



## Beautiful day for sailing club's eighth race



Finding a beautiful weather window within weeks of rain, the Amelia Island Sailing Club held its eighth race of its 2024 season on Saturday, Sept. 14. With many boat owners away, just four boats raced the 9.5-nautical mile course on the breezy overcast day in Cumberland Sound.

Racing was close, and the 16 sailors pushed their boats hard on the 10-leg course with the northeast winds steady in the low teens and occasionally gusting to 20 mph.

Morning Glory, Norm Wentworth's Catalina 355, nailed the start line at the mouth of the Amelia River at exactly 11 a.m. on starboard tack, followed closely by Gary Sanders on Salty Sally, his Hunter 336.

Valkyrie, Justin Pelham-Webb's J105 skippered by Rene Brand, and Tiger Tale, Bill Kavanaugh's Beneteau First 36.7 helmed by Jamie Kavanaugh, completed the fleet.

At the end of the first beat across the channel to Cumberland Island, Tiger Tale rounded the mark first with Morning Glory close behind, followed by Valkyrie and Salty Sally.

The boats sailed fast on the reaches up the south coast of the island, with Valkyrie passing Morning Glory. Tiger Tale maintained her lead for the rest of the race, with Valkyrie very close behind, followed by Morning Glory and Salty Sally.

In an extremely close finish, Tiger Tale took line honors with an elapsed race

Valkyrie close astern of Tiger Tale, top left. Tiger Tale overpowered on close reach, top right. Valkyrie close on heel of Tiger Tale, above left. Salty Sally on close reach, above right.

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time of one hour, 28 minutes, 55 seconds, and Valkyrie crossed the line a mere 29 seconds later.

Morning Glory finished the race eight minutes later, with Salty Sally finishing last. On PHRF handicap adjusted time, Morning Glory secured first-place victory by four minutes, 30 seconds ahead of Tiger Tale. Just 19 seconds back, Valkyrie finished in third place, followed by Salty Sally.

The remaining AISC Club race for the 2024 season is on

Saturday, Nov. 16. Complete results and more race photos of the this month's race are available on the AISC website 2024 at [ameliaisland-sailingclub.wildapricot.org](http://ameliaisland-sailingclub.wildapricot.org).

Come race in the annual 26-nautical mile Ocean Challenge Race from St. Simons Island to Amelia Island on Saturday, Oct. 12. This race is open to all seaworthy and insured monohull sailboats, and club membership is not required.

Registration is required for the Ocean Challenge Race, which can be done online by clicking on the race listed on Oct. 12 on the

Events page of the AISC website.

The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are also available on the website 2024 Racing page.

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.