



Storm Trysail Club - Chesapeake Station
2014 Annapolis Fall Regatta
Sailing Instructions^{v3}

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"); the prescriptions of US Sailing; the 2014 HPR Rules, the 2014 IRC Rules, Parts A, B & C; the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (this changes RRS 63.7); the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the Offshore Special Regulations do not apply. IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) will not apply.

2. ENTRIES

See NOR. Late entries may be accepted until 1700 hours, Thursday, October 30, 2014.

3. REGATTA HEADQUARTERS/ NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard, Annapolis, MD 21403. Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta website www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1058.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SAFETY

RRS/US 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant." RRS/US prescribes that life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations shall be carried. All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines, available at www.stormtrysail.org.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A Distance Race on Friday, with a Scoring Gate, will constitute 2 races. As many as six windward/leeward races are scheduled. Races not completed on Saturday may be re-sailed on Sunday. Races not completed on Friday or Sunday will not be re-sailed.

Friday, October 31st

0930 Rendezvous in the vicinity of GC "1" South of Hackett Point, at approximately 38° 58.3'N, 76° 24.8'W

1000 Warning signal for Distance Race.

Saturday, November 1st and Sunday, November 2nd

0930 Rendezvous in the vicinity of "1AH" off Tolly Point at approximately 38° 56.0'N, 76° 26.2'W

1030 Warning signal for first race.

7. VHF RADIO

The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast on **VHF Channel 74** information such as location of Race Committee Signal Boat, sail numbers of yachts OCS, course type, range and bearing to the windward mark, change of course, etc. On Saturday and Sunday, for boats in the Triple Number Plus Class, the RC will broadcast the scoring choice for the race in the form of Light, Medium, or Heavy ratings. Failure to broadcast this information, or failure to receive or hear these broadcasts, will not be grounds for redress.

8. COURSES

Courses for the Distance Race are described in an Appendix attached to these Sailing Instructions. A course board displayed from the Signal Boat will identify the number of the course to be sailed. Different courses may be sailed for each class and the course board for each class will be displayed before the Warning signal for that class. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all competitors of the course to be sailed using **VHF Channel 74**. If conditions permit, there will be a scoring gate at one of the turning marks in the distance race.

Windward / Leeward courses of 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. A course board will display the identifying number of the course by indicating the number of legs to be sailed. Course "4" indicates 4 legs: start, windward, leeward, windward, and finish to leeward at the start line. The approximate distance and magnetic bearing between the start line and windward mark will be displayed on the course board. There may be 2 windward marks at different distances from the start line. Classes may sail to one or the other windward marks, as displayed on the course board. The Race Committee may set a leeward gate. If no gate is in place, boats should round the single leeward mark, leaving it to port. The leeward mark or gate will be to windward of the start/finish lines. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg.

For the last race on Saturday and Sunday, the Race Committee may signal Course "5" which will be a "**Harry A course**" as follows: start; windward mark to port; reach to a reach mark approximately 0.5nm from the start line, to be left to port; reach to the start/finish pin which will be left to starboard; downwind to a new leeward mark approximately 0.5nm to leeward of the start/finish line to be left to port; then windward to the finish at the start line.

9. MARKS

Marks will be orange or yellow inflatables

10. STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for the second and subsequent starts may be the starting signal for the previous start. The final class splits will be available on the regatta website.

| <u>Start</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Class Flag</u> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| First | HPR 1 | Numeral pennant 1 |
| Second | HPR 2 | Numeral pennant 2 |
| Third | IRC & TNP | Numeral pennant 3 |

11. START LINE

The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a starting mark at the port end of the line.

12. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1, with the following addition: "*The Race Committee may attempt to announce sail numbers of OCS boats on **VHF Channel 74**. Failure to make such transmissions, the order or timeliness of the sail number announcements or failure of a competitor to receive or hear such transmissions shall not be grounds for redress.*"

13. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

The Race Committee may change a mark of the course in accordance with RRS 33. For a changed weather mark, the first changed mark will be a yellow inflatable. Subsequent changes will be alternated between yellow and orange inflatables.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 and 44.3 shall apply. A boat must choose the penalty with which she will comply and perform all tasks promptly. RRS 44.1 is changed by adding: *“A boat breaking a rule of part 2 of RRS may take a penalty after the incident and prior to the start of the protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 (c)”*.

15. FINISH

For the distance race: See Appendix attached.

For windward/leeward races and the “Harry A course” the finish line will be the start line.

16. TIME LIMIT

For the Distance Race the time limit will be 5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 1 hour of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes RRS 35.

For the windward/leeward races and the “Harry A course” the time limit for the first yacht to finish is 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes RRS 35.

17. PROTESTS

Boats intending to protest another boat for an incident on the water shall notify the Race Committee, and receive acknowledgement, as soon as possible after finishing. Protest forms will be available on the regatta website. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee within 60 minutes from the time that the Race Committee Signal Boat docks after finishing the last race of the day. Protest hearings will be heard at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard, as soon as possible after receiving written protests. Protest hearings for Friday’s distance race, may be held on Saturday.

18. SCORING

A maximum of eight races are scheduled of which one windward/leeward race sailed on Saturday or Sunday shall be completed to constitute a series and championship. No races shall be excluded (this changes RRS A2). Competitors will be scored under the rules they have ratings in. The Distance Race will constitute two races, and will have a “scoring gate” at one of the rounding marks in the Friday Distance Race, with a points value of 1.0 based on corrected times taken at the gate. The completed Distance Race will be scored with a value of 1.5 points, and cannot be discarded...this changes RRS A4.

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4.1 will apply with the following additions:

“Yachts failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters”.

19. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class: HPR 1, HPR 2, IRC and TNP.

20. AWARDS/SOCIAL

On Sunday, immediately following racing and any protest hearings, awards will be presented with beverages and light fare at Bert Jabin Yacht Yard.

APPENDIX to Sailing Instructions

Description of Distance Race Courses

For all courses, marker 1AH off Tolly Point, Thomas Point Shoal lighthouse and Bloody Point Bar light must be left on the channel side.

Course 1 Approximately 30nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to starboard, to buoy GC "85A" to port, to buoy R "84A" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy GC "85A" to starboard (Scoring Gate*), to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to port, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to port, to Finish line located between Severn River buoy G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at GC "85A" on the return rounding. A Race Committee boat will be taking rounding times at that mark. This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.

Course 2 Approximately 28nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to Port, to buoy RW "LP" Mo (A) to port, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to Craighill Channel buoy R "10" FI R 2.5s to port (Scoring Gate*), to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to Finish Line located between Severn River G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at R "10" FI R 2.5s. A Race Committee boat will be taking rounding times at that mark. This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.