



# Inshore Races – Sailing Instructions

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## ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK

A Race for Champions, A Race For The Children

March 31 & April 1, 2015

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**NOTE— These Sailing Instructions are for Inshore Races—boats 30 ft and under. However, boats 24 ft & under are preferred, since boats over 24 ft are encouraged to participate in the offshore events.**

Boats will race in one of two PHRF fleets with lighter boats in one class (Class 1) and heavier displacement in the other (Class 2). Daysailors and sport boats are encouraged to participate. These boats will sail in the fleet with lighter boats (Class1) and will be assigned a PHRF rating by the race committee if they do not already have one. See Notice of Race, section 5, Classes and Divisions for more details on establishing a class of boats. The race committee reserves the right to assign boats to Class 1 or Class 2 at or before the Skippers' Meeting.

***The Class 1 fleet may be required to sail a longer course.*** Boats in both classes can elect to fly a spinnaker *but must declare so before the start of each race and hence will use a lower handicap for that race.*

All races, three if time allows, will be held on courses north of the Vilano Bridge. Races will be sailed on courses between Markers 54 and 57 as shown on the attached diagrams. Starting and finishing will be between the Committee Boat and Marker 55. The courses will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions and may vary between races. The first race will start at 10:00 am for the Class 1 fleet and 10 minutes later for Class 2. All races will use the following start sequence. Subsequent starts for races for the rest of the day will be announced after the last boat finishes the previous race. The timing of the start is determined by the removal of the class flags (time pieces and watches are relative). Sounds are secondary and may fail. The Race Committee can delay start times, combine fleets, or separate fleets at its discretion.

<b><i>5 minutes before the start</i></b>	<b><i>Class Flags Raised</i></b>	<b><i>Class 1 = Code flag 5</i></b> <b><i>Class 2 = Code flag 6</i></b>	<b><i>Horn Sound</i></b>
<b><i>4 minutes before the start</i></b>	<b><i>Preparatory Signal</i></b>	<b><i>“P” Flag raised</i></b> <b><i>(Blue with white square)</i></b>	<b><i>Horn Sound</i></b>
<b><i>1 minute before the start</i></b>	<b><i>“P” Flag Removed</i></b>		<b><i>Long Horn Sound</i></b>
<b><i>0 time The Start</i></b>		<b><i>Class Flags Removed</i></b>	<b><i>Horn Sound</i></b>

All sailors must check in with the committee boat at least 15 minutes before the start on **VHF channel 78** or by passing by the Committee boat and hailing. Election to fly a spinnaker in both classes must be announced prior to the start of each race. The race committee will monitor channel 78 and can provide race information up until the class flags are raised.

Courses may be shortened if conditions require it. The 720 Degree Turn Rule will be in effect (rule 44.1 and 44.2).

The following flags may be flown by the committee boat:

Postponement:	rectangular pennant with red and white stripes
General Recall:	yellow pennant outlined in blue
Individual Recall:	white square with a blue cross
Shorten Course:	a white square with a blue square in its center
Come Within Hail:	Code Flag L, yellow and black squares



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The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RSS) should be adhered to at all times.

Boats will be allowed one 'throw-away' if **5, or more, races are completed**, otherwise all will count.

All non-finishers (DNS, DNF, DSQ) will be scored in accordance with Rule A9.

**REGATTA BURGEES** - While racing, each yacht shall fly from her backstay or her starboard shroud (if no backstay) the official Race Week burgee, to be distributed along with each Skipper's Bag when registering (modifies RRS Prescriptions 56).

**Race courses each morning** will be on the Tolomato River between Day Marks 57 and 54 as shown below:

