



# Halifax River Yacht Club

## 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint

### Notice of Race



#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint will be: The 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Notice of Race (NOR), the 2023 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Sailing Instructions (SI), the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS), the 2023 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2023 Rating Procedures and Racing 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 the Regatta Network web site. <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25749>

#### **2 ADVERTISING**

- 2.1** Advertising shall be restricted in accordance with World Sailing Regulations.

#### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1** The Starlight Regatta and Sprint is open to all single or multi-hulled sailing vessels, with a minimum of 20 feet LOA, having inboard or outboard auxiliary power, manned by an eligible captain and crew, and meeting all safety requirements of Section 11. The Race Committee may consider the qualification of a yacht by virtue of its history and/or survey.
- 3.2** Eligible yachts may enter by completing the entrance form on the Regatta Network web site. The required fee may be paid online or can be sent/delivered to:

Halifax River Yacht Club  
Attn: Race Committee  
331 S. Beach Street  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-5089

#### **4 FEES**

- 4.1** Required fees are as follows:  
Entry fee shall be \$75.00. This fee includes entry for skippers and crews in the Starlight Regatta and Sprint. The entry fee shall be discounted if entered in the 2023 Commodores Cup Race Series. Fees must be paid no later than the Skipper Check-In period.
- 4.2** Entrants will have the use of Halifax River Yacht Club facilities on event days. Dock space will be provided to all competitors as available at HRYC. Contact the yacht club to arrange. (Dockmaster 386-290-9454) Rafting may be required.

#### **5 SCHEDULE**

- 5.1** The Starlight Regatta and Sprint will be held on Thursday - Saturday, August 31 - September 2, 2023.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Starlight Regatta and Sprint races will be 1755 EDT on Friday, September 1, 2023.
- 5.3** Thursday, August 31:
- Skipper check-in (1600-1700).
  - Competitors Meeting (1700).
  - Rum Party (1700-2000) (RSVP requested for planning - See 17.1).
  - Taco buffett (1730-1930) - \$20 /person tax and tip included.

- 5.4 Friday, September 1: Warning for the start at 1755 EDT.
- 5.5 Saturday, September 2: There will be an awards ceremony and modest dinner at the St. Augustine Yacht Club at 1700 EDT. We will have the details of this meal before the Skipper Check-In, where we will collect an estimated headcount.
- 6 MEASUREMENTS / RATING**
- 6.1 Each entrant must have a current First Coast Sailing Association PHRF rating. The fee for this rating is the responsibility of the applicant.
- 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the Regatta Network web site and will be emailed to registered competitors when posted.
- 8 THE COURSE**
- 8.1 The Starlight Regatta and Sprint is a race within a race, consisting of a single start. From the starting line, near the Ponce Inlet (R#2) Sea Buoy, the course continues in a northwesterly direction towards Racing's North Turn Restaurant, after passing a GPS waypoint to starboard, continuing up the coast to the Main St. Pier where times will be collected for the Sprint race. Competitors will continue approximately 43 nm to the St Augustine Sea Buoy (MoA) where the competitor's recorded time will be used for the Starlight Regatta.
- 8.2 Competitors will record and report their own times at both the Main St. Pier and at the St Augustine Sea Buoy. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9 SCORING**
- 9.1 All yachts shall be scored using their FCSA 2023 PHRF Valid Rating and corrected *time on time*.
- 9.2 Competitors should declare Performance or Cruising class at time of registration. Multi-hull entries should contact the R/C for guidance. The entered rating will declare your use of a spinnaker, if desired. All sail decisions related to ratings must be final by the end of Skipper Check-In, 1700 on August 31.
- 9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion. All ratings are verified with the published FCSA ratings. (<http://www.sailjax.com/2023/2023-PHRF-Ratings.pdf>)
- 10 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, (RRS) 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be one (1) percent of a yacht's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c) (RRS). A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 11.1 All yachts are encouraged to comply with all World Sailing Regulations Category 4 requirements.
- 12 SUPPORT YACHTS**
- 12.1 All support yachts shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all yachts have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13 RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 13.1 A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions or use any other device, technology or other aid which is not available to all boats.
- 14 AWARDS**
- 14.1 Trophies 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

14.2 Trophies will be awarded at the St. Augustine Yacht Club on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 1700 EDT. Dress is “responsible casual”, and reservations are requested. We will gather this information at Skipper Check-In.

## 15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$250,000.00.

## 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

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.

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.

## 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact:

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Attn: Race Committee

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