



# SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2023 JULY 14-16, 2023 – SOLOMONS, MARYLAND

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### PART I

1. Race Headquarters will be located at Safe Harbor Zahniser's Marina at the end of "C" Street in Solomons.

2. Owners/Skippers must pick up their Skippers Package with the Official Entry List and Sailing Instructions at the Registration Table at Safe Harbor Zahnisers between 1600 and 1900 hours on July 13<sup>th</sup> Late packet pick-up can be accomplished at Safe Harbor Zahnisers Marina on Friday morning between 0730-0845.

3. In addition to the evening awards parties, results will be available online at YachtScoring.com (see 4).

4. Race results and other communications will be available at YachtScoring.com via the following link  
[https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_results\\_cumulative.cfm?eid=15617](https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eid=15617)

5. The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests. The legal drinking age in Maryland is 21. Minors will not be served, and proof of age will be required. In the event of serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, underage drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, Committee Member or agent of Screwpile Challenge 2023, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible and the boat or competitor may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the Event Chairman.

6. Friday – Sunday  
0900 Harbor Start  
0945 Rendezvous  
1030 Warning  
1600 Protest Hearings  
1700-2030 Tent Party & Entertainment  
1900 (approx.) Awards Ceremony .. Intention to have the awards earlier on Sunday.



### SMSA

Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) is the Organizing Authority of this Regatta

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### PART 2

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Notice of Regatta, the Official Entry Form, and USCG requirements shall apply.
- 1.3 These Sailing Instructions, including all amendments, supersede and will take precedence in the case of conflict with any other rules, the Notice of Regatta or Entry Form.
- 1.4 All participating boats must meet the current US Sailing Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements.
- 1.5 All Cruising Fleet boats must be seaworthy monohulls with a minimum of 22' length on deck. Fixed keel, immovable ballast, and enclosed head. The cabin should be fitted out to comfortably cruise. Sailed with a minimum of two people.

#### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Official notices and numbered addenda to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board at the Zahniser's Marina Pool Bar near the party tent. Courtesy notices will also be available on the SPLC event site hosted on yachtscore.com at [https://yachtscore.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=15617](https://yachtscore.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=15617)
- 2.2 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0830 hours on the day they are to take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the Back Creek side of Zahniser's Marina near "J" dock.
- 3.2 One horn sound at 0900 by the Chief PRO will signal that races will start as scheduled for that day.
- 3.3 Postponement Signal 'AP' displayed ashore with two sound signals by 0900 indicates today's start of racing is postponed. Postponement Signal 'AP' lowered ashore with one sound signal indicates either: An abandonment signal (as per SI 3.4) will immediately follow, or the initial warning signal will be made in not less than 90 minutes. This modifies Race Signal "AP".
- 3.4 Abandonment Signal; 'N' over 'A' all races are abandoned for today.
- 3.5 The intention of the Race Committee, with regard to the start of racing, will be hailed on VHF channel 72 (ORC, PHRF, One-Design) and VHF channel 78 (Cruising Fleets) at 0900.

#### 4. RADIO USE

- 4.1 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with the ORC, PHRF and One-Design Fleets.
- 4.2 The Cruising Fleet Race Committee will use VHF channel 78 to communicate with the Cruising Fleets.
- 4.3 The Race Committee may attempt to broadcast on VHF information such as location of RC Boat, sail numbers of boats OCS, course type and range, bearing to windward mark, change of course, etc. Failure to broadcast this information or failure of a boat to receive or hear these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1.
- 4.4 The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, notification of protests, acknowledgment of infringements, or requests for emergency assistance.
- 4.5 All competitors **must** carry a working VHF radio aboard their boat.

## 5. SAFETY

5.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible.

5.2 Boats shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a freighter, tug, or other commercial vessel. Competitors must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. A boat protested under this rule has the burden of proof that she complied with this rule. RRS 60.2 is changed to add, "If the Race Committee receives a report of an incident where a boat or boats may have interfered with the commercial traffic, it may protest any boat involved."

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Racing is scheduled for each day, Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. There are no scheduled Lay Days.

6.2 The Race Schedule

a. ORC, PHRF and One Design (OD): It is the intention of the Race Committee to run two or more races on each day. The Race Committee will signal its intention to start another race by flying Flag "R" from the Signal Boat at the finish of a race. After finishing each race, competitors shall stand clear of the finish line, honoring the starting area boundaries as stated in Sailing Instruction 11.4 until a new starting sequence has commenced. Approximately one (1) minute before the Warning Signal for the first class of each subsequent race, multiple horn signals will be sounded from the Race Committee boat.

b. The Cruising Fleet, will run one (1) random leg course on each race day (Friday through Sunday).

