

Augusta Sailing Club

House & Ground Rules Appendix C

Annual Events

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1. General: The Augusta Sailing Club schedules organized sailing, racing, and social activities throughout the year. All Club events are open to every member and their guests as well as those functions organized primarily for the benefit of a specific fleet or group within the Club. In fact, most "limited" Club functions (i.e., a covered dish dinner following a Woman's Program or a Coronado-15 invitational reception) rely heavily on the support of the general membership for their success. In addition to these events, the Club typically schedules various seminars on sailing, racing, and racing rules; sponsors instructional programs for juniors and women; hosts regional regattas and competitions; and plans cook-outs and other social activities on a regular basis. The following is a brief description of the some of the major regular annual activities.
2. ANNUAL DINNER - (Business/Social) - November - This is the principal general business meeting of the Club. Officers are elected and recognition for Spring and Summer racing series are awarded. One of only two "coat and tie" affairs, the business is usually preceded by a reception and dinner and followed by dancing and revelry.
3. FROSTBITE SERIES - (Racing) - late October through early May - The frostbite series is the primary racing series for the cruising fleet. Races are usually held on alternate weekends. The first half of the series usually ends on New Year's Day and the second half begins soon thereafter.
4. HANGOVER REGATTA - (Social/Racing) - New Year's Day - A one-day regatta usually preceded by a "hair of the dog" cocktail party and brunch. The racing is scored as a separate regatta and usually doubles as a race day for the Frostbite Series.
5. MID-WINTER CUP - (Racing/Social) - February or March – A weekend regatta open to all Clarks Hill sailors, primarily cruisers.
6. COMMODORE'S RECEPTION - (Social) - April or May - The Club's only other "coat and tie" affair is this reception and dinner honoring the Club's past Commodores and awards for Frostbite Series.
7. CASTLEBERRY-ROBERTSON REGATTA - (Racing/Social) - Memorial Day Weekend - a handicap regatta for all classes of boats. The Castleberry-Robertson Regatta is named in honor of Clem Castleberry of Castleberry Foods and his close friend and Club member Jim Robertson. This event is the oldest of the Club's traditional regatta's. A perpetual trophy is presented to the overall winner of this Regatta.
8. DINGHY SERIES - (Racing) - Spring and Fall - A series of Saturday afternoon races primarily for dinghies.
9. FOURTH OF JULY REGATTA - (Racing/Social) - Fourth of July Weekend - A handicap regatta and old-fashioned barbecue feast.

10. CLUB ELIMINATIONS - (Racing) - August or September - A one or two day regatta during which each class of boat represented by a fleet can qualify a class champion enabling participation in the Club championship.
11. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - (Racing) - September - A one or two day regatta during which Club members who have qualified vie for the title of Club Champion. The Vice Commodore selects the type of boat and specifies the qualifications.
12. HALLOWEEN REGATTA - (Racing/Social) - 2nd weekend in October - A major regatta which usually attracts several hundred out-of-town guests and racing participants from around the Southeast. Activities begin Friday night and conclude Sunday afternoon. Saturday typically sees the racing followed by a reception, dinner, costume party and contest, and dance. This is the premier "showcase" event for the Club.
13. FULL MOON CRUISES - (Social) - Periodically - During warm weather, the Club schedules afternoon and evening cruises to selected destinations. These cruises are usually "theme" oriented and have in the recent past included a Murder Mystery game.
14. FUN RACES- (Racing) - June through August. A series of Wednesday night races primarily for dinghies to take advantage of the long days of summer.
15. LONG DISTANCE RACE - (Racing) - May or June - As the name implies, this race explores the limits of sailing on our lake. Generally starting in mid-morning, the race course runs from the vicinity of the dam to the Little River Bridge to the McCormick Bridge and back to the Club. Most boats finish during the late evening.
16. JUNIOR PROGRAM - (Instruction) - Summer - A program of water safety, sailing, and racing instruction open to the children of members and their guests. The season is climaxed by a Junior championship.
17. WOMEN'S PROGRAM - (Instruction/Social/Racing) - Spring, Summer, & Fall - A series of activities oriented toward the female members and spouses of members of the Club with an emphasis on improving sailing and racing skills. The year's activities will conclude with the women's championship.