



**August 14, 15 and 16, 2020**

**Presented by Broad Bay Sailing Association**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

The regatta will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020.

### **2. ENTRIES**

**2.1** Competitors may enter by submitting a special Cape Charles Cup Entry Form which is available on the website at [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net). **Entries close at 1200 hours on August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**2.2** All PHRF competitors must have a current, valid PHRF rating. Multihulls, CRCA, and Cruising Class boats with no current valid certificate (CMA, ORR-Ez, or PHRF) will be assigned a courtesy rating which cannot be appealed. Multihull cruising boats must have enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations.

**2.3** All monohull boats, including those in the Cruising Fleet, must meet US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore ([https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US\\_SER\\_2019.0\\_Categories.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf)) with the addition of Sections 1.6, 2.1.4, 2.2.2, 2.4.6, 2.4.7, 2.5.1, 2.7.2, 3.15, 3.29.2, 3.35, and 3.36. All multihull boats must meet US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore (<https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Multihull-SER-Categories-2020.0.pdf>).

**2.4** All boats must be crewed by an appropriate number for the boat, but in no case shall fewer than two adults be aboard.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on-line at [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net). Friday evening the Official Notice Board will be located at the site of the Skippers' Meeting.

### **4. SKIPPERS' MEETING**

There will be a mandatory Skippers' Meeting on Friday, August 14, at 4317 Pretty Lake Avenue, Norfolk, at the corner of Shore Drive and Pretty Lake Avenue. To limit gatherings to a maximum of 50 persons, there will be two shifts. The first shift from 1800 to 1900, with a Skipper brief at 1830, for the **EAST STARTING AREA FLEETS** [PHRF N(1HS), PHRF N(2HS), PHRF C, PHRF B and PHRF A]. The second shift from 1915 to 2015, with a Skipper brief at 1945, for the **WEST STARTING AREA FLEETS** [Multihull, Cruising and CRCA].

The meeting will comply with the **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** Guidelines of the Commonwealth of Virginia in force at the time of the event. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Skippers' Meeting and on-line at [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net). No fleet changes may be made after 1200 on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **5. SCHEDULE**

Fri, Aug 14	Modified Skippers' Meeting	- 1800 - 2015
Sat, Aug 15	Warning Signal Time Limit	- 1000 - 1630 (unless race shortened – See S.I. 15)
Sun, Aug 16	Warning Signal Time Limit	- 1000 - 1630 (unless race shortened – See S.I. 15)

## 6. ORDER OF STARTS

6.1 The Warning Signal each day will be at 1000.

### 6.2.1 EAST STARTING AREA

<u>FLEETS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>	
PHRF N(1HS)	# 5 + White	(Single Headsail Only)
PHRF N(2HS)	# 5 only	(Double Headsail Allowed)
PHRF C	# 7	
PHRF B	# 6	
PHRF A	# 9	

### 6.2.2 WEST STARTING AREA

<u>FLEETS</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>	
Multihull	Black	
Cruising Fleets	White	(Single Headsail Only)
CRCA	Green	

Note: Depending on the number of entries, classes may be combined or sub-divided to facilitate better racing. Fleet splits will be finalized and announced at the Skippers' Meeting on Friday.

6.3 All boats (except multihulls) are required to fly their class flag or ribbon from their backstay. Boats without backstays shall fly their class flag from the starboard shroud. Only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

## 7. COURSES – ALL FLEETS

### 7.1 Day 1 – Saturday, Aug 15

#### East Starting Area - Long Course – All PHRF Fleets will sail:

\*Starting area approx. N36 58.5 and W76 12.8

Start between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Rounding mark = Horseshoe Crossing Mo (A) W RW "HC" – CCV Mark L

(Approx. N37 01.3 W76 08.9)

Leave mark to STARBOARD.

\*Rounding mark = Chesapeake Bay off Ocean View - Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron Drop Mark

(Approx. N36 57.0 W76 12.2)

Leave mark to STARBOARD.

\*Finish area approx. N36 59.0 and W76 14.0

All Fleets finish between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Course length is roughly 11.7 nm, unless shortened.

#### West Starting Area - Short Course – All Multihull, Cruising, CRCA Fleets will sail:

\*Starting area approx. N36 57.5 and W76 13.1

Start between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Rounding mark = Little Creek Q G G "1LC" - LC 1LC "L"

(Approx. N36 58.1 W76 10.1)

Leave mark to STARBOARD.

\*Rounding mark = Little Creek FI R 2.5s R "2" - LC 2 "K"

(Approx. N36 56.5 W76 10.8)

Leave mark to STARBOARD.