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The "Class Flag" as listed in Exhibit 1.

7.2 The class flag shall be displayed on the stern (at least 5 feet up on the backstay), if possible.

7.3 Description of Flags and Pennants to be used, PHRF 1 – #9 pennant, PHRF 2 – #2 pennant, PHRF 3 – #6 pennant and J/70 – J/70 class flag. The Cruising Fleet class flags are CRCA Spinnaker – Blue streamer and CRCA Non-spinnaker – Green streamer. Streamers for the Cruising Fleet will be distributed in the Skipper's Bags at registration.

### EXHIBIT 1

### 2023 CLASS FLAGS



PHRF 1



PHRF 2

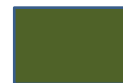


PHRF 3

J-70



CRCA  
Spinnaker

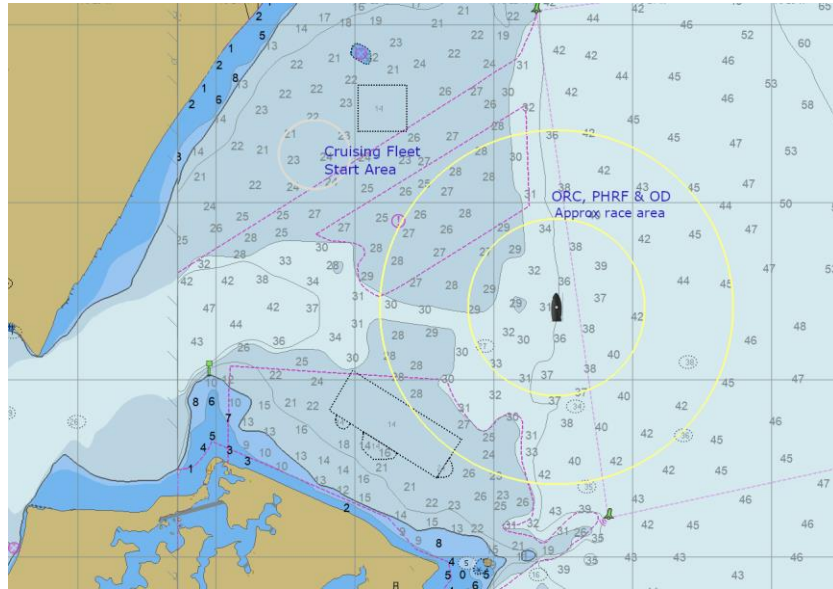


CRCA  
Non-spinnaker

The Race Committee reserves the right to add classes or to sub-divide classes to provide the best, most competitive racing for the regatta.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 There will be one racing area for the ORC, PHRF and One-Design classes. They shall rendezvous approximately 1.25nm due east from FL G 2.5 sec “#3” in the mouth of the Patuxent River.



8.2 The Cruising Fleet will do one random leg race each day (see Appendix B). The rendezvous for the Cruising Fleet will be approximately 1.0 NM from FL.R 2.5 sec “4”, Drum Point at an approximate bearing of 060 (mag).

8.3 All competitors are requested as a courtesy, to check in with the Race Committee Signal boat prior to the first Warning of the day by hailing name and or sail number until acknowledged by RC.

## 9. COURSES

9.1 The courses will be selected from those shown in Appendix A and Appendix B.

9.2 The windward-leeward courses chosen for each class will be displayed on the course board on the Race Committee Signal boat prior to the Warning Signal. In addition, the magnetic bearing and approximate distance to the first mark from the Committee Boat and the time limit will also be displayed on the course board before the Warning Signal. If course, bearing or distance is unchanged for the later class or classes, there shall be a blank rather than repetition on the course board (see example below).

1-2	3-4
4	
300	
3	2.5
3	

(Classes)

(All Classes sail course “4”)

(Magnetic bearing to the first mark for all classes is 300°)

(Approximate distance to the first mark for Classes 1-3 is 3 nm; it is 2.5 nm for Classes 4-6 and Multi-Hull)

(Time limit for all classes is 3 hours)

9.3 The Cruising Fleet course will be as described in Appendix B.

## **10. MARKS**

**10.1** The windward marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons. An offset mark may be deployed at the windward marks, offset marks will be an orange inflatable ball. Initial change marks will be yellow inflatable balls. The port line starting mark will be a lime green cylinder or a Race Committee port line boat. The leeward gate marks will be white cylinders. If only one leeward mark is present, *all boats shall round it to port*. Finish marks will be a yellow tetrahedron.

