



## Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta

September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**CBYRA Sanction #335, #336**

The Organizing Authority of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2021 (Screwpile) is the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc. (SMSA). Event & Race management will be conducted by the Screwpile Regatta Executive Committee. Racing will be held at the mouth of the Patuxent River.

**1. RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024* except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** Screwpile is open to mono-hull boats racing under ORC, PHRF, CRCA, or One-Design class rules (minimum boat length 22 ft.) Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2021 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating. Boats in the ORC class shall have a valid 2021 ORCi or ORC Club certificate, see <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>. One-Design competitors must be members of their respective class associations. Boats participating in CRCA that do not already have an assigned ORA rating should obtain one by contacting the Screwpile Cruiser Course PRO, James Whited, at (410) 474-8198. Entries will only be accepted from an Owner or Skipper who is a current member of US Sailing; to join call 1-800-877-2451.

**3. CLASSES:** The regatta is open to boats in the following handicap divisions or one-design classes: ORC (ORCi or ORC Club certs equal to or lower than a General Purpose Handicap of 606.0); PHRF classes A2, B and C; Melges 24, J/111, J/105, J/35, and J/70 one design classes; and CRCA spinnaker and non-spinnaker. Other handicap divisions or classes may be added at the discretion of the organizing authority if five (5) or more boats register for that division or class. More than one class may start at the same time.

**4. ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Boats wishing to enter the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge regatta shall register on-line at: <http://www.screwpile.net>. To be considered a valid entry in Screwpile, complete all registration steps and pay all fees. Deadline for entries is 2400, Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup>. Entries received after that must include a late fee of \$35.00. No entries will be accepted after Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. The entry fee for ORC/PHRF/OD classes is \$150.00 and for the Cruising Class is \$100.00.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on the official web page <http://www.screwpile.net> and <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14296>. The official printed hard copy will be available at registration.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS:** The Official Notice Board is electronic and will be located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14296>. On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs. All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.

**7. EVENT HEADQUARTERS:** Event headquarters will be located at Safe Harbor Zahniser's Yachting Center, 245 C Street, Solomons, MD. Post-race parties and awards ceremonies will be held under the regatta tent located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers. All skippers/boats must check in to receive skipper's packet and sailing

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instructions. Check-in will be Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the SMSA clubhouse at 14490 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons between 1700 and 2000 hours. In the advent of late finishers in the AYC Fall Race to Solomons, late packet pick-up can be accomplished at Zahniser's Marina on Sunday morning between 0730 and 0845.

**8. RACING AND COURSES:** Racing will be conducted for all classes on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. For ORC, PHRF and One-Design classes, racing will consist of multiple windward / leeward races. The Cruising Class will sail one longer course per day using government marks. The warning signal for the first race on both days is scheduled for 1030.

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Boats may take either a Two-Turn Penalty or the Scoring Penalty. The minimum will be 2 places. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.3.

**10. SCORING:**

**10.1** The Low point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, as modified. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There shall be no throw outs. One race constitutes a series.

**10.2** Boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in their class will be scored "Time Limit Expired (TLE)" which is the number of finishers plus two. Others will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

**11. ARBITRATION:** For protests involving the rules of Part 2 an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing. Protest hearings will be held in the Skippers' Lounge adjacent to the Zahnisers Marina office.

**12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:** All boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta.

**13. AWARDS:** Daily awards will be presented in each class for each day of racing. For multiple race days, class awards will be presented on the combined scores for the day. Overall class series awards, as well as Best Overall Boat of the Regatta, will be presented on the last day of the regatta. For the purposes of ordering trophies, classes will be determined based upon entries received as of 26 August 2021, and any class qualifying for a separate class after that date will receive their trophies after the event has been concluded. Post-race awards parties will be held at Safe Harbor Zahniser's under the tent next to the Pool Bar.

**14. MEDIA RIGHTS:** Competitors give permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media. Commercial video or photographs must be licensed and approved by the Screwpile Committee 2021.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:

James Keen, Regatta Chairman at 240 925-1173 or [chairman@screwpile.net](mailto:chairman@screwpile.net)

Information is also available online at <http://www.screwpile.net>



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