St. Augustine Sailing Sisters

SASS – SAYC Wendy Thomson Regatta

May 9, 2026—Notice of Race

The Saint Augustine Sailing Sisiters (SASS) in conjunction with SAYC are proud o present a Women's race featuring all women helmsppersons and encouraging all women or the majority of women crews.

1. **RULES**
   1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, and FCSA Bylaws.
2. **Eligibility and Entry**
   2.1. All sailboats as defined in FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.
   2.2. At the discretion of the Race Committee, provisional ratings may be given, while ratings are processed by FCSA. FCSA membership and valid rating are required to be eligible for prizes.
3. **Fees**
   3.1. Entry Fee will be SAYC Members $60.00 not inclusive of tax, non-members $70.00 not inclusive of tax. Payment must be received prior to racing. SAYC Members may charge their house account.
4. **Schedule – May 9th 2026**
   1000 - Skippers Meeting Camachee Cove (registrations closed at end of meeting)
   1255 - Mixed Crew Warning Signal (Start 1300)
   1305 - All Women Crew Warning Signal (Start 1310)
   1600 – Dinner with Ice Cream Social and awards at St. Augustine Yacht Club
5. **Sailing Instructions & Classes**
   5.1. One race scheduled for May 10, 2025
   5.2. Classes will be all women and mixed crew (at least 50% women). A woman must be on the helm at all times.
   5.3. Spinnakers must be declared prior to the end of the Skipper's Meeting.
   5.4. Sailing Instructions will be available at the skippers meeting and online.
6. **Venue & Courses**
   6.1 Racing will be in the vicinity of STA Buoy East of the Saint Augustine Inlet.
   6.2 Courses will be provided in Sailing Instructions and at the skipper's meeting.
   6.3 In the event of adverse weather racing will occur north of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River.
7. **Prizes**
   7.1. Prizes will be awarded both classes (All Women and Mixed Crew) at the SAYC Clubhouse after race party, starting at 1600.
8. **Disclaimer of Liability**
   8.1. 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.
9. **Insurance**
   9.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of $250,000 per incident or the equivalent.
10. **SAYC Associate Membership**
    10.1. 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.
11. **Further Information**
    11.1. For further information please contact Brigitte Wagner RCOS: 973-452-9417 rcos@sayc.club

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May 9, 2026 Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.

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.

1.4 Except in an emergency a woman shall be on the helm at all times.

2 Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

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 any race is to be cancelled, will be posted per SI 2.1

5 Schedule of Races – May 9, 2026

5.1 1000 - Skippers Meeting at Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor
1255 - Mixed Crew Warning Signal (Start 1300)
1305 - All Women Crew Warning Signal (Start 1310)

5.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a sequence of sounds at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

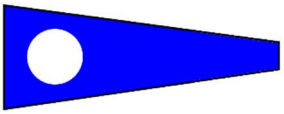
5.3 Depending on the number of boats entered, the RC may at their discretion combine the two classes into one start.

6 Classes and Class Flags

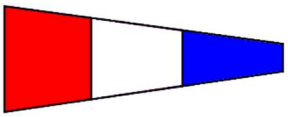
6.1 Classes will be Mixed Crew (at least 50% women) and All Women. Spinnaker/Non-Spinnaker Declaration must be made before the Skipper's Meeting ends.

6.2 Class Flags will be:

Mixed Crew - Code Flag 2



All Women Crew – Code Flag 3



7 Racing Areas

7.1 Weather Dependent - announced at Skipper's Meeting or via VHF Channel 72 no later than 0930 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

8.1 The course is intended to be a triangle course offshore, with both classes sailing around the triangle to finish.

8.2 The committee boat will announce the course either at the skippers' meeting or on VHF 72 not less than 15 minutes prior to the warning time. Check in with RC by sailing past the committee boat and hailing on VHF Channel 72 and specify boat name, mixed or all women crew, spinnaker or non-spinnaker.

8.3 The start-finish line shall be set between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable buoy.

8.4 All marks to be rounded to port.

9 The Start

9.1 The start-finish line shall be set between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable buoy.

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

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races

10 The Finish

10.1 The start-finish line shall be set between an orange flag on the committee boat and an inflatable buoy.

10.2 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.

11 Penalty System

11.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 Time Limits

12.1 For all classes the time limit will be 3 hours

12.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course 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).

13 Protests and Requests for Redress

13.1 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.

13.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.3 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.

14 Scoring

14.1 Low Point Scoring will be used.

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

14.3 A five (-5) second per mile adjustment be made for each male on-board in mixed crew.

15 Safety Regulations

15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

15.3 See RRS 27.1 and 40.

16 Radio Communication

16.1 Except in an emergency, or to comply with above instructions, 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.

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

17 Prizes

17.1 Prizes will be awarded both classes at the SAYC Clubhouse after race party, starting at 1600.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 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.

18.2 A signed current Race Waiver Form is required to be on file with SAYC.

19 Insurance

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

20 Further Information

20.1 For further information please contact Brigitte Wagner, Rear Commodore of Sail 973-452-9417, rcos@sayc.club