

Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series



Fridays: 26 June – 21 August 2020

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

with Amendment Nos. 1 & 2

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 One-design class rules will apply.
- 1.3 Double headsails are not permitted in the Non-Spinnaker classes.
- 1.4 The notation “[DP]” in a rule in this Sailing Instruction (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in this SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 [DP] Participants shall abide by all local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect the day of the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at <http://eastportyc.org/beer-cans>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment(s) to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 2000 hours on the day before they will take effect. In addition, code flag “L” will be flown from the EYC clubhouse flagpole on the day the amendment(s) take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole.
- 4.2 Race Committee (RC) will attempt to notify all competitors of a signal made ashore by hail on VHF channel 73, and/or email, and/or text message. Failure to hear a broadcast or receive a message, the RC’s failure to broadcast or send a message, or the content of any broadcast or message shall not be grounds for redress.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 A competitors videoconference will be hosted by the EYC RC on Thursday, 25 June 2020, as follows.
 - 1700 Video conference details emailed to all skippers
 - 1900 Competitors meeting via video conference
- 5.2 Classes will be assigned to either Group A or Group B, and Groups will sail on alternating race dates as specified below.

	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
GROUP A	26	17 & 31	14
GROUP B	--	10 & 24	07 & 21

- 5.3 One (1) race is scheduled for each race date.
- 5.4 It is the intent of the RC that the Warning Signal for the first class will be at 1815 hours, in the vicinity of Severn River G9. An attention signal consisting of multiple horns may be made approximately one (1) minute ahead of the first start’s Warning Signal.





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6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 As a courtesy, RC intends to display the designated Warning pennant during each class' start sequence. The absence of a pennant shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 6.2 Each boat shall prominently display its class flag on the backstay, or near the stern at all times while racing. Boats in the V-Boats class are not required to display a class flag.
- 6.3 The groups, order of starts, the classes within each start, the class splits, and the class flags are as follows:

Group	Order of Start & Warning Flag	Class	PHRF Ratings	Class Flag (to be flown from backstay)
A	1.	J/30		"D"
	2.	Non-Spinnaker 1	≤ 99	"#3"
	3.	Non-Spinnaker 2	≥ 102	"#4"
		Cal 25		"T"
B	1.	V-Boats		none
	2.	Spinnaker		"#1" -or- "#2"
				"white"
3.	Harbor 20			

Flying your class flag helps RC identify you each evening, allows them to ensure that you are in the proper start sequence, identifies you to your other competitors, and helps RC finish/score you in the correct class.

7 RACING AREA

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

8 CHECK-IN

[DP] [NP] All boats shall check in with the RC Signal Vessel by hailing their sail number, or other distinguishing characteristic if no number is used, until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 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.

- "A" Start – G5 – G13 – Finish
- "B" Start – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "C" Start – G5 –G13 – G5 –G13 – Finish
- "D" Start – G5 – R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "E" Start – R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "F" Start – G13 – R2 – G13 – Finish

Course letters will be prominently displayed on placard posted on the RC Signal Vessel, usually on the side opposite the starting line, or wherever the RC can find a place to zip-tie them.

9.2 **[DP]** Once properly started, boats shall not sail through the starting line, in either direction, when the RC is displaying an orange flag. For boats that have already started, the starting line shall be considered an obstruction. This changes RRS 28.1.

9.3 **[DP]** Except on the leg to the finish, boats shall not sail through the finish line, in either direction, when the RC is displaying a blue flag. This changes RRS 28.1.





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10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U, Audible Signal Racing System.

SIGNAL	HORN SOUND	TIME BEFORE START
Attention	Multiple Short Sounds	
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Prep	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5, 4, 3, 2, 1 seconds
Start	1 long	0 seconds

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and Severn River G9.

10.3 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."

11 RECALLS

11.1 The RC intends to hail on VHF channel 73 the sail number(s) of boats that are OCS. Per RRS Appendix U, no visual recall signals (flags) will be displayed.

11.2 In the event of a General Recall, classes that have not been recalled and have not started shall continue as though no recall had been made. Recalled classes will start in the order that they were recalled. The Warning signal for the first class to restart will be made after the start signal for the last scheduled start. The Warning signal for each succeeding recalled class will be made after the starting signal of the previous recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

12 THE FINISH

[DP] The finish line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel and the course side of a pink tetrahedron with "EYC" lettering.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply.

13.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for all classes is 2030 hours.

14.2 RRS 35 (Time Limit) is replaced by: "If no boats in a class have finished by 2030 hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class. A boat still racing at the time limit, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring)."

15 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit via one of the following methods.

a. Electronic submittal is preferred and is available via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

b. Written forms may be submitted to a member of the race management team at Sparky's Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club within the Protest Time Limit. Forms will be available at the same location.

c. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.

15.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit via one of the following methods.

a. Electronic submittal is preferred and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be submitted via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.

b. Written forms may be submitted to a member of the race management team at Sparky's Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club within the Protest Time Limit. Forms are available at the same location.





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- 15.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A paper form will also be available from a member of the race management team at Sparky's Shed, located by the ground floor waterside entrance to the Club.
- 15.4 Protests and/or Requests for Redress for an incident that occurred in the racing area shall be submitted to the EYC RC office, located on the clubhouse ground floor, prior to 2130 hours on the day of the race.
- 15.5 Protest and/or request for redress hearings may be virtual hearings. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the Protest Procedure Guidelines & Code of Conduct for Remote Hearings, available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
- 15.6 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

- 16.1 RRS A4, the Low Point scoring system will apply.
- 16.2 Handicap scoring will be in accordance with the PHRF Time-on-Time Circular Random rating.
- 16.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 16.4 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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 73 or by phone on the, 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 her 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.

18 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] This is a Clean Series; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.



19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 19.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73. 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).

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans Series entirely at their own risk, per RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 any race in this series.

21 INSURANCE

[NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (US) per incident, or the equivalent.





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22 SOCIAL

An end of season party will be held at EYC on Friday, 11 September 2020, beginning at 1800 hours, depending upon local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect at that time. Prizes for the overall results will be presented.

23 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information contained in text boxes in this set of SIs is provided as a courtesy to racers. Nothing contained in a text box shall be construed as a part of these sailing instructions.

Other Useful Flags and Their Meaning		
Notification	 "L"	<u>WHEN FLOWN ON SHORE:</u> A change has been made to the SIs. Check the Official Notice Board and/or the EYC website for more details. <u>WHEN FLOWN ON THE WATER:</u> The RC requests that you come within hailing distance of the Signal Vessel.
Postponement	 "AP"	Races not yet started are postponed. Remain in the start area for further signals. The Warning signal for the next class to start will be made one (1) minute after this signal is taken down.
Shorten	 "S"	Racing will be shortened at the rounding mark at which this signal is made. Finish between the "S" flag and the adjacent mark.
Abandonment	  "N" Over "A"	All races, regardless of whether or not they have started, are abandoned (cancelled) for the night. Listen for announcements from RC on VHF channel 73.





Attachment A

Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans Courses



