

## Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station

# 2007 IRC East Coast Championship

Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
November 2, 3, 4, 2007

## Notice of Regatta<sub>v3</sub>

The 2007 Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station IRC East Coast Championship will be sailed on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, Maryland, USA on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 2, 3, 4, and 2007. The Organizing Authority is the Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

### **Rules**

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (2005 – 2008)* ("RRS"); the prescriptions of US Sailing; the 2007 IRC Rules, Part 3; the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instruction (this changes RRS 63.7); the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: [www.sailing.org](http://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 these regulations do not apply.

Number of crew allowed will be the crew number on the IRC Certificate plus one.

All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the website: [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org).

### **Eligibility**

The regatta is open to any IRC boat that meets the requirements of the IRC Rules and has an IRC Certificate with a rating for 2007. Unendorsed certificates will be accepted. To obtain an IRC Certificate: [www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC](http://www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC). IRC Ratings will be obtained from the US Sailing web site. Any entry without an IRC Rating on the US Sailing web site, must provide a valid certificate at registration. To encourage entrants to race under IRC this fall, new certificates or revalidations will be processed in time for the regatta at a discount.

### **Fleet Limitations**

The fleet size will be limited to approximately the first 45 boats with a completed entry and payment of their entry fee. Any one-design class with a minimum of 10 boats with valid IRC certificates will be given a separate start.

### **Entry and Registration**

Eligible boats may enter on line via the link on the Storm Trysail Club website: [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org) or via: [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and pay the applicable Entry Fee no later than October 17, 2007.

Late entries may be accepted until 1700 hours, Thursday, November 1, 2007 with a late payment penalty of \$100. A representative of each boat is REQUIRED to check-in at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center between 1600 and 1800 hours, Thursday, November 1, 2007. Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions will be distributed along with any social event tickets.

## **Fees**

The entry fee for entries received and paid by October 17, 2007 will be as follows: \$250 for boats less than 40 feet LOA; \$300 for boats 40 but less than 50 feet LOA, and \$400 for boats 50 feet LOA or more.

## **Racing Schedule**

Rendezvous on each day will be at 0930 hours.

The first warning signal on Friday will be at 1000 hours.

The first warning signal on Saturday and Sunday will be at 1030 hours.

Up to seven races are scheduled: One distance race on Friday, up to four windward-leeward races on Saturday, and two windward-leeward races on Sunday.

Any race not completed on Saturday may be sailed on Sunday.

## **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Storm Trysail Club website: [www.stormtrysail.org](http://www.stormtrysail.org) or [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) on or about October 24, 2007 and will be available at registration.

## **Courses**

Friday: A distance race. For the classes of smaller boats, the course will be approximately 35 miles. For the classes of larger boats, the course will be approximately 50 miles.

Saturday and Sunday: Courses will be windward-leeward 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 legs, with legs between 0.50 and 2.0 nautical miles in length. A windward offset mark may be used; a leeward gate may be used.

## **Scoring**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:

Boats 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.

There will be no Throw-out race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.

Seven races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series and championship.

The distance race will be weighted at 1.5 times the windward-leeward races.

## **Social**

The Annapolis Yacht Club will provide the venue for owners and their crews for this event, as follows:

Thursday, November 1: Registration 1600 to 1800 hours at the AYC Sailing Center

Saturday, November 3: Beverages and light fare.

Sunday, November 4: Awards presentation with beverages and light fare immediately following racing.

## **Prizes**

The IRC East Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the Best Overall Performance. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

## **Dockage**

Transient commercial slips are available at nearby marinas.

## **Further Information**

Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to:

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