St. Augustine Yacht Club
2026 Liberty Cup Regatta
Notice of Race Change to NOR 7/10/2026

1. **Schedule – September 19, 2026**

   1000 Skippers Meeting at St Augustine Yacht Club

   1255 Warning signal will be at 1255 for all classes

   1700 Awards party and dinner at St. Augustine Yacht Club

Further Information

1.1. For further information please contact Brigitte Wagner RCOS 973-452-9417, rcos@sayc.club

St. Augustine Yacht Club
2026 Liberty Cup Regatta
Notice of Race

1. **Eligibility and Entry**
   1.1. All sailboats as defined in FCSA PHRF Rules and FCSA Bylaws.
   1.2. 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.
2. **Fees**
   2.1. 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.
3. **Schedule – July 12, 2026**
   1000 Skippers Meeting at St Augustine Yacht Club
   1255 Warning signal will be at 1255 for all classes
   1700 Awards party and dinner at Yacht Club
4. **Sailing Instructions & Classes**
   4.1. Classes will be Performance and Cruising as defined in FCSA Bylaws.
   4.2. Spinnakers must be declared prior to the end of the Skipper's Meeting.
   4.3. Sailing Instructions will be available at skippers meeting and online here.
5. **Venue & Courses**
   5.1 Racing will be in the vicinity of STA Buoy East of the Saint Augustine Inlet.
   5.2 Courses will be provided in Sailing Instructions and at the skipper's meeting.
   5.3 In the event of adverse weather racing will occur north of the Vilano Bridge in the Tolomato River.
6. **Prizes**
   6.1. Prizes will be presented at the After-Race Party commencing at 1700 at the SAYC. All participants are encouraged to attend.
   6.2. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for all classes.
7. **Disclaimer of Liability**
   7.1. 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.
8. **Insurance**
   8.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of $250,000 per incident or the equivalent.
9. **SAYC Associate Membership**
   9.1. 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.
10. **Further Information**
    10.1. For further information please contact Brigitte Wagner RCOS 973-452-9417, rcos@sayc.club

St. Augustine Yacht Club

2026 Liberty Race

Change to Sailing Instructions 7/10/2026

Per Point 3.1 in Sailing Instructions, Please note the following change in Section 5.1 - scheduled date for the 2026 liberty race

5.1 Schedule – September 19, 2026

1000	Skippers Meeting at St Augustine Yacht Club
1255	Warning signal for the first racing class will be at 1255 (Start 1300)
1700	Awards party and dinner.

No other changes have been made.

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St. Augustine Yacht Club
2026 Liberty Race
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.

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

5.1 Schedule – July 12th, 2026

1000 Skippers Meeting at St Augustine Yacht Club

1255 Warning signal for the first racing class will be at 1255 (Start 1300)

1700 Awards party and dinner.

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

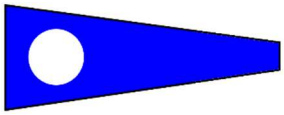
5.3 Depending on the number of boats entered, the RC may at their discretion combine the two classes into one start.

6 Classes and Class Flags

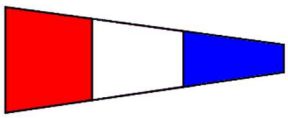
6.1 Classes will be Performance and Cruising. All classes will start together.

6.2 Class Flags will be:

Cruising Fleet - Code Flag 2



Performance Fleet – Code Flag 3



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

8.1 The course is intended to be a triangle course with a windward mark A, an offset mark B, and a leeward mark C. The start/finish pin mark may be used in place of the C mark. If present the C mark will be place approximately 10 boat lengths to windward of the start line. Mark C is not a mark of the course when starting and finishing.

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.7.1.3 Check in with RC by sailing past the committee boat and hailing on VHF Channel 72. Specify boat name, and sail number.

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.

14.3 Corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time and there will be a 5 second PHRF advantage awarded for any boats Flying an American Flag.

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 1700.

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

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