



# RS Aero - Sailing Instructions

**March 22 & 23, 2025**

## 1. Rules:

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix V, Rule V2 and the rules of the RS Aero Class Association.
- 1.2. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.3. RRS A4.1 and A5 are changed such that boats starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS.
- 1.4. RRS 35 is changed to allow the Race Committee to finish boats in place on the racecourse if they are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race.
- 1.5. RRS 63.1 is changed to also require competitors to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing of their intention to protest.

## 2. Entry and Eligibility:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the RS Aero class. The number of boats eligible to enter is limited to 20 total.
- 2.2 Eligible crews may be entered by completing an entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee. Online at the Yacht Scoring site <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/16987> or in person at the check in desk at the Saint Augustine Yacht club. Any boats that enter after 2/21/25 will be allowed to race in their designated fleet based on rig size but no additional class will be created and only if we have not achieved the maximum number of entries.

## 3. Notices to Competitors:

- 3.1. All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board will be online through Yacht Scoring network <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/16987> Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

## 4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

4.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions made on will be posted on line at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/16987> and the official notice board ( back window of the St Augustine YC ) no later than at the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.

4.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change is to take effect.

4.3 Changes made on the water shall be made on the signal boat with code flag L and the next race started only after all competitors have been informed; failure to come within hailing distance of the RC boat will not be grounds for redress.

#### 5. Signals Made Ashore:

5.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on a pole on the end of the Center dock. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

#### 6. Sailing Area

6.1. Racing will take place on the Matanzas River in the vicinity of Castillo de San Marcos, 1 South Castillo Dr. St Augustine and can be viewed from the bayfront seawall.

#### 7. Competitors' Meeting

7.1. The competitors' meeting will be held at 1000AM on Saturday, March 22, 2025, on the front deck of St Augustine YC

#### 8. Schedule of Events

8.1. Saturday, March 22, 2025, 08:00-10:00 Check-in.

8.2 First Warning Signal Saturday March 22 11:55AM.

8.3 First Warning Sunday March 23 09:55AM.

8.4 No warning signal after 13:00 pm. Sunday

8.5 Recognition Ceremony After Racing at the St. Augustine YC.

#### 9. Courses:

9.1 The course to be sailed will be determined by weather conditions at the time of the race. The default course is shown in Appendix A. If conditions dictate an alternative course, then the course will be designated indicated by a "T" for Trapezoid, Course board port side of the signal boat. The course will consist of 1 lap unless otherwise instructed from the signal boat. Competitors may only sail between the signal boat and an inflatable used to mark the finish line when finishing.

#### 10. Marks:

10.1 All marks shall be as described at the skippers meeting.

11. The Start:

11.1. Races will be started using Rule 26 Appendix U, with the warning signal at 3 minutes and accompanied by Rule 29.

11.2. The starting line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

12. The Finish:

12.1. The finish line shall be between the staff, from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark at the port end.

12.2. The finishing boat will sound a horn for first boat of each Class finishing signaling the start of the time limit in SI

12.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

13. Time Limits:

13.1. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

13.2. Boats that are still present on the course but fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their rig fleet finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Exceeded) and receive one point more than the last boat finished within the time limit.

13.3. Boats that have left the course before finishing will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5, and A10.

13.4. The time limit for a race will be 45 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1.

14. Protests:

14.1. Any boat intending to protest must inform the Race Committee signal boat immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred.

14.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.

15. Scoring:

15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.

15.2. Boats will be divided by rig sizes (5,6, 7, and 9) for scoring. Four boats are required for a full class. Groups of rig sizes less than 4 boats will be combined and scored using a rating system time on time 9's =87.3, 7's = 91.1, 6's = 94.7 and 5's =95.5

15.3. The number of races scheduled is 10. One completed race shall constitute a regatta.

15.4. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, the boat's series score will be total of her race scored excluding her worst score.

