



Severn River Challenge

supported by Haven Harbor Marina and Resorts

Saturday-Sunday, 27-28 April 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

with Amendment No. 1

The following acronyms and abbreviations apply to this NoR and the SIs.

CU	Chief Umpire
[DP]	The penalty for a breach of a rule will be in the sole discretion of the PC.
EYC	Eastport Yacht Club
MNA	Member National Authority
[NP]	A boat may not protest, per NoR 1.4.
OA	Organizing Authority
PC	Protest Committee
PFD	Personal Flotation Device
RC	Race Committee
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
SIs	Sailing Instructions
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USMRC	United States Sailing Match Racing Championship
USMRCC	United States Sailing Match Racing Championship Committee
USSA	United States Sailing Association

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the RRS, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any clinic, practice sailing, and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 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).
- 1.5 Major Alterations to the RRS
 - a) When a boat in a match fails to *sail the course*, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored zero points unless both boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, 90.3(a), A5, and C10.7.
 - b) Errors or omissions by the RC will NOT be grounds for redress by a competitor. In the event of an error or omission, the Match or CU may notify the RC of the incident and request postponement or abandonment. This changes RRS 62.1.
 - c) A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a). The PC may call a hearing to consider redress under that rule if it believes that there is a significant reason for doing so. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
 - d) RRS C6.2, C6.3, RRS 62.1(a) will be changed in the SIs for this event.
- 1.6 The following US National Prescriptions do not apply: RRS 63.1 and 63.2. The text of the other prescriptions will be posted in English on the official notice board.
- 1.7 The event is not graded by World Sailing.
- 1.8 A PC will be appointed by the OA.





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2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available after 0800 on Thursday, 25 April 2024, at the Official Notice Board on [Yacht Scoring](#).

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board located at [Yacht Scoring](#).

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse (317 First Street, Annapolis, MD).

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Up to six (6) skippers will be invited. Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA. The deadline for requesting an invitation is Saturday, 20 April 2024.

4.2 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing by registering online and paying the entry fee (through the link in the invitation), to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

4.3 The non-refundable entry fee for this regatta is USD \$175 and shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for the acceptance to be valid.

4.4 The skipper shall complete registration, pay the entry fee, arrange the damage deposit of USD \$1000, all between 0830 and 0930 on Saturday, 27 April 2024, unless extended by the OA.

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

5.2 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within thirty (30) days after the event.

5.3 The entire entry fee and damage deposit must be paid before a team can sail in any practice session or race.

5.4 In the event of a breakdown, the OA may in its discretion substitute another boat for the one with the breakdown.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

6.1 The number of crew (including the skipper, but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.

6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

6.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the CU may authorize an original crew member to substitute.

6.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the CU may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The substituted sailor shall meet all eligibility requirements and shall be very close in weight to the substituted sailor.

6.5 The OA may place a person on each boat as either a guest, cameraman, or umpire observer.

7 EVENT FORMAT

7.1 The OA intends to provide up to six (6) J/22 boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, jib, spinnaker.

7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.





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- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors maybe requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward/windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.7 The intended racing area will be the mouth of the Severn River or the Chesapeake Bay.
- 7.8 Skippers will be seeded into the round robin by the OA.
- 7.9 It is intended that the event will consist of the following stages.

STAGE 1 – Tripe Round Robin

- a) All skippers are scheduled to sail against all other skippers three times.
- b) For the next Stage sailed, in reference to RRS C4.1, the highest placed skipper from the first stage will have the starboard entry for the first match and boats will alternate ends after every match.

STAGE 2 – Semi-Finals Knockouts

- a) The four (4) highest placing skippers from the round robin will be paired highest placing skipper from Stage 1 v lowest placing skipper from Stage 1, etc., in accordance with a table to be distributed by the RC.
- b) The first skippers to score at least three (3) points will proceed to Stage 4.
- c) The other skippers will move to Stage 3.

STAGE 3 – Petite-Final Knockout Series

- a) The skippers qualifying for this stage will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed to the RC.
- b) The first skipper to score at least two (2) points will place 3rd in the regatta. The other skipper will place 4th.

STAGE 4 – Final Series

- a) The skippers qualifying for this stage will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed to the RC.
- b) The first skipper to score at least three (3) points will be the winner. The other skipper will place 2nd.

STAGE 5 – Consolation Round Robin or Knockout Series

- a) Skippers not advancing after Stage 1 will be paired in accordance with a table to be distributed by the RC. The results of this round robin or knockout rounds for places 5th through 6th.
- b) This stage will be run concurrently with Stages 3 through 5.

- 7.10 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 8.1 The schedule of events is as follows. The location of all activities will be EYC.

Sat, 27 April	RACING DAY 1	
	0830	Registration - Match Racing Prebrief
	0930	Skippers briefing and meeting with umpires
	1000	Intended attention signal
	After racing	Daily debrief
Sun, 28 April	RACING DAY 2	
	0830	Skippers briefing
	0930	Intended attention signal
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time
	After racing	Daily debrief
		Post-race social and awards presentation





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- 8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- Initial briefing for skippers.
 - Daily debriefs.
 - Prizegiving for the final skippers and crews
- 9 **[NP] [DP] ADVERTISING**
Boats will display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 10 **[NP] [DP] SUPPORT PERSON**
Individual support person vessels will be permitted.
- 11 **[NP] [DP] MEDIA, IMAGES, & SOUND**
- 11.1 If required by the OA:
- Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried onboard while racing.
 - Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 11.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 11.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event, free of charge.
- 12 **COACH BOATS**
Coach boats are permitted only outside the racing area.
- 13 **RISK STATEMENT**
RRS 3 states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. ***Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.***
- 14 **PRIZES**
- 14.1 The top placing eligible skipper will have match racing bragging rights until next year's regatta.
- 14.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 15 **ENVIRONMENT**
[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.
- 16 **FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 16.1 EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants.
- 16.2 For more information, contact [Jeff Borland](#).



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