

2023 Turkey Shoot Regatta, A Hospice Regatta
Organizing Authority: Rappahannock River Yacht Club
Hosted by: Rappahannock River Yacht Club, Rappahannock Yachts and Russ Harper
September 29 to October 1, 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing**, NOR and these Sailing Instructions. Note from the NOR that boats declaring a spinnaker will be assessed a 21 second penalty.

2. Notices to Competitors – Notices and official information for competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the event tent. Also, at Yachtscoring.com at “Unofficial Notice Board.”

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions –

Notices affecting competition will be posted Official Notice Board each day prior to the end of the Skippers Meeting. Also, at Yachtscoring.com at “Unofficial Notice Board.”

4. Signals Made Ashore –

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the event tent.

4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

5. Schedule –

Friday September 29

1600-1900 Check In, late registration and pick up Skippers packet

1700-1800 Racing Rules Simplified Briefing, for infrequent racers at Rappahannock River Yacht Club.

1730-1930 Welcome Cocktail Party (event tent, \$20/person)

Saturday September 30

0700-0815 Competitors Breakfast

0800-1000 Check In, late registration and pick up Skippers packet

0900 Non- Mandatory Skippers Meeting

1100 Warning Signal (Drop Mark Race)

1600 Time Limit

1800 Regatta Dinner in event tent @ \$25 person.

Sunday October 1

0700-0815	Competitors Breakfast
0830	Non-Mandatory Skippers Meeting
1030	Warning Signal – Pursuit Race
1500	Time Limit
1400	Lite Lunch provided –hotdogs, chips etc. Awards Ceremony in event tent as soon as results are available.

6. Division Flags –

The Division flags, flown from the Signal Boat, will be the colored flags that correspond to each division's assigned backstay ribbon with one exception. The Typhoon division will use the Typhoon class flag and no ribbons.

7. Racing Area –

Racing will be held in the Rappahannock River between the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Towles Point.

8. The Courses -

8.1 Saturday: A Triangle (either once or twice around depending on Fleet with a finish to Windward will be sailed with inflatable marks. A course chart is included in your skipper's bag. The approximate bearing and distance to the first mark will be announced prior to the warning signal by the RC Signal Boat. All marks shall be left to PORT. Fleet B will race a shorter course than Fleet A. The Leeward Mark will be set near the starting pin after all starts are completed.

8.2. Sunday: A Pursuit Race will be sailed around inflatable marks and possibly government marks. The exact course and starting time for each boat will be announced and posted on the Notice Board at the Skippers Meeting Sunday morning and electronically. The course length will be between 4 and 10 miles. Both fleets will race the same course.

9. Marks –

9.1 Dropped course marks will be orange or green inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.2 Start and finish lines will be between the staff of the orange flag on the Signal boat and an yellow cylinder.

9.3 Government marks may or may not be used in combination with dropped marks for the Pursuit Race.

10. Ribbons and Pennants –

10.1 Each Division will fly a distinctive colored ribbon (included in the skipper's bag) from its backstay. Each boat without a sail number will be provided a numbered ID pennant that shall be **clearly displayed to the Race Committee by a crew member on the side closest to the RC boat as the boat starts and finishes each day.** Please return the pennants (costing roughly \$25 each) and ribbons to the Flag Box in the event tent promptly following the regatta or alternatively VIA the stamped, self-addressed envelope contained in the skippers packet.

10.2 Division Ribbons (and class Flag Colors) and Starting Order:

Fleet A

Division 1 & 2: Light Blue & Grey

Division 3 & 4: Green & Pink

Division 5 & 6: Orange (**Fleet A**) & **Fleet B** Division 6 Black

Fleet B

Division 7 & 8: Blue & Red
Division 9: Typhoon (no ribbon on boats, Class Flag)
Division 10: White

Preliminary Division breakdowns will be posted on Yachtscoring.com by September 24, final Division breakdowns for Saturday's racing will be done by the RC and a notice placed on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skipper's meeting Saturday morning.

11. Check-In – Prior to Saturday's race, boats are strongly encouraged to check-in with the Race Committee by passing by the RC Signal Boat's transom on starboard tack and showing/hailing their boat's Sail Number or ID number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Alternately, boats may check-in by hailing the **Signal Boat on Channel 71. Check in ends 5 minutes before the first warning. (The RC has a lot to do then!)**

12. The Start –

12.1 Races will be started using rule 26. (RRS rule 26 diagram attached as courtesy.)

Rolling starts will be attempted on Saturday. With rolling starts, when starting Division ribbons come down next Division ribbons will go up.

Fleet starting order will be per paragraph 10.2 unless modified by the RC.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Divisions. The starting area is defined as 100 yards in all directions from the starting line.

12.4 More than one Division will likely be started at a time. (Applies to Saturday only)

12.5 For the Pursuit Race, boats will start in reverse order of handicaps, i.e. slowest rating starts first. The warning single will be at 10:30am. Handicaps are pre-applied to the boats based on the course and distance and each boat is given a starting time. The starting time for the slowest boat will be 10:35. A printed list of starting times will be supplied to all boats at the Skippers Meeting Sunday For the Pursuit Race a boat meets the definition of Racing 4 min prior to its scheduled start time.

