



# St. Augustine Dash and Back

August 23-24, 2019

Halifax River Yacht Club

Daytona Beach, FL

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The rules governing the 2019 St. Augustine Dash and Back will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the 2019 St. Augustine Dash and Back Notice of Race (NOR) the 2018 St. Augustine Dash and Back Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2019 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2019 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](http://www.hryc.com) and Regatta Network.

### 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/18488>.
- 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/18488>.

### 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 23, 2019.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal will be 1255 EDT.
- 5.3 There will be a skippers meeting, and party, at the HRYC clubhouse on Thursday, August 22, at 1800 EDT. The party begins at 1700 EDT.

### 6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The St. Augustine Dash and Back is a race in a race in a race, all beginning with the common start at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy.
- 6.2 **Race 1:** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a Northerly-northwesterly direction, **passing to the west of a mark off of the Racing's North Turn Restaurant (or virtual mark at 29.10 (29 6.00') N and 81.34 (81 20.01) W if needed)** located off the coast of the restaurant (i.e. stay close to shore) and then continuing north approximately 8 more nautical miles to finish off the Main St. Pier, in Daytona Beach FL. At the pier, competitors are expected to **stay west of 81.000 29.2293** unless an RC boat is present, in which case you pass between the pier and R/C.
- 6.3 **Race 2:** From the start line near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, passing all locations described in the Race 1 instructions, the course continues in a Northerly direction, approximately 43.7 additional nautical miles to finish at the St Augustine Sea Buoy [RW "STA" Mo (A)].

**6.4 Race 3:** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, passing the Main St. Pier, the course continues in a Northerly direction, approximately 43.7 nautical miles to the St Augustine Sea Buoy [RW “STA” Mo (A)], keeping the buoy to port and then returning to the finish at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy (R#2) in accordance with the text of item 11.4 below.

## **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 that are not explicitly included in the course 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.

## **9 THE START**

**9.1** There will be a single start for both Cruising and Performance classes with a warning at 1255. 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 for each of the three races is described here. Each competitor should record their own times at each of these locations and subsequently report them as described in 11.5.

**11.2 The finish line for Race 1** to the Main St. Pier will be an imaginary line extending between the northeastern corner of the pier and the R/C boat on Station (or mark if deployed). This location will be as close to the Pier as conditions allow, not to exceed 1500 feet if no R/C is present. A yacht shall record their finish **when they are able to sight along the north side of the pier from the helmsman’s normal position if no R/C is present.** If the R/C is present, they will announce the time over the radio. Approaching vessels should hail the R/C before they arrive at the pier.

**11.3 The finish line for Race 2** 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 shall be kept to port while finishing. Finished yachts should stay clear of the area after they have completed the course if they are not continuing back to Ponce Inlet.

**11.4 The finish line for Race 3** will be an imaginary line extending southward from the Ponce Inlet sea buoy (R#2). A yacht shall record their finish **when the sea buoy is directly north (000°) 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.

**11.5** 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. This instruction refers to each of the individual races. Finish times should be sent by text message to 386.679.6314 and 386.547.3555, providing the name of the boat, the race number (1,2,3), and the local time of day for their finish. Do not report elapsed time.

**11.6** A yacht failing to report their finish time within 30 minutes of completing any of the races 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 to complete Race 3 is 31 hours, or 2000 Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, whichever is later. If no boat has finished the race by this time, the race will be abandoned by the R/C. This is also the time limit for Races 1 and 2.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 31 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/> 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, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1800 EDT. 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 using a valid copy of the US Sailing Protest form.
- 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):
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| 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 2019 FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on time*.
- 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. See 11.5 for contact numbers.
- 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 and Back 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, or otherwise identified on the water.

## **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:

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

- 22.2** Prizes will be awarded at the HRYC Sailing Awards Dinner on November 16, 2019.

## **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).