirements.
- 16.5 **From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).**

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, or otherwise identified on the water.

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.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes 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
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded at the 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Awards Dinner, 1700 on September 2, 2023 at St. Augustine Yacht Club. (Separate costs, details will be shared at the skipper check-in.)

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be overseen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.
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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).

Link to Regatta web site



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