

2009 St. Augustine Dash SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (September 4th, 2009)

1 RULE

1.1 The rules governing the St Augustine Dash will be in the following order of precedence: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (USSA), the current US Sailing Prescriptions, the 2009 St. Augustine Dash Sailing Instructions, HRYC 2009 Rating Policies and Rules and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee.

1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, Fl and will also be posted on the HRYC website (www.hryc.com).

2.2 Communications via VHF radio shall be made on channel 72. All instructional communications via VHF radio will cease 5 minutes before the first warning signal.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be made available before 0900 on the day of the race. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted on the on the HRYC website or announced by the Race Committee boat.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACE

The race will be held on September 4th, 2009. The scheduled START TIME is 1800 DST.

6 THE COURSES for all classes:

The start line will be between the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy and the Race Committee Boat. The finish line will be at the St. Augustine Sea Buoy, N 29 degrees 54.91 minutes, W 81 degrees 15.28 minutes (Published nautical charts should be used to verify this location for navigation safety.), a distance of 53.5 nm. It has a white blinking light that blinks Morse code 'A' or 'dot dash'.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no areas that are designated as obstructions unless amended by the Race Committee signal boat. There is shallow water west of the St. Augustine Sea Buoy, stay to the east. Do not attempt to come into the inlet at night if you do not have local knowledge.

9 THE START

9.1 There will be one to three starts, depending on the number of boats participating. The Class Flags will be announced on channel 72.

9.2 The race will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.3 The starting line will be between the Committee Boat and the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy.

9.4 The starting sequence will be as follows:

1. Five minutes before the start of the race a Class Flag will be raised and a sound signal.
2. Four minutes before the start of the race the Preparatory Flag (I Flag), yellow with black circle, will be raised and a sound signal.
3. One minute before the start of the race the Preparatory Flag be lowered and a long sound signal.
5. The race will start upon the lowering of the Class Flag and sound signal.

9.5 If no non-competing Race Committee Boat is available, the Race Committee Boat will be *The Last Mangas*, which will conduct a running start. There will be a five minute warning and time at one minute intervals. Standard starting procedures above will not be used.

10 RECALLS

Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled will be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72. If 9.5 above is in effect, recall will be by VHF channel 72 only.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between the St. Augustine Sea Buoy and the Race Committee Boat. If no Committee Boat is present, boats will finish by passing the St. Augustine Sea Buoy within three boat lengths with the buoy directly to the west. In this case, boats will take their own finish time using GPS time when the helm passes the buoy. If competitors take their own finishing times, they will call them in to Bob Ford at 386-562-2886 or John Jacobs at 386-235-1852. Finish times may also be reported to *The Last Mangas* (Bob Ford) or *Misty* (John Jacobs) on VHF channel 72 while boats are still on the water if contact can be made. Competitors should include their boat name, sail number, and finish time in 24 hr. format. No elapsed time allowed. Finish times should be reported as soon as possible after finishing.

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13 TIME LIMITS

Time limit for the St Augustine Dash will be 18 hours.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at HRYC and online at HRYC.com. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 1500 on Saturday, Sept. 5.

14.3 Protests must be filed in person at to the Protest Committee, which will be in the St. Augustine area and located by calling the above phone numbers. The Protest Committee will be made up of Bob Ford, Mac Smith, John Jacobs, Dave Huff, and others as needed.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted in accordance to rule 2.1(SI) to inform competitors under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 Protests shall be heard before the Awards on Saturday evening. All parties listed on the protest form will be advised of the date and time of protest.

14.6 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.

14.7 Breaches of instructions 14.9, 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.

14.8 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

14.9 All boats shall carry at all times a protest form and a standard protest flag.

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16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the Committee Boat, and state their boat name and sail number.

16.2 Any boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

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 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.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee before the end of the skippers meeting.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with a Race Committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

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 COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall not make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. All communications will be on VHF channel 72. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

There will be four divisions, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, Cruising, and Multi-hull; first, second, and third in all classes.

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 lies ***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 Racing Rules of Sailing Section 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.

23.2 The Halifax River Yacht Club, its members, Race Committee or anyone representing the Race Committee are not responsible in any way prior, during or post activities of the St. Augustine Race. Skippers are responsible for their boat starting or continuing the race.

23.3 Any navigational aids provided by the Race Committee, such as maps of the approach to the St. Augustine Inlet, are for information only and are not to be used for navigational purposes.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 (USD).

25 AWARDS BANQUET

Dinner and Awards will be at the St. Augustine Yacht Club on Saturday night at 1800.

QUESTIONS CALL BOB FORD 386-304-7390