\*Rounding mark = Chesapeake Bay off Ocean View - Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron Drop Mark

(Approx. N36 57.0 W76 12.2)

Leave mark to STARBOARD.

\*Finish area approx. N36 59.0 and W76 14.0  
All Fleets finish between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Course length is roughly 7.9 nm, unless shortened.

## **7.2 Day 2 – Sunday, Aug 16**

### **East Starting Area - Long Course – All PHRF Fleets will sail:**

\*Starting area approx. N37 01.0 and W76 11.7  
Start between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Rounding mark = Horseshoe Crossing Mo (A) W RW "HC" - CCV Mark L  
(Approx. N37 01.3 W76 08.9)  
Leave mark to PORT.

\*Rounding mark = Salt Ponds Fl G 2.5s "3" - CCV Mark X  
(Approx. N37 03.2 W76 15.6)  
Leave mark to PORT.

Finish at Day Beacon R "2" – CCV Mark Y off Buckroe  
(Approx. N37 02.0 W76 15.8)  
All Fleets finish between the RC boat and the Mark R "2".

\*Course length is roughly 9.2 nm, unless shortened.

### **West Starting Area - Short Course – All Multihull, Cruising, CRCA Fleets will sail:**

\*Starting area approx. N37 02.0 and W76 13.0  
Start between the RC boat and the inflatable mark.

\*Rounding mark = Back River Fl G 4s 15ft 4M "1BR" - CCV Mark V  
(Approx. N37 05.6 W76 15.1)  
Leave mark to PORT.

\*Rounding mark = Salt Ponds Fl G 2.5s "3" - CCV Mark X  
(Approx. N37 03.2 W76 15.6)  
Leave mark to PORT.

Finish at Day Beacon R "2" – CCV Mark Y off Buckroe  
(Approx. N37 02.0 W76 15.8)  
All Fleets finish between the RC boat and the Mark R "2".

\*Course length is roughly 7.7 nm, unless shortened.

Note: Lat/Longs are approximate and not intended for navigation.

## **8. SEVERE WEATHER PLAN**

**8.1** Should severe weather threaten racing on either day, the Race Committee will broadcast its intentions on VHF-72, beginning at approx. 0900 and continuing periodically until approx. 1000.

## **9. CHECK-IN**

Prior to the Warning Signal each day, boats shall check in with the RC in their starting area by passing by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing their boat name and/or sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.

## **10. THE STARTS**

**10.1** Races will be started using RRS 26.

**10.2** The starting line (for each starting area) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and the adjacent mark as listed in Section 7 (Courses).

**10.3** In the event of light air, the RC may move the starting line location (of each area) closer to the first mark of the course. To do this, the RC will display Flag "L" with one sound and begin motoring toward the first mark of the course. Once it reaches its new location, the RC will drop an inflatable mark, anchor, and either begin a starting sequence or await further developments. The RC will not begin moving the starting line until after 0955. Neither the decision to move the starting line nor the location of the new starting line will be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.2(a).

### **11. CONTACT WITH RACE COMMITTEE BOAT**

If a boat comes in contact with a Race Committee vessel and causes injury or serious damage on either boat, her penalty shall be to immediately retire from the race.

### **12. RECALLS**

The RC will attempt to hail boats who are OCS via VHF-72 (East Starting Area) and VHF-68 (West Starting Area). Failure to transmit or receive this hail, promptness of the hail, or a boat's position in the sequence of hails shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

### **13. SHORTENING COURSE**

**13.1** Courses may be shortened as per RRS 32.

**13.2** The final sentence of RRS 32.2 is changed to read: "A course may be shortened even if a boat has already passed the mark at which the race is to be shortened." Boats are reminded of RRS 34 and should note their time and position with respect to nearby boats when rounding marks of the course and when they cross the finish line.

**14. THE FINISH** - The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Finish Boat and the adjacent finish mark as listed in Section 7 (Courses). All fleets will use the same finish line.

### **15. TIME LIMIT**

**15.1** The time limit each day is **1630**. However, if the course is shortened at a turning mark, the time limit shall be **1600**. If no boat in a fleet has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned for that fleet. All boats finished before the time limit will be scored in their finish position.

**15.2** Boats still racing but not finished before the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and given 1 point more than the last boat in their fleet to have properly sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 and RRS Appendix A4.2.

### **16. PROTESTS**

**16.1** A boat intending to protest another boat or request redress based on an incident that happened while she was racing shall notify the RC at the finish line of her intent to protest or request redress and correctly identify the boat(s) being protested. This may be done by verbal hail or on the radio but must be continued until acknowledged by the RC.