**10.2** The Cruising Fleet marks are as defined in Appendix B.

## **11. THE START**

**11.1** RRS 26 will be used. An addendum will be available at registration detailing fleet assignments.

**11.2** The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end Race Committee Signal boat and a lime green cylinder or staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end Race Committee Start/Finish Line boat. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern and/or anchor line of the Race Committee Signal and Start/Finish Line boats and for the purpose of RRS 28.1 and 31.

**11.3** Approximately one (1) minute before the warning Signal for the first class of each race, the Race Committee will make multiple sound signals. This is not a timed Signal.

**11.4** The Starting Area is defined as the area extending 100 yards to each side of the starting line and enclosed by a 100-yard radius semicircle centered at both ends of the starting line. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats failing to keep clear of this area will be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

**11.5** When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the starting line signal boat before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

## **12. RECALLS**

**12.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

**12.2** The Race Committee will attempt to notify boats by broadcasting their sail number or Boat Name over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly.

**12.3** General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2

## **13. COURSE CHANGE AFTER START**

**13.1** Course changes after the start will be made in accordance with RRS 33. The new mark will be a yellow inflatable ball for the first change. If a course that has been changed is changed again, the yellow inflatable ball will be replaced with an orange tetrahedron.

**13.2** If during the signaling of a course Change, Flag "C" is flown over Flag "F", then the change applies only to boats beginning their last leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

## **14. THE FINISH**

**14.1** Unless the course has been shortened, for downwind finishes the Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the signal boat between the staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and a yellow tetrahedron. The finish line will be approximately 0.1 nm below the leeward gate/mark. Unless the course has been shortened, for the upwind finishes, the finish line will be approximately 0.1 nm beyond the weather mark between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC finish boat and a yellow tetrahedron.

**14.2** After Finishing each competitor shall remain clear of the finish line until a new sequence has begun.

## **15. TIME LIMIT**

**15.1** Boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in her class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) which will be equal the number of finishers plus two. Others will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.2.

**15.2** For the Cruising Fleet the time limit for the first boat to finish in each class will be 1445 on Friday and Saturday and 1330 on Sunday. Boats still racing that do not finish within 90 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored TLE which will be equal the number of finishers plus two. This changes RRS 35 and A5.2. SI 15.1 does not apply to the Cruising Fleet.

## **16. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

**16.1** RRS 44.1 is modified by giving a boat the option of taking a Two-Turns Penalty or a Scoring Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty or a Scoring Penalty when she may have broken rule 31.

**16.2** RRS 44.3(a) is replaced by: A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by displaying a yellow flag or an "1" flag at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident. She shall also inform the race committee as required by rule 44.3.(b).

**16.3** The Scoring Penalty under rule 44.3 (c) applies. The minimum penalty for a breach of one or more rules in Part 2 will be two places. In addition, the Scoring Penalty for a breach of rule 31 shall be the whole number of places (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 10% of the number of boats entered in that class. The minimum penalty will be one place. However, in no case may the boat be scored worse than Did Not Finish. This changes 44.3(c).

**16.4** In addition, a boat that complies with some but not all the requirements of 16.2 and 16.3 above, or a boat that acknowledges an infringement of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 prior to hearing, shall be penalized places nearest to 30% (rounding 0.5 upward) of the number of boats entered in that class. No hearing is required, but a boat may request a hearing on having met the requirements of 16.2 above. This changes 44.3(c).

**16.5** Collision with Race Committee Boat. If a boat collides with any Race Committee Boat and causes injury or serious damage to that Race Committee Boat or its personnel, her penalty shall be to retire.

## **17. PROTESTS and REDRESS REQUESTS**

**17.1** Protests shall be filed at the Protest Hearing Office at the Zahniser's Marina Crew Lounge which is adjacent to the Marina Office. The protest should be submitted as soon as possible but not later than 90 minutes after the last boat in the protestor's fleet has finished the last race of the day or 90 minutes after the abandonment or postponement of the remaining races of the day in the protestor's fleet.

