



FAWCETT'S FRIDAY NIGHT BEER CANS SERIES



Fridays, 17 May – 23 August 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation "[NP]" in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Double headsails are not permitted in the non-spinnaker classes.
- 1.3 [NP] Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at eastportyc.org/racing, located under "Racing Resources."

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available after 2000 on Friday, 03 May 2024, at eastportyc.org/beer-cans.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board can be accessed via a link at eastportyc.org/beer-cans.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the following classes, provided five (5) or more paid registrations are received by 1700 on Wednesday, 15 May 2024:
Spinnaker 1 Non-Spinnaker 1 Cal 25 Harbor 20 J/30 Spinnaker 2 Non-Spinnaker 2 J/80 J/105 Viper 640
- 4.2 Handicap class splits and the overall starting order will be defined in the SIs.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter registering online at eastportyc.org/beer-cans.
- 4.4 Participants competing in a handicap class shall have a valid 2024 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate.
- 4.5 Additional one-design classes will be accepted upon the receipt of five (5) or more paid entries by 1700 on Wednesday, 15 May 2024.
- 4.6 A boat will not be allowed to change classes (e.g., switch from Spinnaker 1 to Non-Spinnaker 1) after the first race is sailed.
- 4.7 New entries will be accepted after the first race is sailed and will be assigned to an existing class.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.





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5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$135.
- 5.2 Refunds will not be granted for canceled registrations.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 RC will host a competitors meeting via video teleconference on Thursday, 16 May 2024, beginning at 1900. An email with link details will be sent to competitors no later than 1700 on Thursday, 16 May 2024.
- 6.2 The race schedule is:

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
17 & 31	07, 14, & 21	12, 19, & 26	09 & 23

- 6.3 The Warning Signal for the first class to start each night is intended to be at 1815.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the lower Severn River, in the vicinity adjacent to Annapolis Harbor.
- 7.2 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403. EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants.

8 COURSES

Competitors will sail one (1) fixed-mark course on the Severn River each night, as described in the SIs.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
- 9.2 Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the protest committee. Details will be provided in the SIs.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 10.2 PHRF classes will be scored in accordance with the PHRF Time-on-Time Circular Random Course ratings.
- 10.3 A boat's worst score will be discarded if seven (7) or more races are sailed and scored.
- 10.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).
- 10.5 RRS A5.3 shall apply.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Boats participate in the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (OA) will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Weekly prizes will be awarded to the winning boat in each class.



- 13.2 An end of season party will be held at EYC on Friday, 06 September 2024, beginning at 1800. Prizes for the overall series results will be awarded.
- 13.3 The Valhalla Sailing Project Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat meeting the veteran crew requirements and having the best performance (lowest score) at the end of the annual Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series. Refer to the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series Notice to Competitors for more information regarding the entry requirements.
- 13.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.



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14 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Series. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



15 INFORMATION

For more information, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.



