



Sailing club holds its third race of the season

The club's next race scheduled for April 27

Amelia Island Sailing Club held its third race of the 2024 season on Saturday, March 16, in Cumberland Sound. The 10-nautical mile race started at 11 a.m., with the addition of an extra two legs in the Amelia River added to allow time for a submarine to pass by on its way to Kings Bay.

The weather was beautiful, slightly overcast with breaks of sunshine and temperatures in the mid-70s. Winds from the south/southwest were light and variable in the range of 5-10 knots with no gusts, and the tide was incoming for the whole event, resulting in challenging currents impacting the race.

A marvelous turnout of nine boats competed in the race involving 31 sailors. The racing was nice and close for the first several legs and mark roundings, after which the performance boats increased their leads over the cruising sailboats in the light winds and currents.

Bill Kavanaugh extended his winning streak on Tiger Tale with wife Anne and several of their children and grandchildren as crew. Finishing second was Wilby Whitt's Misty, with Fred Eichmann on the helm. Steve Boice and crew skillfully sailed Miss Marsha to finish third for the day.

The other boats competing and finishing in order were Graeme Nichol on Fin, Jos Wolke on Lola, Rene Brand at the helm of Justin Pelham-Webb's Valkyrie, Gary Sanders on Salty Sally, Norm Wentworth on Morning Glory and Tom MacArthur on Rebecca's Reach.

The next AISC race is on Saturday, April 27, and the annual Coastal Cup Race from Amelia Island to St. Simons Island is on Saturday, May 18.

The sailing club also wishes good luck to Justin Pelham-Webb on Valkyrie and Norm Wentworth on Morning Glory, who will be racing the ocean races in the annual Saint Augustine Race Week April 13-15.

Complete results and more race photos along with 2024 racing schedule are available on the AISC website 2024 Racing and Photos web pages at ameliaislandsailing-club.wildapricot.org.

All are welcome to race with AISC, requiring only a club membership at \$100 per year. Visit the club's website to learn more, and anyone with a boating interest is invited to join.

Members have sailboats, power boats and pontoon boats, and many have no boats. The club holds monthly dinner meetings, monthly races and other social events throughout the year.



The fleet heads to the second mark, above. Valkyrie and the submarine, below left. Tiger Tale, below right. *More photos, 2B.*



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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Amelia Island Sailing Club held its third race of the season on Saturday. Lola, Miss March, Valkyrie and Misty at the start, top. Rounding the first mark, above left. Fin and the submarine, above right.