



**67TH DOWN THE BAY RACE
(For the Virginia Cruising Cup)**

NOTICE OF RACE

Starts: Friday, May 27, 2016

CBYRA Region IV Sanction # 404

**Organizing Authorities:
Hampton Yacht Club (HYC), Hampton, VA
Storm Trysail Club (STC), Chesapeake Station**

The Down the Bay Race is a 120 nautical mile distance race from Annapolis to Hampton. It is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats meeting the requirements listed below.

1.0 Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 All Yachts must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Ches Bay (CB) category safety requirements.

1.3 RRS 51 and 52 are waived for boats with movable ballast as long as it is reflected on their current PHRF and/or IRC certificates.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The event is open to all monohull sailboats having a current, valid 2016 certificate from PHRF of the Chesapeake, multihull sailboats with a valid 2016 PHRF rating endorsed by the class, a one design class, or IRC. Classes will include Monohull PHRF A, B, C, Non-Spinnaker (two headsails),

PHRF Multihull, PHRF Double Handed Monohull, plus any one design or IRC class with at least five boats entered and paid.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by mailing an entry form to Hampton Yacht Club (Attn - Down The Bay), 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669 or on-line at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1605>

2.3 The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39'): Entry Fees are: \$6.00 per foot LOA for entries paid before May 13, 2016. For entries paid after May 13, 2016, the entry fee will be \$8.00 per foot LOA. No entries are accepted after 1900 24 May 2016.

3.0 Schedule

3.1 A Welcome Party for skippers and crew will be held in Annapolis at Severn Sailing Association 311 First Street, Eastport, MD 21403 (410) 268-8744, on Thur., 26 May 2016.

- a. The Check-In Desk will open at 1800.
- b. The party will run from 1800-2100.
- c. There will be a brief Skippers Meeting at 1900.

3.2 The Warning Signal will be given at 1000, 27 May 2016, in the Bay near Severn River R "2".

3.3 A Post Race Party/Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, 28 May 2016, at Hampton Yacht Club.

- a. The party will begin at 1900.
- b. Awards will be presented around 1945.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the HYC website (<http://hamptonyc.com/events/down-the-bay/>) on or before Friday 13 May 2016.

4.2 Printed Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-In on 26 May 2016.

5.0 The Course

5.1 The course is 120 miles from Annapolis to Hampton.

5.2 Marks of the course are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Leave to</u>	<u>Lat</u>	<u>Lon</u>
Start	Drop	Near R "2"	-----	38 56.5 N	76 25.5 W
Sharpes Island	"80"	FI R 2.5 s	Port	38 36.5 N	76 24.8 W
Smith Point	Smith Point Light	FI R Wh 10s 52 ft	Star	37 52.8 N	76 11.0 W
York River	"1YR"	FI G 2.5 s	Star	37 07.6 N	76 09.8 W
Finish	Q R R "22"	Q R 1s	Port	37 00.2 N	76 17.9 W

In addition, the following marks must be passed on the channel side:

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Lat</u>	<u>Lon</u>
Thomas Point Light	38 53.9 N	76 26.1 W
Bloody Point Light	38 50.0 N	76 23.5 W
Cove Point LNG Pier	38 24.2 N	76 23.0 W
Windmill Point Light	37 35.8 N	76 14.2 W
Wolf Trap Light	37 23.4 N	76 11.4 W

Note 1: Boats must pass to the channel side of the Cove Point LNG Pier and shall honor the restricted area around the pier, including the keep off marks.

Note 2: All above mark locations are approximate. They are for course identification only and should not be used for navigation.

Note 3: The Coast Guard is no longer maintaining Wolf Trap Light. Consequently, it will not be lighted. NOAA has up-dated their new Chesapeake Bay Charts to show the position of Wolf Trap Light as an Abandoned Lighthouse.

6.0 The Start

6.1 The warning signal is scheduled for 1000, 27 May 2016, in the Bay near Severn River R "2".

6.2 In the event of light air, the race committee may, at its own discretion, move the starting line south to a new location. Once in the new position, the race committee will drop a mark, anchor, and either begin a starting sequence or await developments. The race committee will not begin moving the starting line south until all boats are present in the starting area or 1000, whichever comes first.

7.0 Special Limitations

7.1 During the race, competitors may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from publicized sources available to all competitors. Subscription, password protected, or restricted access web pages as well as phone conversations that contain any of the above information are not allowed.

7.2 Between sunrise and sunset, the following will replace RRS 17: "When a boat is about to pass another boat and they are on the same tack and within three overall lengths (of the longer boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her proper course and the overtaking boat shall pass no closer than three of her boat lengths from the overtaken boat. Both boats shall maintain their proper course while overlapped.

8.0 Safety Checks

During the race, boats will be required to make specified "safety checks" with the race committee via cell phone. These checks are mandatory and competitors agree to abide by the conditions of these instructions. Boats failing to meet check-in requirements will receive a scoring penalty. These requirements will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 Penalties

The Two-Turn Penalty of rule 44.1 and 44.2 is in effect.

10.0 The Finish

10.1 The finish line will be off Fort Monroe, between Q R R "22" and the race committee on the seawall at Fort Monroe.

10.2 When each boat is approximately 200 yards from the finish line, they shall contact the race committee on VHF-72 and announce their boat name and sail number. After finishing, they shall again contact the race committee on VHF-72 to ensure they have been properly identified and scored.

11.0 Time Limit

The time limit for all boats is 2200 on Saturday, 28 May 2016. Boats not finished by that time will be scored DNF.

12.0 Awards

12.1 Class awards will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class based on participation.

12.2 The first to finish monohull will be awarded the The Robert M. Ravin Memorial Trophy

12.3 The monohull boat with the fastest corrected PHRF time will be awarded the Virginia Cruising Cup. Monohull boats competing in a one-design or IRC division that would like to

compete for the Virginia Cruising Cup must have a valid, current, 2016 PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate.

12.4 This race counts toward the HYC CUP Championship.

13.0 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 the regatta.

14.0 Further information:

For further information please contact:

Chair (HYC): David McConaughy: 757-870-4475; downthebay@hamptonyc.com.

Chair (STC): Bill Sandberg: 203-219-7256; William.L.Sandberg@gmail.com

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15.0 Dockage Assistance

For Dockage Information in Annapolis please contact

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For Dockage Information at Hampton Yacht Club please contact

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