



St. Augustine Dash

August 31, 2018

Halifax River Yacht Club

Daytona Beach, FL

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2018 St. Augustine Dash will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the 2018 St. Augustine Dash Notice of Race (NOR) the 2018 St. Augustine Dash Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2018 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2018 Rating Policies and Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.
- 1.2** Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at www.hryc.com.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Any notices to competitors will be posted at HRYC on the official notice board and will also be available at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17454>.
- 2.2** Communications via VHF radio shall be made on **channel 72**. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the race will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/17454>.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE AND ACTIVITIES

- 5.1** Date of the start for a single race is Friday August 31, 2018.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal will be 1755 EDT.
- 5.3** There will be a skippers meeting, and party, at the HRYC clubhouse on Thursday, August 30, at 1800 EDT. The party begins at 1700 EDT.
- 5.4** There are no planned activities in St. Augustine.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a Northerly direction, approximately 53.7 nautical miles to finish at the St Augustine Sea Buoy [RW "STA" Mo (A)].

7 MARKS

- 7.1** Government marks will be used as part of the race course, to denote both the start and finish locations. Any other government marks can be left to either side.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1** There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the race committee signal boat.

9 THE START

- 9.1** There will be a single start for both Cruising and Performance classes with a warning at 1755. The starting line will be located at the Ponce Inlet sea buoy (R #2).

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled shall be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72 if possible; however, it is the responsibility of any yacht that is OCS to properly clear themselves.
- 10.2 Display of code flag “I” as the preparatory flag requires a yacht that is OCS within one minute of the start to round an end of the starting line before starting.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be an imaginary line extending northward from the St. Augustine sea buoy. A yacht shall record their finish **when the sea buoy is directly south (180°) of the helmsman’s normal position**. The buoy can be kept to either side while finishing. Finished yachts should stay clear of the area after they have completed the course.
- 11.2 All boats are instructed to report their finish time as soon after they finish as is possible, ideally within just a few minutes of completing the race. Finish times should be sent by text message to 386.679.6314, providing the name of the boat and time of day for their finish. Do not report elapsed time.
- 11.3 A yacht failing to report their finish time within 30 minutes of completing the race can be penalized using the scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) if the R/C decides such a delay was unwarranted.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 (RRS), will apply for those boats not exonerating themselves under Rule 44.1. A boat will not be scored worse than DNF. (Did Not Finish) for those that choose the scoring penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Time limit for all classes is 18 hours, or 1200 Saturday, September 1st, whichever is later. If no boat has finished the race by this time, the race will be abandoned by the R/C.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 18 hours of the start will be considered DNF.
- 13.3 The time reference for all boats shall be that which is provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology time as broadcast by radio station WWV in Fort Collins Colorado. These may be accessed by telephone at 303-499-7111, Internet at <http://time.gov/widget.html> or by radio. The station radiates at 10,000 Watts on 5, 10, and 15 MHz; and 2500 Watts on 2.5 and 20 MHz. Each competitor is responsible for calibrating their own clocks.
- 13.4 All boats are strongly encouraged to use the RaceQs smartphone application (<http://raceqs.com/>) to track their boat in the races. This free application will allow competitors to replay the race, with an opportunity to see where they may have performed well, or poorly, with respect to the other boats in the fleet. In addition, since the application uses GPS time to report position and location it can serve as a verification of events on the water, possibly to verify the reported finish time, or interactions between boats in the event of a protest.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 U.S. Sailing [Protest forms](#) are available at HRYC and online. Protests shall be filed on a U.S Sailing Protest Form and be delivered within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is Sunday, September 2nd at 1800. Boats that intend to file a protest must inform the R/C of their intentions when they report their finish time. All boats involved in the protest should be contacted by VHF and informed of their involvement by the boat filing the protest at the time of the incident.
- 14.3 The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 (RRS) and 62.2 (RRS).
- 14.4 Protests shall be filed in person at HRYC.
- 14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance to rule 2.1 of the Sailing Instructions to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).

- 14.6 Protest hearings shall be scheduled as soon as possible after boats return to shore. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the time of the protest hearing. All protests hearings will be held at HRYC, 331 Beach St., Daytona Beach FL.
- 14.7 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.8 Breaches of instructions 16 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.9 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 64.
- 14.10 All boats shall carry at all times a US Sailing protest form and a standard protest flag.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 1. Scoring will be the low point system.
- 2. Additional scoring points (RRS Appendix A11):

DNS (Did Not Start) # of entrants +1	DGM (Disqualified, Gross Misconduct) # of entrants +5
OCS (Over Course Side) # of contestants +1	SCP (Scoring Penalty Taken) # of entrants + 20%
DNF (Did Not Finish) # of contestants +1	TLE (Time Limit Expired) last place +1
DSQ (Disqualified) # of entrants +1	

15.2 All boats shall be scored using their FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.

15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion

15.4 Ties will be broken in accordance with the RRS Appendix A, Section 8.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the committee boat, and state their boat name, sail number and fleet.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3 All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 16.4 All boats competing in the St. Augustine Dash shall comply with all ISAF Category 4 requirements

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the HRYC Rating Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

21.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or Wi-Fi network transmissions while racing that are not available to all boats.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more boats competing
- 1st and 2nd in all classes with less than 5 boats competing
- 1st Overall

22.2 Prizes will be awarded at the HRYC Sailing Awards Dinner on November 17, 2018.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is **ALWAYS** the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie **SOLELY** with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts **NO** responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other 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 this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000.00 (USD).