**17.2** Protesting boats shall notify the Race Committee of the incident and boat(s) involved immediately following the finish of the race in which the incident occurred and continue to do so until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

**17.3** Protest Hearing notices will be posted on the Notice Board at the Zahniser's Pool Bar as soon as possible after the protest time limit, as well as on YachtScoring. The notice will inform competitors of when a hearing on a protest to which they may be a party is to be held. Protest Hearings will be held at the Zahniser's Marina Crew Lounge which is adjacent to the Marina office. This constitutes notification by the race committee or protest committee required under RRS 61.1(b) and the Prescription to RRS 63.2. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to the protests shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Protest Committee Office. Competitor's attention is drawn to RRS 63.3(b) (Right to Be Present/failure to attend).

**17.4** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final for determining the award of prizes for this regatta.

## **18. ARBITRATION**

**18.1** An arbitration meeting may be scheduled for each protest involving a rule of Part 2. One representative from each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witness will be permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render an opinion:

- A.** The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.
- B.** One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a 30% Scoring Penalty and the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If not, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.
- C.** The arbitrator decides a protest hearing is required. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.

The arbitrator may allow a protest withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee. This changes RRS 63.1

**18.3** For the purposes of RRS 63.2, as needed, all parties shall be prepared for a protest hearing immediately following the arbitration.

**18.4** The acceptance of an arbitration penalty cannot be grounds for redress nor can it be appealed nor may either party request a reopening of a hearing.

## **19. Reserved**

## **20. SERIES SCORING**

**20.1** The regatta will be scored according to the Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for **all** races. One race constitutes a series.

**20.2** Handicap scoring will be as follows: ORC and PHRF classes will be scored using the current handicaps Windward/Leeward Time On Time (TOT) handicaps provided by the Offshore Racing Congress and PHRF of the Chesapeake. The rating list valid on the first day of racing will be used.

## **21. HAULOUT RESTRICTION**

Boats shall remain in the water throughout the regatta. A request to haul out a boat must be submitted in writing and approved by the Race/Event Chairman.

## **22. AWARDS**

**22.1** Class awards for first, second and third will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. For multiple race days, class awards will be presented based on combined scores for the day.

**22.2** Overall class awards for first, second and third positions in the regatta will be presented on Sunday the final day of the regatta.

**22.3** The Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2023 Overall Winner will be awarded the "Calvert County Trophy". The overall winner will be that boat which wins the class with the closest, most competitive racing of the event. This is determined by adding the corrected time differential (elapsed time for one-design classes) between first and fifth place and dividing that total by the total miles raced for each class. The class winner competing in the class with the lowest average time differential between first and fifth (sec/mile) is the "Overall Winner".

## **23. INSPECTIONS**

The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect a boat without prior notification at any time to assure compliance with class rules and safety requirements.

## **24. CONDUCT**

**24.1** The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for all actions of his crew and guests.

**24.2** In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or the failure to comply with the request of the Race Chairman, Race Officer, Committee Member or agent of Screwpile Challenge 2023, the, the Skipper/Owner will be responsible for all damages and the Screwpile 2023 Race Committee may rescind the boat's entry at any time during the regatta.

## **25. MOVABLE BALLAST**

As per PHRF Fleet Policies: "Canting keels and center boards moved by the use of stored energy are allowed if the boat retains self-righting ability with the keel or centerboard in any allowed position. This changes RRS 51 and RRS 52 to allow use of stored energy to move a swing or canting keel (dead weight) or centerboard for stability on a boat that has been designed for use of this appendage"

