



CRAB Cup

CBYRA Sanction #344

Saturday, 17 August 2019

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CRABCUP
FOR ACCESSIBLE BOATING



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the HARBOR 20 Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with their Class Rules.
- 1.3 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at <http://eastportyc.org/crab-cup>. Courtesy information may be provided on the board near the ground floor rear entryway doors and “Sparky’s Shed” on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the SIs shall be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than sixty (60) minutes in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of events is:

Thu, 15 August	2000	Entry & registration closes
Fri, 16 August	1730-1930	Skippers bags available at EYC
Sat, 17 August	0830-1000	Skippers bags available at EYC
	1130	Rendezvous
	1200	Intended Warning signal for the race
- 5.2 Boats are to rendezvous at 1130 hours in the vicinity of **G9** (QG).
- 5.3 No Warning signal shall be made after 1400 hours.

6 RACING AREA

The race will take place on the Severn River and Annapolis Harbor.

7 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.





8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Course will use government marks as designated below. The Horn Point Shoal mark “HP” and Severn River R4 shall be passed on the channel side for all courses. Course diagrams and distances are shown in Attachment A.
- 8.1.1 When starting toward the southeast (down the river):
- “A” G5 – G9 – Finish
 - “B” G5 – G13 – Finish
 - “C” G5 – R14 – Finish
 - “D” G5 – G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
 - “E” G5 – R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
 - “F” R2 – G9 – Finish
- 8.1.2 When starting toward the northwest (up the river):
- “G” R14 – G9 – Finish
 - “H” G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
 - “J” R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
 - “K” G13 – R2 – G9 – Finish
- 8.2 All marks shall be rounded to port, except G9, which shall be rounded on the channel side.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and Severn River G9.
- 9.3 A boat that has not started within ten (10) minutes after the start signal of the last class shall not race and will be scored "DNS."

10 RECALLS

The RC intends to hail on VHF channel 72 the sail number(s) of boats that are OCS.

11 THE FINISH

[DP] The finishing line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the deck of the EYC clubhouse and Spa Creek 1SC. After finishing, a boat shall cross the finish line completely, and may use a motor to do so. After finishing, boats shall not pass back through the finish line. This changes RRS 28.1 and 42.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply.
- 12.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply, and is changed to: “After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office or sending an email to race.committee@eastportyc.org that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. However, RRS 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) apply, and the penalty shall be taken at least fifteen (15) minutes before the protest time limit.”

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 If no boat finishes within 2-1/2 hours of the start time, the race shall be abandoned.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 REPORT OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Race Committee regarding incidents on the water shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Signal Vessel docks. The report shall include scoring-related actions (DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNF, DNE) and the Signal Vessel dock time.

15 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Scoring Inquiries, Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed with the RC Office (first floor, on the waterside of the building) within the Protest Time Limit. Forms are available outside of the office.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1b and 63.2. 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.





- 15.3 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are present and have had time to prepare for the hearing. It is advisable that the parties and witnesses to a hearing remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room.
- 15.4 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board before the end of the protest time limit.

16 SCORING

RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 72, or via the EYC cell phone, (410) 271-7193, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the name and contact information of the caller, the boat name, and its sail number.
- 17.2 **[DP]** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. 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.
- 17.3 **[DP]** 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 the propulsion is the boat's 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 filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 17.4 **[DP]** The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 17.2 and 17.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and RRS 61.3.

18 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] This is a Clean Race. All competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles and to recycle whenever possible. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.



19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 **[DP] [NP]** Boats shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 72.
- 19.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 72. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive radio communications, the timeliness of communication, or in the case of recalls, the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 19.3 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 Prizes will be as follows:
 - 1st Place for three (3) or more entries;
 - 1st and 2nd Places for five (5) or more entries; and,
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for seven (7) or more entries.
- 20.2 The North Sails Fleet Award will be presented to the class raising the most funds for CRAB Cup.
- 20.3 An award for the Best Dressed crew/team will be judged at the post-race party, prior to prizegiving.
- 20.4 Participants who compete in all three (3) Annapolis-based charity regattas – Leukemia Cup, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup – will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown Trophy, to be awarded at the end of the season. The final standings will be a combination of race and fundraising results across all events.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Boats participate in the CRAB Cup entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4. The OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.





22 INSURANCE

[DP] [NP] Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

23 SOCIAL

A post-race party and trophy presentation will be held at EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, immediately after racing concludes and is open to participants and CRAB supporters. A bar will open at 1600 hours. Food service and a live band will be from 1700-2000 hours. Entry, food, and drink tickets will be available at the party.

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Attachment A CRAB Cup Harbor 20 Courses





