



CRAB CUP



Saturday, 17 August 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #313

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Harbor 20 Course

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72 while on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 72, and/or text message, and/or email. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5 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.

6 COURSES

- 6.1 The course will use government marks. RC will select one (1) course from the options shown in Attachment A, commensurate with the predicted conditions for the day. The Horn Point Shoal mark FI 6s 15ft 4M “HP” and FI R 6s 15ft 4M “4” shall always be passed on the channel side. They are not marks of the course and are not shown in the diagrams.
- 6.2 The selected course letter will be prominently displayed on the Signal Vessel, on the side opposite the starting line.
- 6.3 [DP] The finish line shall be considered an *obstruction* when RC is displaying a blue flag.





7 THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U, Audible Signal Racing System. This changes RRS 26.
- 7.2 When starting in the direction towards G “5” FI G 4s (i.e., downriver), the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of Severn River G “9” Q G at the port end.
- 7.3 When starting in the direction towards C “13” (i.e., upriver), the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the port end, and the course side of Severn River G “9” Q G at the starboard end.
- 7.4 If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 7.5 A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

8 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of Severn River G “9” Q C.

9 TIME LIMITS

- 9.1 The race time limit is 2.5 hours.
- 9.2 The finishing window is thirty (30) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes.
- 9.3 If a boat has *sailed the course* within the race time limit, all other boats will be scored. Those that finished within the finishing window will be scored in their finishing order. Those who have not finished within the finishing window will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

10 HEARING REQUESTS

- 10.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.
 - a. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the “Online Scoring Inquiry Filing” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
 - b. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
- 10.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the “Owner’s Corner” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.
- 10.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form may also be emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 10.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.3. 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.
- 10.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had sufficient time to prepare. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board; if a hearing will be held virtually, the link will be provided via email to each party. For virtual hearings, parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the *Online Hearing Procedure Guidelines*, available via the “Documents & Forms” link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.





11 SCORING

A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 72, or the EYC cell phone [(410) 271-7193], or email [race.committee@eastportyc.org]. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number.
- 12.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. 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.
- 12.3 [NP] 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 propulsion is the 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 time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 12.4 [NP] The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SIs 12.2 and/or 12.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

13 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.





Attachment A: Harbor 20 Course Diagrams



