# SONS OF NORWAY
# 2017 SPRING FEST REGATTA
# ST. AUGUSTINE, APRIL 7/8

The 2017 Spring Fest Regatta is being held in historic St. Augustine, Florida, and hosted by the award-winning Gateway to Florida Lodge in Jacksonville April 7/8. With events combined into two days, this Viking Regatta promises to be a weekend of friendship and camaraderie with extra time available to explore the 450-year-old city with cobblestone streets, quaint cafes and unique shops. The fun starts late Friday afternoon with a casual and relaxing welcome reception and then dinner on your own to explore the city's varied cuisine. Saturday guests can enjoy breakfast at the hotel before the regatta on the Intracoastal Waterway and conclude the official regatta weekend with lunch at a local restaurant yet to be selected but near the hotel.

**Friday Evening Reception and Dinner**

Your weekend begins with old and new friends at the Hospitality Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, St. Augustine/Vilano Beach, 95 Vilano Road from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with assorted appetizers and beverages. The donation is $15 at the door with a cash bar for adult beverages. Dinner choices at area restaurants are abundant.

**Saturday Breakfast and Lunch**

Start your Saturday with a complimentary breakfast in the hotel (included with room) before going to Usina Beach a few miles away for the Regatta. Following the Regatta, lunch will be at local restaurant to be determined with everyone ordering from the menu and covering individual costs. Several restaurants are near the hotel.

**The Regatta**

The friendly but highly competitive Regatta will be held on the Intracoastal Waterway at the Usina Boat Ramp, 603 Euclid Avenue, St. Augustine, FL, 32084 (adjacent to Aunt Kate's Restaurant) just north of downtown St. Augustine. The standard regatta schedule will be followed with the Captain's meeting at 10:30 a.m. and the races to follow. Preliminary heats are scheduled with men's (mixed) crews and a women's race followed by the men's final race. The Regatta is open to the public with no admission charge. You may want to bring a lawn chair.

**Hotel Accommodations**

For our out-of-town guests planning to stay in St. Augustine Friday and/or Saturday nights, rooms are reserved at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Vilano Beach, 95 Vilano Road, St. Augustine with rates from $169 plus tax per night. These are non-smoking rooms. Hotel room rates have increased since the 450th anniversary in 2015. The hotel number is 904-827-9797. R***oom reservations must be picked up and guaranteed by credit card by March 10.*** They will provide extra parking for the Viking boats.

**About St. Augustine**

No matter if this is a first or repeat visit to St. Augustine be ready for a unique cultural experience. St. Augustine was the first permanent European settlement in the U.S. In April 1513 explorer Ponce de León landed near St. Augustine, staking a claim for the Spanish crown. While he did not establish a settlement, he sent word back that Florida was an ideal place for a colony. Fifty-two years later, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés left Spain under the king's direction to establish St. Augustine in 1565. And as they say the rest is history!

**For Regatta questions call Eugene Yerkes at (H) 904-268-9924 or (C) 904-476-8885. For the special events, contact Kent Larson at 904-614-7111 or Marci Larson @ 904-307-2888.** Check this web site for additional information: www.augustine.com.

# LOCATION MAP
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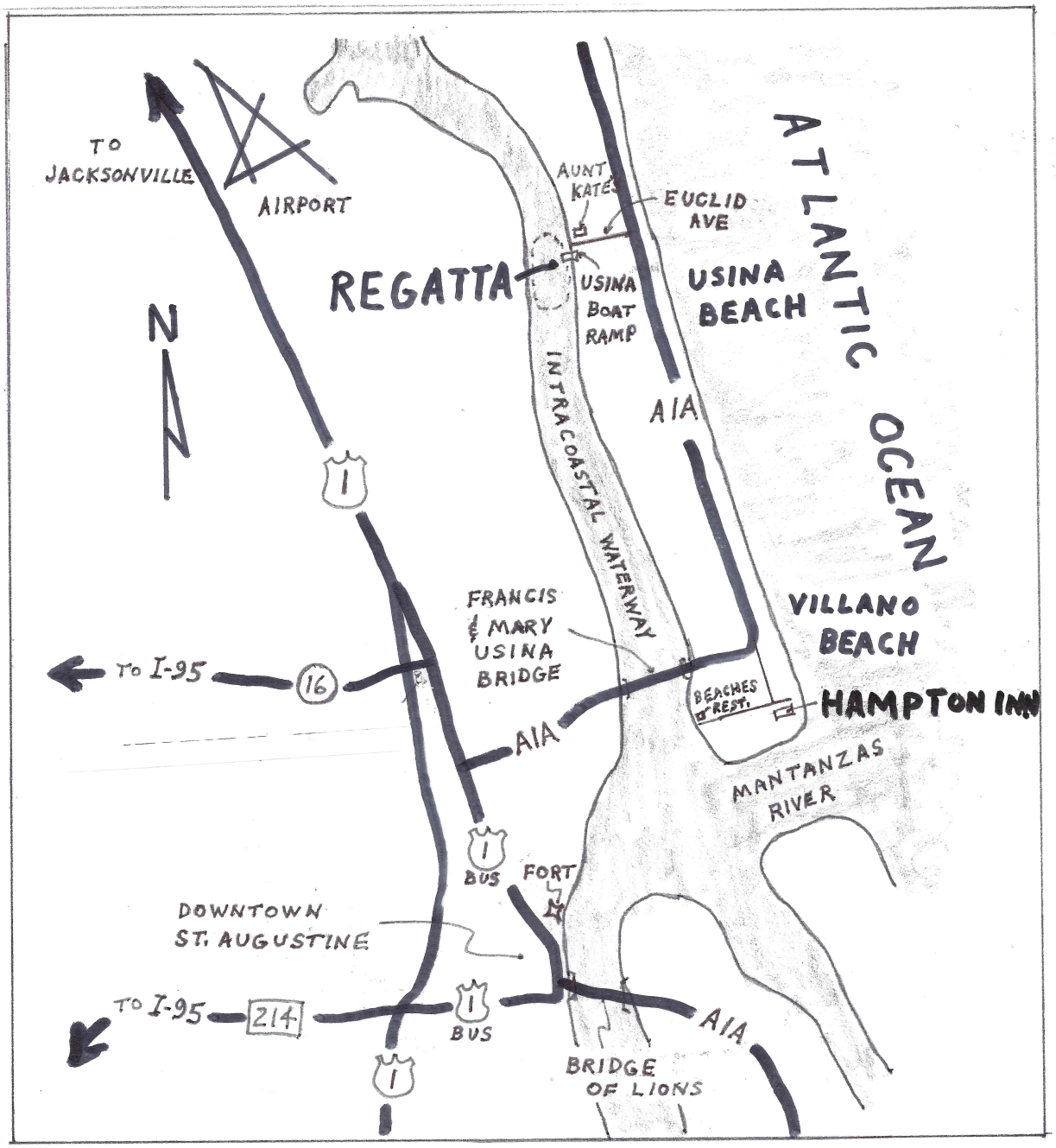

## PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING FORM
### SONS OF NORWAY SPRING FEST REGATTA-ST. AUGUSTINE
### Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, 2017

I (we) plan to attend the Friday evening reception. Cost is $15 per person for appetizers; modestly-priced cash bar.

NAME(S):
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I (we) plan to attend the Saturday lunch.

NAME(S):
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I (we) plan to stay at the Hampton Inn & Suites St. Augustine/Vilano Beach:

NAME(S):
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**Please return this form to:**
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