

# Starlight Regatta and Sprint



**August 28 - 30, 2025**  
**Halifax River Yacht Club**  
**Daytona Beach, FL**  
**Sailing Instructions**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The rules governing the 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS), the 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Notice of Race (NOR) the 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2025 World Sailing Regulations, the FCSA 2025 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 on the official notice board located on the Regatta Network site.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Any notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board available at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29484>.
- 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 be posted at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29484>.

## **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 single start is Friday, August 29, 2025.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal will be 1755 EDT.
- 5.3** **Thursday, August 28, 2025:** Skipper check-in (1600-1700 EDT), Rum Party and Competitors' Meeting (1700 EDT).
- 5.4** **Friday, August 29, 1755 EDT**, warning signal for the start.
- 5.5** **Saturday, August 30, 1500 EDT**, awards and cash menu at St. Augustine Yacht Club.
- 5.6** Sunday, August 31, 2025 - Meehan Memorial Regatta, hosted by SAYC, Separate entry required. <https://sayc.club/regatta/WFHu7oIbNc> Scored as part of the HRYC Commodores Cup Series.

## 6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 The 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint is a race in a race, both beginning with the common start at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy (R#2).
- 6.2 **Race 1:** From the start line, near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy, the course continues in a northwesterly direction, continuing parallel to the coast for approximately 10 nautical miles to finish at the Main St. Pier, in Daytona Beach FL.
- 6.3 **Race 2:** From the same start line near the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy and following the course for Race 1, after passing the Main St. Pier (as described in 6.2 and 11.2), the course continues in a mostly northerly direction, approximately 43.7 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 that are not explicitly included in the course can be left to either side.
- 7.2 The following locations are provided for use as individually described.
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|---|-----------------------------|
| Ponce Inlet R#2*  | 29° 04.767' N 80° 53.467' W |
| Main St. Pier area  | 29° 13.750' N 80° 59.917' W |
| <b>Pass west of this waypoint</b> , located on the 30' contour from NOAA chart. |                             |
| Finish as described in 11.2.  |                             |
| St. Aug. Inlet MoA*   | 29° 55.067' N 81° 15.333' W |
| Finish as described in 11.3.  |                             |
| * Mark location is accurate enough to provide visual contact.                   |                             |

## 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 1755 EDT. 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. OCS competitors may choose the scoring penalty if they fail to restart, if they are OCS in the final minute of the sequence.
- 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 races is described here. Each competitor should record their own times at each of these locations and subsequently report them as described in 11.4.
- 11.2 **The finish line for Race 1** to the Main St. Pier will be an imaginary line extending eastward from the northeastern corner of the pier. A yacht shall record their own finish **when they are able to sight along the north side of the pier from the helmsman’s normal position**. If the R/C is present at the pier: (1) they will announce the time over the radio. (2) Approaching vessels should hail the R/C before they arrive at the pier. The presence of the R/C will be announced before the start, if they are available.
- 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 its 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 finish area after they have completed the course.

- 11.4** All boats are instructed to report their finish time as soon as possible after finishing each race, ideally within 30 minutes of completing the race. This instruction refers to each of the individual races. Finish times should be sent by text message to Nancy Harrington **407-687-7524**, and Todd Stebleton **386.547.3555**, providing: *name of the boat, the race number (1 or 2), and the local time of day (using 24 hour format)* for their finish.  
Do not report elapsed time.
- 11.5** A yacht shall report their finish time as soon as is possible within a safe and practical limit. Ideally within 60 minutes of completing any of the races. A yacht can be penalized using the scoring penalty (SI 12.1) if the R/C decides a significant delay (more than 60 minutes) was unwarranted. Note, it is suggested that finish times at the St. Augustine sea buoy are reported **BEFORE** a vessel turns into the inlet, when skipper and crew need to focus on other items.
- 11.6** Any yacht failing to report its finish time within the protest time limit will be scored DNF in the race.
- 11.7** Any yacht intending to protest another boat must notify the R/C of their intent within 60 minutes of their reported finish time for that race. See SI 14.2.
- 12 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 12.1** The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 (RRS), is modified for those boats not exonerating themselves under Rule 44.1. A boat will accept a 1% adjustment to their elapsed time for those that accept the scoring penalty. The time limit to report accepting of the scoring penalty is at the time of the reported finish times.
- 13 TIME LIMITS**
- 13.1** Time limit for all classes to complete Race 2 is 18 hours, or 1200 EDT Saturday, August 30th, 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 Race 1.
- 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 <https://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 online and on the event web site. 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 Saturday, August 30, at 1400 EDT, or two hours after the time limit, whichever is later. Boats that intend to file a protest must inform the R/C of their intentions when they report their finish time. Provide the names of all other competitors that are involved. All boats involved in the protest should be contacted by VHF (or audible hail) 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 can be filed in person at SAYC, or the completed protest form may be emailed to [hrycrc@gmail.com](mailto:hrycrc@gmail.com) with the subject of "2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Protest for [race #]". For electronic submissions, the deadline is based on the time it was received, not the time it is read.

- 14.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance with rule 2.1 of the Sailing Instructions to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6 Protest hearings shall be scheduled no later than the deadline to file. All protest hearings will be held at SAYC before the awards are given out.
- 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 Scoring will be separate for each race using the low point system.
- 15.2 All boats shall be scored using their 2025 FCSA PHRF rating and corrected *time on time*. The two races shall be scored separately and not as a regatta.
- 15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion.
- 15.4 These races are also scored as part of the HRYC Commodores Cup Series. See <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29480>

## 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. The R/C may accept VHF check-in on channel 72.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. See 11.4 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 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint should comply with all current World Sailing OSR Category 4 requirements.
- 16.5 **From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).**

## 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 2025 Starlight Regatta and Sprint Awards, 1500 on August, 30, 2025 at St. Augustine Yacht Club. (Separate costs, details will be shared at the skipper check-in.)

## 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 overseen 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).

Link to Regatta web site

