



St. Augustine Yacht Club

Meehan's Memorial Race

Notice of Race: September 3, 2023

1 RULES

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

2 Eligibly and Entry

2.1 All sailboats as defined in FCSA PHRF Rules.

2.2 At the discretion of the Race Committee, provisional ratings may be given, while ratings are being processed by FCSA. FCSA membership and valid rating are required to be eligible for prizes.

2.3 Entry may be done online or by presenting entry form found at <https://www.staugustineyachtclub.com/regatta/mFWymAzLyq>

3 Fees

2.1 Entry Fee will be \$60.00 (\$45.00 SAYC Members) for the regatta, payment must be received prior to racing. SAYC Members may charge their house account. As a courtesy, non-members who participated in the HYC Starlight Regatta and stayed over to race Meehan will be charged the discounted rate.

4 Schedule

4.1 Skipper's Meeting will be held at the St. Augustine Yacht Club at 1000 on September 3, 2023.

4.2 First warning signal will be at 1255.

5 Sailing Instructions & Classes

5.1 Classes will be Performance & Cruising Mono-hulls. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be declared at or before the skipper's meeting.

5.2 Sailing Instructions will be available on 8/12/2023 at <https://www.staugustineyachtclub.com/regatta/mFWymAzLyq>

6 Venue & Courses

6.1 Racing will be in the vicinity of STA East of the Saint Augustine Inlet.

6.2 Courses will be provided in Sailing Instructions and at the skippers meeting.

6.3 In the event of adverse weather racing will occur north of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River.

7 Penalty System

7.1 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

8 Scoring

8.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low Point Scoring as defined in RRS Appendix A.

8.2 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time.

9 Radio Communication

9.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

9.2 Race Committee will use VHF Channel 72 for course announcements and registration.

10 Prizes

10.1 Results will be announced at the SAYC after racing. All participants are encouraged to attend for cocktails and dinner.

10.2 Prizes will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class, with at least 3 boats competing, at the SAYC Awards Banquet in November.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 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.

12 SAYC Associate Membership

12.1 A portion of the non-member skipper's registration fee will pay for and grant a SAYC Associate Membership of the skipper for the duration of events hosted at the SAYC, that are directly related to this race, regatta or series. By registering for this event and attending any related event hosted at the SAYC clubhouse, skippers (non-member or otherwise) acknowledge that they are responsible for the conduct of their guests (the SAYC Code of Conduct may be found on the notice board inside the clubhouse) and any debt that their guests may incur.

13 Insurance

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14 Further Information

14.1 For further information please contact Richard Amerling, Rear Commodore of Sail, SAYC – sailcommodore.staugustineyc@gmail.com – 646-637-8546.



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September 3, 2023: Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, latest version*.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between these instructions and Notice of Race, these instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official event website:
<https://www.staugustineyachtclub.com/regatta/mFWymAzLyq>

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to the end of the skipper's meeting.

4 Signals made Ashore

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore.
- 4.2 If the race is to be cancelled or postponed prior to 1100 September 3, 2023 it will be announced as cancelled or postponed via email and/ or text to participants.
- 4.3 Skippers Meeting at the SAYC Clubhouse 1000 September 3, 2023.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Schedule – September 18, 2022 – Starting Time 1300. Warning for first racing class at 1255.

6 Classes and Class Flags

- 6.1 Classes will be determined at or before the skipper's meeting. Declaration of Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker must be declared at or before the skipper's meeting.

7 Racing Areas

- 7.1 Weather Dependent - announced at Skipper's Meeting or via VHF Channel 72 no later than 1130 should the inlet prove to be impassable
 - 7.1.1 **Primary** - In the vicinity of ATON "STA" to the East of the St Augustine Inlet, Saint Augustine, FL.
 - 7.1.2 **Secondary** - North of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River, Saint Augustine, FL.

8 Marks & Courses

8.1 Primary

- 8.1.1 Course description and coordinates may be given at the skipper's meeting or via VHF channel 72.
- 8.1.2 The course is intended to be a triangle course offshore for the Cruising Class, and a windward-leeward course for the Performance Class. Number of laps to be announced on Channel 72 before the starting sequence.
- 8.1.3 In the event a race committee boat is not available, check-ins will be done at the skippers' meeting.
- 8.1.4 The committee boat will drop a mark to use with ATON STA as the start/ finish mark.
- 8.1.5 Robbie, our robotic mark, will be the windward mark for both Cruising and Performance classes; a reaching mark will be set for the Cruising class using GPS location. It is recommended that cruising boats save their GPS tracks, or take a picture of their GPS showing time and coordinates indicated that they have successfully "rounded" the virtual "mark". All marks will be left to port (Exception: Leeward gate for Performance Class)
If more than one lap, the inflatable buoy and StA (start-finish line) will be used as a leeward gate by the Performance Class. The northernmost of these will be the leeward mark for the Cruising Class.
- 8.1.6 The **starting line** will be between StA and an inflatable anchored buoy.
- 8.1.7 The **finish line** will be between StA and an inflatable anchored buoy.
- 8.1.9 **The Start**
 - 8.1.9.1 If a race committee boat is not on station, the start may be self-timed using GPS time. If present, RC will time the start with horn blasts but not with flags.
 - 8.1.9.2 Any boat observed to be OCS may be protested by the observing boat. Along with the requirements of RRS 61.1, the protesting boat shall also make an announcement to the fleet via VHF channel 72.
 - 8.1.9.2. Cruising and Performance Classes will start simultaneously

8.1.10 The Finish

8.1.10.1 If no committee boat is on station, each competitor shall report her finish over VHF 72 at the earliest opportunity.

8.1.10.2 Likewise, Each competitor shall report her finish time as "Yacht Name XX:XX:XX" via text to 646-637-8546 at the earliest opportunity, and in no case later than 60 minutes after their finish time.

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8.2 Secondary

8.2.1 Course description and coordinates may be given at the skipper's meeting or via VHF channel 72.

8.2.2 Race committee will indicate direction and laps via VHF Channel 72, no later than 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

8.2.3 The Start

8.2.3.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

8.2.3.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

8.2.3.3 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

8.2.4 The Finish

8.2.4.1 In accordance with 8.2.1

8.2.4.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

9 Penalty System

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 Time Limits

10.1 For all classes the time limit will be 3 hours.

10.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet this time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 Protests and Requests for Redress

11.1 Protest forms are available at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

11.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 120 minutes for the primary racing area and 90 minutes for the secondary racing area after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Saint Augustine Yacht Club as soon as practical thereafter.

11.4 Boats intending to file protest must notify the Designated Boat as soon as possible after finishing the race that the incident occurred in, either by hailing the Designated Boat or via VHF Channel 72.

12 Scoring

12.1 Low Point Scoring will be used as defined in RRS Appendix A.

12.2 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time.

13 Safety Regulations

13.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or the Designated Boat as soon as possible.

13.2 All boats must check-in with the Race Committee or the Designated Boat, via VHF Channel 72, or by sailing within hailing distance of the committee boat, no later than 5 minutes before the first warning signal

13.3 See RRS 27.1 and 40.

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