

# **64th DOWN THE BAY RACE**

## **FOR THE VIRGINIA CRUSING CUP**

**Friday & Saturday, May 24 & 25, 2013**

### **Sailing Instructions**

**Organized by Hampton Yacht Club  
and  
The Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station**

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing – (2013-2016) and the US Sailing Prescriptions unless altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** All boats must meet PHRF of the Chesapeake 4P Special Regulations plus the Class Rules for the class in which the boat has entered.
- 1.3** RRS 51 and RRS 52 are waived for boats with moveable ballast reflected on their PHRF and/or IRC certificates.
- 1.4** Any conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be decided in favor of the Sailing Instructions.

#### **2 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors will be posted Thursday, May 23, at the Welcome Party.

#### **3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before the end of the Welcome Party.

#### **4 Eligibility and Entry**

- 4.1** The event is open to monohull boats having a valid 2013 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate, an IRC Standard Certificate, and/or one-design classes of 5 boats or more.
- 4.2** Classes will include IRC, PHRF A, B, C, Non-Spinnaker (2 headsails), and any one-design classes of 5 boats or more.
- 4.3** Eligible boats may enter online at <http://www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay> or by completing a CBYRA Standard Entry Form and sending it with a check for \$160 (US Sailing member) or \$165 (Non-US Sailing member) to Hampton Yacht Club, 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, Va 23669. Checks should be made payable to Hampton Yacht Club. Entries received after May 17 must include a \$50 late fee.

#### **5 Schedule**

- 5.1** The Welcome Party will be held, Thursday, May 23, at Severn Sailing Association. The check-in desk will be open at 1700. The party will begin at 1800 and end at 2000. A short Skippers Meeting will be held at 1900. Registration packets will be given to each boat as they check-in.
- 5.2** Warning is scheduled for Friday, May 24, at 1000.
- 5.3** Following the race, to welcome arriving boats, the Hampton Yacht Club lounge will be open from the finish of the first boat until the Post-Race Party. Food and beverage will be on sale all day in the lounge. An up to the moment "scoreboard" will be available in the lounge showing finish times and retirements.
- 5.4** A Post-Race Party and Awards Presentation will be held at Hampton Yacht Club on Saturday, May 25, beginning at 1900

## 6 Course

Location	Mark	Description	Leave to	Lat	Lon
Start	Drop	Near R "2"	-----	N38 56.5	W076 25.5
Sharpes Island	"80"	Fl R 2.5 s	Port	N38 36.5	W076 24.8
Smith Point	Smith Pt Lt	Fl R Wh 10s 52ft	Star	N37 52.8	W076 11.0
York River	"1YR"	Fl G 2.5s	Star	N37 07.6	W076 09.9
Finish	Q R R"22"	Q R 1s	Port	N37 00.2	W076 17.9

Course length = 120.0 nm

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

Mark	Lat	Long
Thomas Point Light	N38 53.9	W076 26.1
Bloody Point Light	N38 50.0	W076 23.5
Cove Point LNG Pier	N38 24.2	W076 23.1
Windmill Point Light	N37 35.8	W076 14.2
Wolf Trap Light	N37 23.4	W076 11.4

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

**Note:** All Lat/Lons are approximate and for course identification only, not for navigation.

## 7 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 sunset and sunrise, 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 boat clear astern, if she elects to pass to windward, must do so at least three overall lengths (of the longer boat) from the leeward boat. Both boats shall sail their proper course while they are overlapped.

## **8 The Start**

- 8.1** The RRS 26 starting system will be used.
- 8.2** The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and an inflatable drop mark.
- 8.3** In the event of light air, the race committee may, at its own discretion, move the starting line south to a new location. To do so, the RC will display Code Flag "L" with one sound and motor to the new location. Once there, she will drop an inflatable mark, anchor, and either begin a starting sequence or await further developments. The RC will not move the starting line until all boats are checked-in or accounted for or 1000, whichever is earlier. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor the location of the new starting area shall be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.4** Each boat is requested to check-in before the race by passing close behind the RC Signal Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 8.5** Order of starts:

<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>
PHRF Non-Spin	Code Flag 5
PHRF C	Code Flag 7
PHRF B	Code Flag 6
PHRF A	Code Flag 9

**Note:** The above starting order may be amended due to the addition of additional fleets. Such amendment will be posted on the Notice Board at the Welcome Party.

## **9 Recalls**

- 9.1** Individual recalls will be signaled as per RRS 29.1. In addition, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats via VHF-72. Failure to hail any boat or failure to hear the hail does not relieve any boat(s) from starting correctly and is not grounds to grant redress.
- 9.2** General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2

## **10 The Finish**

- 10.1** The finish line will be between Q R "22" and the staff displaying an orange flag on the seawall of Ft Monroe.
- 10.2** As a boat approaches the finish line, she shall notify the race committee on VHF-72 of her name and sail number. She shall do this until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 10.3** If the race committee is not present at the finish line, boats are reminded of their responsibilities under the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 to take their own finishing time, note their finishing position in relation to any nearby boats, and immediately report this information to the race committee by calling them at (757) 814-7593.

## **11 Time Limit**

There is an absolute time limit of 2200 on Saturday, May 25. Boats not finished by 2200 on May 25 will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1 & 4.2.

## **12 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 12.1** Sections B (Post-Race Penalties) and C (Expedited Hearings) of Appendix T (Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution) will be in effect for the regatta.
- 12.2** The notification of the race committee required in T3 shall be accomplished by radio on VHF-72 and must be continued until acknowledged by the race committee. Notification must include the name and/or sail number of the protesting and protested boats. If the race committee is not present, they shall be notified by calling (757) 814-7593.

**12.3** A list of protests filed and hearings scheduled will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the HYC Lounge as boats finish.

**13 Withdrawal from the Race**

**13.1** A boat withdrawing before the start shall notify the Annapolis race committee Signal Boat either by hail or by cell phone at (301) 332-6773.

**13.2** A boat withdrawing after she has started shall notify the Hampton race committee by calling (757) 814-7593. Please do not leave a message but, rather, continue to attempt to speak with the race committee until successful. Boats not complying with this instruction will be assumed to be safe and in no distress.

**14 Safety Check-In**

All boats who have not finished or retired as of 2200 Saturday, shall check-in with the race committee as soon after 2200 as possible by cell phone at (757) 814-7593. Leaving a message will not satisfy this instruction. Boats not complying with this instruction will be assumed to be safe and in no distress.

**15 Commercial Traffic**

**15.1** A boat may not exercise right of way over, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs and tows, or other commercial vessels that are unable to respond readily.

**15.2** As provided in RRS 42.3(i), if a boat is without way in a shipping channel and a dangerous situation develops, she may use her engine to clear the channel, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

**16 Media Rights**

Competitors give permission for video footage and/or photographs of themselves of their boat to be published in any media that race organizers see fit.

**17 Disclaimer of Liability**

**17.1** 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.

**17.2** The safety of a boat and it's crew is the inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by a crew that is sufficiently experienced, physically able, and of an appropriate number for the boat.

**18 Prizes**

The number of awards will be given based on participation. In addition, the boat with the fastest corrected PHRF time will be awarded the Virginia Cruising Cup. Boats competing in a one design or IRC division that wish to compete for the Virginia Cruising Cup must have a valid 2013 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. Other special awards will also be given.