



2024 Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta PHRF of the Chesapeake Mid-Bay Championships

Friday-Sunday, July 19th-21st 2024

CBYRA Sanction #'s 320, 321, 322

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The Organizing Authority of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2024 (Screwpile) is the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc. (SMSA). Event & Race management will be conducted by the Screwpile Regatta Executive Committee. PHRF of the Chesapeake will hold its Mid-Bay Championship Regatta as part of Screwpile. Racing will be held in the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Patuxent River.

- 1. RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY:** Screwpile is open to boats racing under PHRF, CRCA, and One-Design class rules (minimum boat length 22 ft.) Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2024 PHRF of the Chesapeake class rating. PHRF scoring will be calculated using time on time. One-Design competitors must be members of their respective class associations. Boats participating in CRCA that do not already have an assigned ORA rating should obtain one by contacting the CRCA Executive Committee at (410) 474-8198. Boats participating in the CRCA Non-Spinnaker class which wish to be scored for the PHRF Mid-Bay Championships must also possess a valid 2024 PHRF Non-Spinnaker rating. Those wishing to be eligible for CRCA High Point will need an ORR-Ez certificate. All boats must meet the Nearshore category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (See Documents & Forms this site), except One-Design class boats which must meet their class safety standards. Boats may not be sailed single-handed. Entries will only be accepted from an Owner or Skipper who is a current member of US Sailing; to join call 800 877-2451.
- 3. CLASSES:** The regatta is open to boats in the following handicap divisions or one-design classes: PHRF A0/A1, PHRF A2, PHRF B; PHRF C, One Design; CRCA Spinnaker, and CRCA Non-Spinnaker. Handicap divisions or class splits will be assigned at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. One Design classes require a minimum of five boats. More than one class may start at the same time. Event Coordinators may adjust the final Class Splits in order to ensure fair and competitive racing.
- 4. ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Boats wishing to enter the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge regatta shall register online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16375>. To be considered a valid entry in Screwpile, complete all registration steps, and pay all fees. Deadline for entries is 2400, Sunday July 14th. Entries received after that must include a late fee of \$35.00. No late entries will be accepted after Wednesday,

July 17th, 2024. The entry fee for boats racing on the PHRF/OD windward/leeward course is \$170.00 and for the CRCA (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) is \$135.00. CBYRA members deduct \$10.00 from entry fee.

- 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about July 8th, 2024 on the official Screwpile web page <http://www.screwpile.net> and Yacht Scoring, <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16375>. The official printed hard copy will be available at registration.
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS:** The Official Notice Board will be located at the Zahniser's Marina Pool Bar near the party tent. Courtesy notices will also be available on the SPLC event site hosted on yachtscoring.com at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16375>. On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs. All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, and 72.
- 7. EVENT HEADQUARTERS:** Event headquarters will be located at Safe Harbor Zahniser's Marina, 245 C Street, Solomons, MD. Post-race parties and awards ceremonies will be held under the regatta tent located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers. All skippers/boats must check in to receive skipper's packet and sailing instructions. Check-in will be Thursday, July 18th at the regatta tent located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers 1600-1900 hours. Late packet pick-up can be accomplished at the same location on Friday morning between 0730 and 0845.
- 8. RACING AND COURSES:** Racing will be conducted for all classes on July 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2024. For PHRF, and One-Design classes, racing will consist of multiple windward / leeward races. The CRCA (spin and non-spin) boats will sail one course per day using government marks. The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled for 1030.
- 9. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Boats may take either a Two-Turn Penalty or the Scoring Penalty. changes RRS 44.1 and 44.3.
- 10. SCORING:**
 - 10.1** The Low point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, as modified. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There shall be no throw outs. One race constitutes a series.
 - 10.2** Boats racing in the CRCA Non-Spinnaker Class will be dual scored using their PHRF rating for PHRF Mid-Bay Championship scoring.
 - 10.3** Boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in her class will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) which will be equal the number of finishers plus two. Others will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.2.
 - 10.4** For the Cruising Fleet, the time limit for the first boat to finish in each class will be 1445 on Friday, 1700 on Saturday and 1330 on Sunday. Boats still racing that do not finish within 90 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored TLE which will be equal the number of finishers plus two. This changes RRS 35 and A5.2. 10.1 does not apply to the Cruising Fleet.
- 11. ARBITRATION:** For protests involving the rules of Part 2 an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing. Protest hearings will be held in the Skippers' Lounge adjacent to the Zahnisers Marina office.
- 12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:** All boats must be wet sailed during the regatta.
- 13. AWARDS:** Screwpile daily awards will be presented in each PHRF and One-Design class for each day of racing. For days with multiple races, class awards will be presented on the combined scores for the day. Overall class series awards and Best Overall Boat of the Regatta will be presented on the last day of the regatta. The PHRF of the Chesapeake Mid-Bay Championship awards will be awarded on the final day of racing. PHRF of Chesapeake will determine the criteria for each PHRF class award. For the purposes of ordering trophies, classes will be determined based upon entries received as of 20 June 2024, and any

class qualifying for a separate class after that date will receive their trophies after the event has been concluded. Post-race awards parties will be held at Safe Harbor Zahniser's under the tent next to the Pool Bar.

- 14. MEDIA RIGHTS:** Competitors give permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media. Commercial video or photographs must be licensed and approved by the Screwpile Committee 2024.
- 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All participants shall abide by all local, state of Maryland, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect the day of the race(s).
- 16. Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17. FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:

James Keen, Regatta Chairman at 240 925-1173 or e-mail chairman@screwpile.net

Don Behrens, Principal Race Officer at 301 481-8665 or e-mail dabehrens@gmail.com

Information is also available online at <http://www.screwpile.net>

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