#### 16. Safety and other Items.

16.1. All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets, or a life jacket approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, at all times while on the water. Failure to do so is protestable only by the Race Committee and may result in disqualification.

16.2. Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail its sail number, which will be acknowledged.

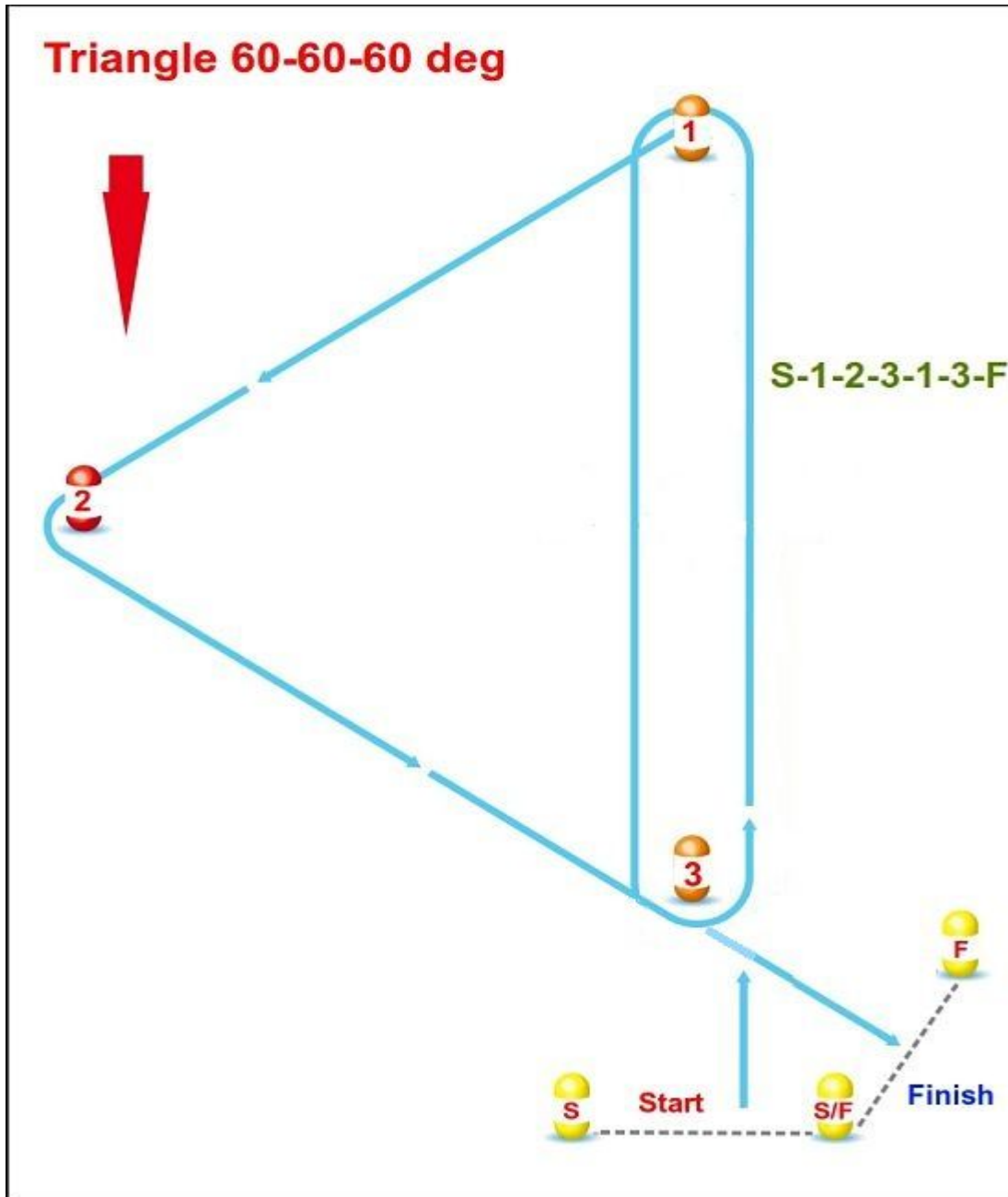
16.3. A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

#### 17. Prizes:

17.1. Recognition will be given to the top three boats in each of the eligible RS Aero rig sizes (5, 7, 9) provided the fleet has 5 or more boats.

