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Notice of Race - Offshore Series

ST. AUGUSTINE RACE WEEK

April 16, 17, 18, 2026

<http://www.staugustineraceweek.com>

The St. Augustine Race Week Regatta includes offshore and inshore sailing with the historic city of St. Augustine as the focal point. There will be three days of offshore racing, with courses about 30 minutes from most St. Augustine Marinas. Performance class racing will include multiple W/L &/or triangle offsets (Mariners Triangles). Cruiser class races will include the Conquistador's Corner (to and from a prescribed intersection of latitude and longitude), and Menendez Meander (out from the coastline to the north and to the south).

Inshore races will be held April 14 and 15 north of the Vilano Bridge. (See In-shore NOR)

An associated Youth Regatta will be held April 11 and 12 off the downtown Bayfront quay and in Salt Run. (See Youth Regatta NOR).

An associated RS Aero Regatta will also be held March 21 & 22 in Salt Run (See RS Aero Regatta NOR)

Race Week includes live entertainment, drinks, and food downtown by the Municipal Marina. The final awards party is held Saturday evening April 18 at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

An Offshore Competitors' Meeting is scheduled for 1900 hours April 15 at the St. Augustine Yacht Club.

- 1 RULES** First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) is the Organizing Authority for St. Augustine Race Week. The Regatta shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) as amended by the US Sailing Prescriptions; the PHRF rules of the FCSA (<http://www.sailjax.com>) as amended by this NoR, and the SI's; and class rules for any One-Design class established.
- 2 ADVERTISING** Comply with current World Sailing Regulation 20
<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/constitution-regulations/>
- 3 FEES** The Offshore Regatta Regular Fee of **\$372.75** incl. tax covers 3 days of racing; 4 Event Passes for Thursday and Friday including drink tickets; 2 Awards Dinner Tickets, and a Skipper's Bag with regatta hat and shirt, local discount coupons and other items. The Fee after April 11, 2026 is \$426.00. Withdrawals after April 1, 2026 forfeit \$100; after April 11, 2026 no refund. Entries after April 11 are subject to the discretion of the Race Committee. Additional awards dinner tickets may be purchased for \$30.
- 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 4.1** The offshore series is open to all seaworthy self-righting cruising sailboats that are not less than 24 feet in length. Smaller boats not less than 20 feet may be eligible on an individual basis at the discretion of the Race Committee. Non-seaworthy sailboats, and those less than 34 feet are eligible for Inshore Racing.
 - 4.2** The designated skipper shall be 21 years of age or older.
 - 4.3** Minimum crew size shall be 2 (including skipper).
 - 4.4** All one-design classes shall comply with the maximum crew number in their class rules.
 - 4.5** There will be no restriction on crew changes between races. Children aged 14 and under will not count as crew.
 - 4.6** Modifying RRS Appendix G, a yacht should have identifying symbols on each mainsail and spinnaker, and on headsails having a clew that extends behind the mast 30% or more of the mainsail foot length. The identifiers should be the same for each sail used.
 - 4.7** Yachts shall conform to all U.S. Federal regulations. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that yachts also conform to Category 4 requirements of the latest "World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing".
(<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/>)
 - 4.8** All participating yachts shall be provisioned with the following:
 - a)** Radio – a 5 watt minimum VHF transmitter / receiver with a manufacturer's recommended antenna (masthead preferred). The radio must at least be capable of tuning to channels 9, 13, 16, 22A, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78A.
 - b)** GPS – a GPS device at least capable of displaying real-time latitude and longitude location data.
- 5 SELF-STEERING** Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind (modifies RRS 52).
- 6 ENTRY FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION** Prior to racing, each yacht shall be registered and shall submit (1) the proper Fee; (2) a Crew Declaration form including a landside emergency contact (which may be updated at the Competitors' Meeting); and (3) a copy of a current PHRF certificate or similar (if not issued by FCSA) for possible adjustment to conform to FCSA ratings.
Register and obtain forms at (<https://www.staugustineraceweek.com/>) or link from (<http://www.sailjax.com>).
- 7 CLASSES AND DIVISIONS** PHRF Performance and PHRF Cruising Classes sub-divided into Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions; also Multi-hull and One Design Classes as appropriate. Five entrants are required to establish a Class or Division thereof. Cruiser vs Performance class designations and ratings will be defined by the current FCSA PHRF Rules, excepting that Cruiser class boats shall not be restricted to use of woven polyester sail materials. Cruising Spinnaker Yachts must declare prior to the Competitors' Meeting, with the FCSA standard rating adjustment applied for all races.

8 PRIZES Trophy flags for individual race days will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each class or division of class. Regatta trophies will be awarded for overall 1st thru 3rd place in each class.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Obtain SI's and scratch sheets from the regatta website, sailjax.com, or at the Competitors' Meeting.

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