Notice of Race – Inshore Series

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK 2026

Tuesday, April 14 & Wednesday April 15, 2026

www.staugustineraceweek.com

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The St. Augustine Race Week Inshore Series is two days of Inshore Racing, **April 14 & 15 2026** 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, **April 18 at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.** An associated Youth Regatta and RS Aero Regatta (separate NoR/SIs) will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 21 & 22 and April 11 and 12 off the downtown Bayfront quay and in Salt Run.

The Inshore Competitor's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday**, April 14th 2026 @ 9 am at the Camachee Cove Marina.**

The **Final Awards Party** will be held Saturday evening, **April 18th, 2026 at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.**

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) (https://www.sailing.org/racingrules/) 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:

https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/constitution-regulations/

3 FEES Registration begins January 1st, 2026. The regular Regatta Fee of $213.00 (including tax) covers 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 $30 + tax. Withdrawal prior to April 1 receive a full refund. Withdrawals after April 1 forfeit $70. Withdrawal after April 11 receive no refund.

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

Class 1 (Performance) will consist of lighter boats including daysailers and sport boats. Boats in this class do not have to abide by the FCSA Bylaws, Section 3.2.2 (Inshore Racing) of the PHRF Rules.

Class 2 will consist of heavier displacement boats. Yachts using performance sail materials (non-Dacron) cannot compete in Class 2.

The Race Committee reserves the right to assign any boat to a particular Class or combine classes.

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

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

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April 14th & 15th 2026

The First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority

Saint Augustine Race Week – SARW

NOTE - These Sailing Instructions are for Inshore Races - boats up to a nominal 34 ft. However, boats 24 ft. & under are preferred, since boats over 24 ft. are encouraged to participate in the offshore events.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) including US Sailing Prescriptions; the PHRF rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (www. sailjax.com); as modified by the event Notice of Race (NoR) and Sailing Instructions (SIs); and class rules for any One-Design class established.

1.2 Entrants in this Event shall at all times not obstruct the passage of a vessel not involved in the Regatta and in violation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. All boats must comply with Navigation Rules of the Road when in and near the Tolomato River. This is considered a narrow channel by commercial vessels such as barges, river cruise line boats, etc. and are thus vessels constrained by draft or restricted in their ability to maneuver. Hence all entrants herein become the give way vessel. Failure to comply with this Rule may be considered misconduct and may be penalized up to and including dismissal from the Event.

1.3 REGATTA BURGEES – Race Week burgees are not required for the Inshore series.

1.4 USE OF ENGINE - 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.

2. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the YachtScoring (YS) official notice board (ONB) before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Oral changes may be made on the water and will be communicated to each boat prior to her warning signal.

3. **COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS** –

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located at YachtScoring (YS) (2026 St. Augustine Race Week - YachtScoring.com).

3.2. On the water, the Race Committee will monitor VHF 78A, and may, as the circumstances dictate, communicate with a boat(s) while racing. For this, and safety reasons, boats must monitor both Ch 16 and 78A while racing. Failure of the RC to

make an announcement or of any competitor to receive same will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform the Race Committee of retirement, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.4. Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have withdrawn.

4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - No signals will be made ashore. The Race Committee will make announcements, if any, on VHF 78A starting at 0900 each day. Official announcements will be posted to the ONB. Failure of the RC to make an announcement or of any competitor to receive same will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

5. CODE OF CONDUCT - Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

6. **SCHEDULE**

6.1 The Competitors Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, on the patio at the Windward Camachee Marina.
6.2 The first warning signal for each day's race is scheduled for 1025. Up to three races will be held each day.
6.3 Winners' trophies for each day will be presented on Wednesday, April 15th during the Offshore Skippers' Meeting at the St Augustine YC (SAYC). Overall trophies will be presented at the Awards Party on Saturday April 18, 2026, at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

7**. CLASS FLAG(S**)

7.1 If only one class, Class flag will be a white flag
7.2 If there is a Class 1, the flag will be Numeral 5 7.3 If there is a Class 2, the flag will be Numeral 6

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

9. **COURSES** - Races will be sailed on courses between Markers 54 and 57 as shown on the Attachment 1. Starting and finishing will be between the Committee Boat and a mark in the vicinity of Marker 55. The courses will be selected on the day of the race depending on wind conditions and may vary between races.

10**. MARKS** See Attachment 1.

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11. **CLASSES** - Boats will race in one PHRF fleet unless there is a sufficient number of boats to form two classes. Daysailers 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 the series.

12. **THE STARTS & STARTING SEQUENCE**

12.1 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.

12.2 Once the RC boat is on station at the start line, each boat 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, boats may hail the RC boat on VHF 78A for this purpose. Boats failing to check in may be scored DNC.