**Thank you for your participation in Screwpile Challenge 2023  
"A regatta run by sailors for sailors"**

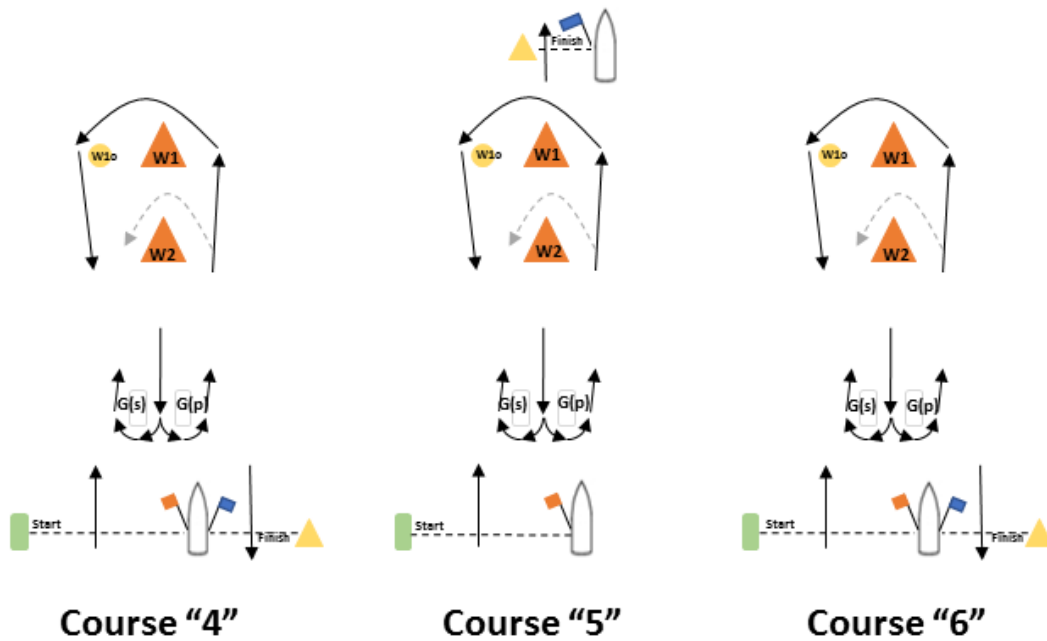
APPENDIX "A" & "B" on the following pages



## APPENDIX A WINDWARD – LEEWARD COURSES

All marks are to be rounded to port, except leeward gate mark Gs. There will be two windward marks used (differentiated on the course board by distance to the windward mark for specific classes). If only one leeward mark is present, *all boats shall round it to port*. For all courses, the leeward gate marks have no significance on the last leg of the course. For windward finishes, the windward mark(s) have no significance on the last leg of the course and the finish line will be located to weather of the windward mark(s). The course designation will be equal to the number of legs to be sailed (Example: Course “4” is 4-legs, Course “5” is 5 legs, and Course “6” is 6 legs). Offset legs are not considered a leg of the course for designation purposes.

### COURSE DIAGRAMS



4 legs	5 legs	6 legs
<p><i>(long weather mark)</i></p> <p>Start – W1 – W1o – Gs/Gp – W1 – W1o – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W1 – W1o – Gs/Gp – W1 – W1o – Gs/Gp – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W1 – W1o – Gs/Gp – W1 – W1o – Gs/Gp – W1 – W1o – Finish</p>
<p><i>(short weather mark)</i></p> <p>Start – W2 – Gs/Gp – W2 – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W2 – Gs/Gp – W2 – Gs/Gp – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W2 – Gs/Gp – W2 – Gs/Gp – W2 – Finish</p>
<p><i>(Multi-Hull)</i></p> <p>Start – W2 – MH LM – W2 – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W2 – MH LM – W2 – MH LM – Finish</p>	<p>Start – W2 – MH LM – W2 – MH LM – W2 – Finish</p>

## APPENDIX B - CRUISING FLEET

The following additions to the Event Sailing Instructions only apply to the Cruising Fleet:

**B-1 Check In** Boats will receive their colored streamer class flags at Registration.

### B-2 Race Course:

**B-2.1** A Number indicating the course to be raced will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat before the beginning of the starting sequence. It will also be announced on the fleet VHF Channel (VHF 78).

Course	Description	Dist. (approx.)
1	Start – HI(P) - 74 (P) – Drop(S) – 76(P) – 77(P) – Finish	17.5 nm
2	Start – HI(P) - 74 (P) – Drop(S) – 77(P) – Finish	13.0 nm
3	Start – 77(S) – 76(S) - Drop(P) – 74(S) - HI(S) – Finish	17.5 nm
4	Start – 77(S) – Drop(P) -74 (S) –HI(S) – Finish	13.0 nm

Note: (P) indicates leave mark to port side of boat, (S) indicates leave mark to the starboard side of the boat.

**B-2.2** Definition of Marks used for the Courses:

Designation	Description	Lat / Lon
Drop	Drop Mark	38 19.5 N 076 22.8 W
77	“77”, FI G 2.5s	38 21.1 N 076 21.7 W
76	“76”, FI R 4s	38 21.4 N 076 18.5 W
74	“74”, FI R 2.5s	38 18.9 N 076 17.0 W
HI	“HI”, Mo (A) WHIS	38 18.7 N 076 18.7 W

### B-3 Recalls

**B-3.1** If any part of a boat’s hull is over the starting line prior to her start time and she is identified, she shall be considered On Course Side (OCS). The RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 78.

### B-4 The Finish

**B-4.1** The RC may shorten the course at any rounding mark in accordance with RRS 32.