**16.2** Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted electronically, by email [racing@broadbaysailing.org](mailto:racing@broadbaysailing.org) or text message (image of written protest is preferred) to (757) 876-6067 within 1 hour of the time the committee boat reaches the dock on the day of the incident (protest time limit). Protest forms are available on-line at [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) and can be printed, filled out, scanned or photographed, and submitted. However, protests may be submitted simply by typed electronic means. This changes Rule 61.2.

**16.3** The time limit may be extended due to valid logistical/geographical issues, but only if the protesting boat has complied with S.I. 16.1.

**16.4** US Sailing Prescriptions to Rules 60.3, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

**16.5** A party to a hearing may not ask for a reopening. This changes RRS 66.

**16.6** Only the RC may protest a breach of SI 6.3, 9, or 19. This changes RRS 60.1.

### **17. SCORING**

**17.1** The regatta is not scored as a series. The Cape Charles Cup will be awarded to the boat in each Division (having at least 13 entries) with the lowest total corrected time over both races. If only 1 race is completed, the Cape Charles Cup will be awarded to the boat in each Division (having at least 13 entries) with the lowest corrected time in the race. PHRF Non-Spinnaker boats will receive an 18 second/mile handicap bonus for Cape Charles Cup Trophy calculations.

**17.2** Multihulls will be scored Time on Time, using CMA ratings.

**17.3** All PHRF, CRCA, and Cruising Fleets will be scored Time on Distance; the Random Course/Leg rating will be used. Entries in the CRCA fleet shall declare their sail choice by 1000 hours on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, which dictates their handicap rating; this declaration [rating] will be used for both races in the regatta. If no declaration is made, the rating for spinnaker (Spin) will be used. The wind strength decision (for the ORR-Ez/ARC ratings) will be made before the finish of each race.

**17.4** Rating penalties will be assessed to multi-race winners of previous Cape Charles Cup Cruising Fleets and is not subject to appeal or redress.

## **18. RADIO**

**18.1** Before and during the starting sequences, the Race Committee will make courtesy announcements on the VHF channels that are stated in Section 12 (Recalls). Boats **may not** check-in via the radio. After the start, the Race Committee will make courtesy announcements via VHF-72 only (VHF-68 will not be used the rest of the day) and will respond to acknowledge retirements, protests (at the finish line), or requests for emergency assistance. The Race Committee will not respond to requests for information regarding courses, starts, etc.

**18.2** Such announcements are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility for monitoring and reacting to Race Committee flags and signals.

**18.3** RRS 32.1 is modified to allow the RC to attempt to notify boats of a shortened course via the radio. If such notification is attempted, it will be via VHF-72. Failure of a boat to hear such notification shall not be grounds for granting redress.

## **19. RETIREMENT AND SAFETY CHECK-IN**

**19.1** Boats retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee **immediately** upon doing so. This can be done by calling either (757) 876-6067 or (757) 544-7126. Please continue calling until your call is received and acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**19.2** Boats still racing but not finished at the time limit should check-in with the Race Committee at one of the above numbers. It is vital that the RC know your location and condition. Boats not doing so will be scored DNF, not TLE.

**19.3** Boats not complying with Instructions 19.1 or 19.2 will be assumed to be safe and in no distress.

## **20. SAFETY**

**20.1** **Boats racing in or near a shipping channel have no rights over commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and are required to KEEP CLEAR of those vessels!!** Any attempt by a competitor to exercise right of way over, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial, military, or other vessels unable to respond readily or restricted in their ability to maneuver will be grounds for protest. Should such a protest occur, the burden of proof is on the vessel allegedly interfering to show that she in no way interfered with that commercial/military vessel! Such protest may also be filed by a protest committee as a result of a report received from the offended vessel or local port authorities/pilots; the protest time limit for this circumstance is 48 hours after the time limit of the last race completed. Competitors **must** take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation.

**20.2** If a dangerous situation develops, as per RRS 42.3(i), a boat without way in a shipping channel may use her engine to clear the channel, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race. Communication directly with the vessel in the channel via VHF-16 is advised.

## **21. AWARDS**

**21.1** Daily awards will be given based on the number of competitors in each fleet.

**21.2** Saturday's and Sunday's daily awards and the Cape Charles Cup Trophies (PHRF and Cruising) will be presented at the BBSA September meeting. The format for the meeting has yet to be determined but will comply with the **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)** Guidelines of the Commonwealth of Virginia in force at the time of the event.

## **22. DISCLAIMER**

**22.1** Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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 the regatta.

**22.2** The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is sound, seaworthy, and manned by a competent crew of appropriate number for the boat.

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