12.6 The Race Committee will use GPS as an accurate time source for all starts and finishes.

13. Recalls –

13.1 Saturday: The RC will attempt to broadcast on the designated channel the ID#/sail numbers or boat name, of all boats observed to be OCS at the start twice

13.2 Sunday (Pursuit Race): Boats who start before their assigned starting time on Sunday may not re-start. Rather, the Race Committee will assign a time penalty to each boat equal to the

number of seconds they started ahead of their starting time plus two minutes. **If in the opinion of the PROs this early start penalty does not result in fair racing an additional penalty up to and including disqualification may be assessed.** The Race Committee will make no signals on Sunday to indicate which (if any) boats have started early. This changes rule A4.

13.3 Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. The Finish – The finish line will be between a staff displaying an Blue flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark. A boat finishes when crossing the finish line from the course side.

15. Time Limits – Saturday’s time limit is 1600 for all boats. If not finished, come in and party. Sunday’s time limit is 1500. Boats not finished at the time limit will be scored DNF.

16. Radio Communication – **The RC will broadcast on VHF channel 71. The RC will make liberal use of the radio on VHF 71 to help keep boats aware of the progress of the starting sequence. All boats are requested to stay off VHF 71 so as to allow the RC to communicate vital information to the fleet.**

17. Scoring and Trophies –

On Saturday, scores within each Division will be determined by corrected time. The winner of each Division will be given one point; the second place boat will be given two points, etc. per RRS Appendix A.4.

On Sunday, scores within each Division will be determined by the order of finish within that Division. The boat finishing first within her Division shall be declared the winner of that Division and given one point, the boat finishing second shall be given two points, etc.

Overall Division Winners: The boat with the lowest score for both days combined within each Division will be declared winner of that Division, the second lowest score will be second, etc. At least three overall trophies will be awarded within each Division.

Overall Winner: The overall winner will be calculated by adding the Saturday Division Score and the Sunday Pursuit race absolute finish position. Three overall places will be announced. In the event the Sunday race is canceled, the tiebreak for the overall winner(s) will be determined by best corrected speed. The overall winner will have their name engraved on the Virginia Spirit Cup, and also receive a keeper trophy from AGA Correa Marine Jewelers. The overall winner will also receive a room and slip for the 2023 Turkey Shoot complements of the Tides Inn. In the fun for all spirit of the Turkey Shoot, the 2022 winner will receive a penalty of 20 seconds for the 2023 regatta and the 2021 winner will receive a penalty of 10 seconds per mile.

Corinthian Winner: The Corinthian trophy is awarded to the best performance by a boat designed for cruising and crewed by members who do not regularly race. It will include the boat’s performance in Division on Saturday and overall placement in the Pursuit race. This new award, sponsored by Ed Tillett, publisher of the Waterway Guide is in the best tradition of the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta.

Wooden Boat Division – To be eligible, the wooden boat must be built to a 1965 or earlier design. The Wooden Boat Division winner will receive the Doug Power Wobbly Compass Trophy.

Most Beautiful Boat – Observers will be voting to select the finest looking vessel in the regatta. The

winner will be awarded the Most Beautiful Boat Trophy at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

John and Carole Jean McConnico Trophy – This trophy will be awarded to the Yacht Club or Marina based on the combined finishes of their top three boats, with the lowest total winning. The Pursuit race finish will break a tie.

18. Firing of Cannons: The Godspeed will not be allowed to fire there cannon before the start of Saturdays racing anytime after 9:30am.

19. Protests –

18.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the RC (signal boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the RC its sail number (or ID #) and the sail number (or ID #) of the protested boats(s). This changes RRS 61.18.2

18.2 Protest forms will be available at the event tent desk. Completed forms must be delivered to the event tent desk.

18.3 Protest filing time window: Will begin when the RC finish boat docks and ends 60 minutes later.

18.4 Saturday protests will be heard, time permitting, on Saturday. Sunday protests will be heard, time permitting, on Sunday. Otherwise, awards will be provisional, pending results of any unheard protests.

18.5 Boats who break a rule of Part 2 (When boats meet) may, if they chose, take a Two Turns Penalty as per RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

20. Retirements – Boats retiring from a race are requested to make every effort to notify the Race Committee that they are leaving the course.

21. Double headsails will not be allowed.

22. Safety –

Each owner/skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat, crew, and guests. By entering and participating in this event, they warrant that their sailboat is seaworthy, including, but not limited to, soundness of hull, spars, rigging, and all gear and equipment, and that the crew is sufficiently experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in the weather conditions present.

23. Lifejackets – Participants are encouraged to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) if they feel conditions warrant. Those sailing Single-handed boats and boats without lifelines are required to wear PFDs from the start to the finish of all races.

24. Disclaimer of Liability – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, which says, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” 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.

25. Regatta Contacts:

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