



CRAB CUP



Saturday, 17 August 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #313

NOTICE OF RACE

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

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Articles IX of the local J/105 Fleet 3 Articles/Rules This event is designated as a Level 3C event. The J/105 Fleet 3 Articles can be found at j105fleet3.org/rules.
- 1.3 Boats registered in the Beneteau First 22A (CRAB) class shall not use spinnakers. All other classes shall race in accordance with their Class Rules.
- 1.4 [NP] Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at eastportyc.org/racing, located under “Racing Resources.”

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by 2000 on Friday, 02 August 2024 at eastportyc.org/crab-cup.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board can be accessed via a link at eastportyc.org/crab-cup.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 72, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the following classes, provided five (5) or more paid registrations are received by 1200 on Wednesday, 14 August 2024:

Beneteau First 22A (CRAB)	PHRF A2	CC Spinnaker	CC Non-Spinnaker
PHRF A0/A1	CRCA Racer	PHRF B	PHRF C
PHRF N		CRCA Cruiser	
PHRF Cruiser Spinnaker		PHRF Cruiser Non-Spinnaker	
CHESSS Spinnaker		CHESSS Non-Spinnaker	
Alberg 30	Cal 25 (non-spinnaker)		
Harbor 20 (Full Crew)		Harbor 20 (Single-Handed)	
- 4.2 Participants competing in the CHESSS, CRCA, and PHRF classes shall have a valid 2024 rating certificate.





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- 4.3 Boats that do not have a valid 2024 rating certificate shall compete in either the CC Spinnaker class or the CC Non-Spinnaker class. Boats competing in either of these classes will be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA) a seconds-per-mile rating based on the available information about the boat. The rating assignment is final.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at eastportyc.org/crab-cup.
- 4.5 Additional classes will be accepted upon the receipt of five (5) or more paid entries by 2000 on Thursday, 15 August 2024.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$100. Entries must be received by 2000 on Thursday, 15 August 2024.
- 5.2 Registration fees paid before 1200 on Thursday, 01 August 2024, will receive one (1) extra Mount Gay hat and one (1) extra official event T-shirt, to be included in the skipper's bag.
- 5.3 Net proceeds from entry fees will be used to support CRAB's mission and sailing programs. Therefore, refunds will not be granted for cancelled registrations.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is:

Thu, 15 August	2000	Entry & registration closes
Fri, 16 August	1700	Course & individual start times for the pursuit race posted
	1730-1930	Skipper's bag available at EYC
Sat, 17 August	0830-1000	Skipper's bag available at EYC
	1200	Intended Warning Signal for the pursuit race
		Intended Warning Signal for the Harbor 20 classes
	After racing	Post-race party & awards presentation at EYC

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area for the pursuit race will be on Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Severn River.
- 7.2 The racing area for the Harbor 20 classes will be on the Severn River.
- 7.3 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The Harbor 20 classes will sail one (1) fixed mark course on the Severn River, which will be described in the SIs.
- 8.2 The CRCA class will sail one (1) race on Chesapeake Bay using marks described in the SIs.
- 8.3 All other classes will sail one (1) pursuit-style race on Chesapeake Bay with a reverse-PHRF starting order using marks described in the SIs. This changes RRS 26.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
- 9.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
- 9.3 Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the protest committee. Details will be provided in the SIs.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Handicap scoring for classes sailing the pursuit-style race will be in accordance with the PHRF Time-over-Distance Circular Random rating, and scoring will be in the order of finish.
- 10.2 CRCA classes will be scored in accordance with the ORRez Standard ToT ratings. The RC will determine the appropriate course configuration and wind range prior to scoring each race.
- 10.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).





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11 RISK STATEMENT

Boats participate in the CRAB Cup entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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.

12 INSURANCE

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

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 17 August 2024.
- 13.2 Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded for the overall finish positions in the pursuit race.
- 13.3 Special prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded in Beneteau First 22A (CRAB) class.
- 13.4 The prizes within each class are as follows:
 - 1st place for three (3) or more entries
 - 2nd place for five (5) or more entries
 - 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries
- 13.5 The SpinSheet Award will be presented to the class raising the most funds for CRAB Cup.
- 13.6 The North Sails Award will be presented to the class with the largest number of entries.
- 13.7 The top five (5) fundraisers in the CRAB Cup Skipper's Challenge will receive a Helly Hansen jacket, a CRAB hat embroidered with "Top Fundraiser" on the back, and a set of commemorative engraved drink glasses toasting their success.
- 13.8 The "Best Costume/Dressed Sailing Crew" Award will be judged at the post-race party and presented to the crew that solicits the loudest audience applause.
- 13.9 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.
- 13.10 Participants who compete in all three (3) Annapolis-based charity regattas – Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup – will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy, to be awarded at the end of the season. The final standings will be a combination of race and fundraising results across all three (3) events.

14 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.



15 INFORMATION

For more information, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.



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