#### 18. Disclaimer of Liability:

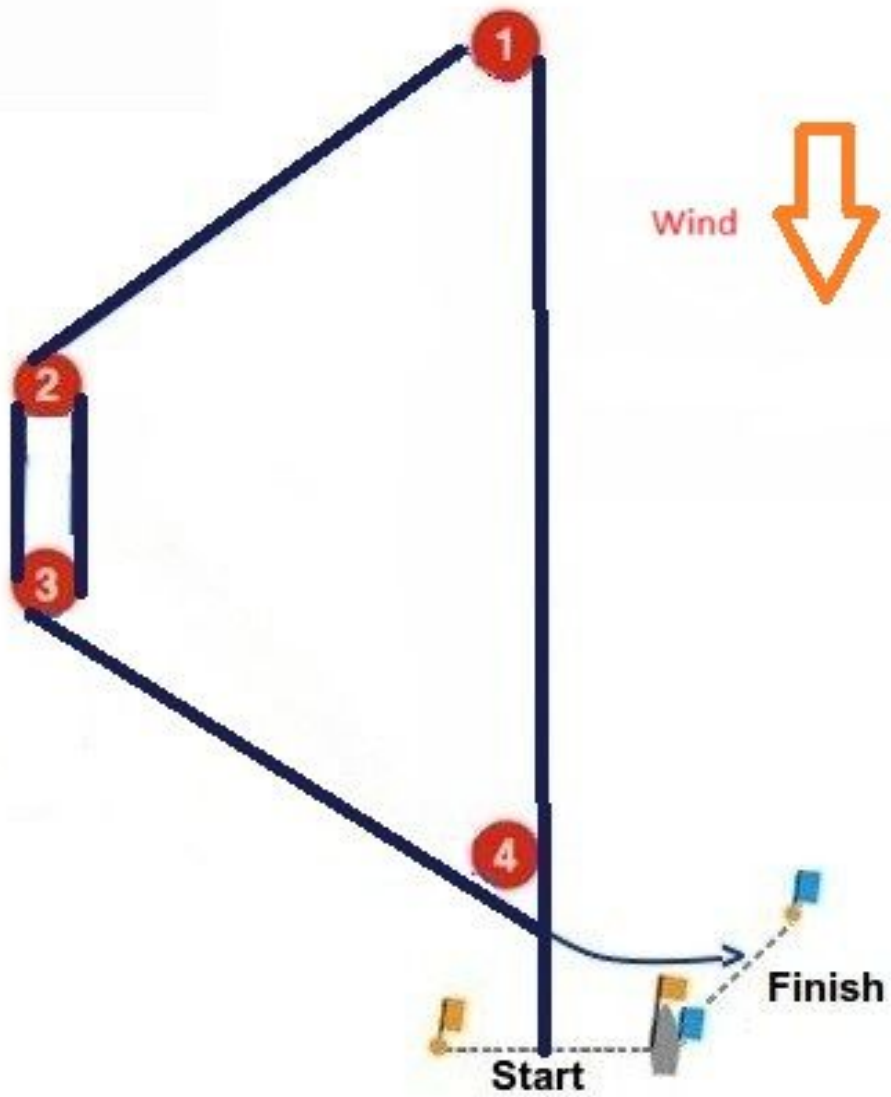
18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.



## Appendix A

Course W1 Start ,1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

Course W2 Start,1, 2, 3, Finish



## Appendix B

Course T1 Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, Finish

Course T2 Start, 1, 2, 3, 4, Finish

