



CRAB Cup

CBYRA Sanction #344



Saturday, 15 August 2020

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the HARBOR 20 Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with their Class Rules.
- 1.3 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 [DP] Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect the day of the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at <http://eastportyc.org/crab-cup>.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the SIs shall be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than sixty (60) minutes in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of events is:

Thu, 13 August	2000	Entry & registration closes
Sat, 15 August	1130	Rendezvous
	1200	Intended Warning signal for the race
- 5.2 Boats are to rendezvous at 1130 hours in the vicinity of **G9** (QG).
- 5.3 No Warning signal shall be made after 1400 hours.

6 RACING AREA

The race will take place on the Severn River and Annapolis Harbor.

7 CHECK IN

[DP] [NP] All boats shall check in with the RC Signal Vessel by hailing their sail number until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.





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8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Course will use government marks as designated below. The Horn Point Shoal mark “HP” shall be passed on the channel side for all courses. Course diagrams and distances are shown in Attachment A.

- “A” G5 – G13 – Finish
- “B” G5 – R14 – Finish
- “C” G5 – G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
- “D” G5 – R14– G5 – R14 – Finish
- “E” R14– G5 – R14 – Finish

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U, Audible Signal Racing System.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and Severn River G9.
- 9.3 A boat that has not started within five (5) minutes after the start signal shall not race and will be scored “DNS.”

10 RECALLS

The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 78. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcement, the timeliness of the announcement, or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and Severn River G9.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply.
- 12.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 If no boat finishes within 2-1/2 hours of the start time, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit via one of the following methods.
- a. Electronic submittal is preferred and is available via the “Online Scoring Inquiry Filing” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
 - b. Written forms may be submitted to a member of the race management team at Sparky’s Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club within the Protest Time Limit. Forms will be available at the same location.
 - c. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 14.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit via one of the following methods.
- a. Electronic submittal is preferred and is available via the “Owner’s Corner” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be submitted either via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org or to a member of the race management team at Sparky’s Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club within the Protest Time Limit.
 - b. Written forms may be submitted to a member of the race management team at Sparky’s Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club within the Protest Time Limit. Forms are available at the same location.
- 14.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A paper form will also be available from a member of the race management team at Sparky’s Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club.





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- 14.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the last finisher. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1b and 63.2. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. Protest and/or request for redress hearings may be virtual hearings. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the Protest Procedure Guidelines & Code of Conduct for Remote Hearings, available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
- 14.6 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board before the end of the protest time limit.

15 SCORING

RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

16 SAFETY

- 16.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 78, or via the EYC cell phone, (410) 271-7193, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. A voicemail or email message shall include the approximate time of the message, the name and contact information of the caller, the boat name, and her sail number.
- 16.2 **[DP]** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 16.3 **[DP]** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - (b) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
 - (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 16.4 **[DP]** The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 16.2 and 16.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and RRS 61.3.

17 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] This is a Clean Race. All competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles and to recycle whenever possible. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.



18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 **[DP] [NP]** Boats shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 78.
- 18.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 78. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive radio communications, the timeliness of communication or the contents of any transmission. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 18.3 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.
- 18.4 A boat's failure to hear a broadcast, the RC's failure to broadcast, or the content of any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be as follows:
- 1st Place for three (3) or more entries;
 - 1st and 2nd Places for five (5) or more entries; and,
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for seven (7) or more entries.
- 19.2 The North Sails Fleet Award will be presented to the class raising the most funds for CRAB Cup.
- 19.3 Participants who compete in all three (3) Annapolis-based charity regattas – Leukemia Cup, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup – will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown Trophy, to be awarded at the end of the season. The final standings will be a combination of race and fundraising results across all events.





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20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Boats participate in the CRAB Cup entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4. The OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

21 INSURANCE

[DP] [NP] Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

22 SOCIAL

The CRAB Cup post-race party has been cancelled in compliance with the State's guidelines for social distancing.



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Attachment A

CRAB Cup Harbor 20 Courses





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