12.3 Start Sequence – The start order will be Class 1 followed by Class 2 if there is one. Races will be started using RRS Rule 26:

~6 Minutes before the start	Attention Signal	Series of horn sounds
5 minutes before the start	Class Flag Raised	Horn
4 minutes before the start	Preparatory signal	Horn
1 minute before the start	Prep flag removed	Horn
0 time - The Start	Class Flag Removed	Horn

12.4 The warning signal for succeeding starts will be made after the preceding class last boat clears the starting area.

12.5 Boats that have not started within 10 minutes of their class start may be scored DNS.

13. **THE FINISHES** - The finish line is between a solid orange flag displayed on the RC boat and the course side of the designated finish mark, a mark in the vicinity of Marker 55. This changes Race Signals – blue flag.

14. **TIME LIMITS** - The time limit for each race is 2 hours after the start of each race for the first boat to finish. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in its class will be scored “TLE". This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. **PENALTY SYSTEM** - Appendix V applies. A boat that has taken a penalty under Appendix V1 shall report such to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hailing the RC boat.

16. **HEARING REQUESTS**

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

16.2 Protests, requests for redress, and scoring inquiries shall be filed on the YS event website by logging into the owner’s corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing; Protest / Hearing Request and Acceptance of Post- Race

Penalty forms are available on the ONB and may be submitted on line or on the patio at Windward Camachee Cove Marina not more than 2 hours after the last boat finishes the final race of the day (RRS 60.3). The Protest Time Limit time will be posted on the ONB.

16.3 Notices fulfilling the requirements of RRS 63.2 will be posted on the YS ONB within reasonable time after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the location and time of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practical after 17:00 each day. Hearings will be held at the Windward Camachee Cove patio area.

16.4 The Organizing Authority shall encourage arbitration prior to a protest hearing 17.

17. SERIES SCORING

17.1 Race and Series scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, Low Point System as changed below.

17.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute the Series.

17.3 Each day's scored racing will be combined to count for that day's class awards.

17.4 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores. (b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.5 Boats shall be scored for each race based on elapsed time for each boat, corrected based on Time on Distance calculations in accordance with PHRF Rules of First Coast Sailing Association.

18. **RACE RESULTS** - Results will 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.

19. RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

19.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the Sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

19.2 The regatta organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, technical committee, host club, sponsors, or any other participating 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 these events.

19.3 By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the regatta organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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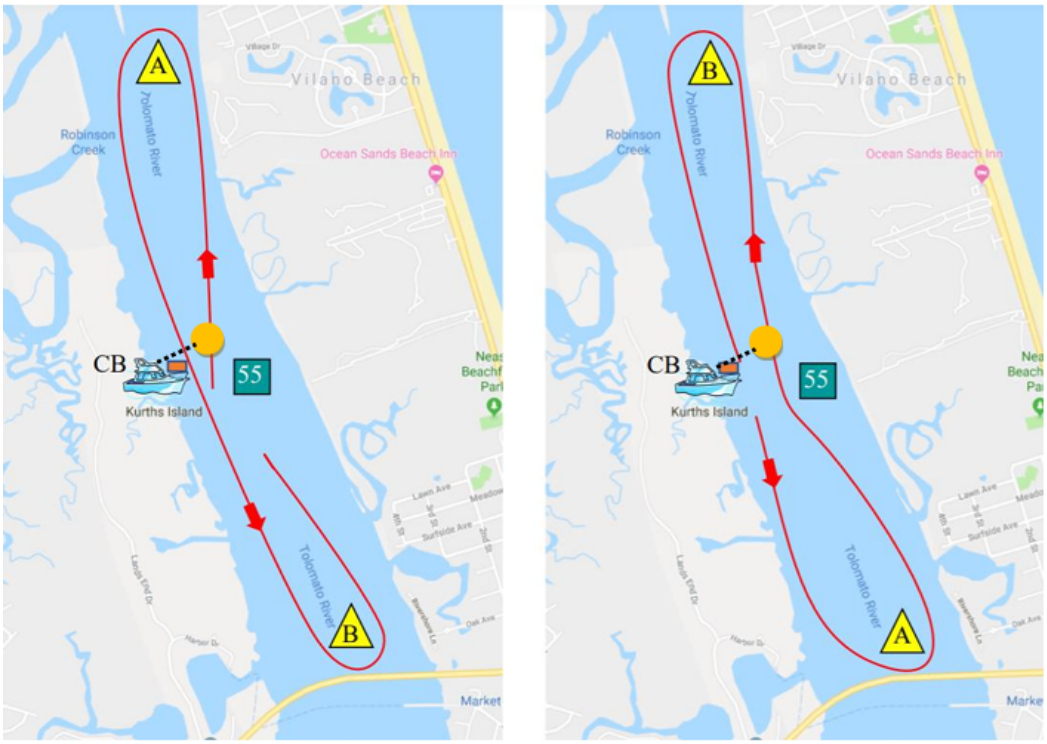
Attachment 1
St Augustine Race Week 2026 – Inshore Courses



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.