

*2019 Version 2.18/ Chesapeake Challenge REGATTA*

*August 31 – September 2, 2019*

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of US Sailing, as applied; the Notice of Race; and these Sailing Instructions.

**2. ADVERTISING AND EVENT CLASSIFICATION**

2.1 Advertising is allowed as described in RRS 79. This event shall be classified as a Category C.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 **ELIGIBILITY:** Beach multihulls 21' LOA and under with an assigned US Sailing Portsmouth Handicap are eligible to compete. Boats are encouraged to conform to their Class Association rules. Any deviations of boat, crew or equipment from Class configuration must be identified at registration.

3.2 **ENTRY FORMS:** Each participant shall file a complete entry form prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. An entry is official when posted on the master scorecard.

3.3 **SAIL NUMBERS:** Sail numbers shall match the entry form and be readable from both sides of the sail.

**4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS / NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

4.1 **LOCATION:** The location of the Official Regatta Notice Board will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

4.2 **CHANGES:** Schedule changes and changes in the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

4.3 **NOTICES:** All other notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND EVENTS**

5.1 **STARTING TIME:** The scheduled race start time will be 11:00am Saturday, 10:00am Sunday. If a race is cancelled and run on Monday, starting time will be 10:00am.

5.2 **SKIPPERS' MEETING:** The scheduled Skippers' Meeting time will be 10:00am Saturday, 9:00 am Sunday. If a race is cancelled and run on Monday, Skipper's meeting will be 9:00am

5.2 **RACE CANCELLATIONS:** A race may be cancelled for any reason. Cancellations and postponements will be announced no later than the Skipper's meeting each day. Monday shall serve as a rain date.

5.3 **RECEPTION AND AWARDS:** The reception will be at Bucketheads Beach Grill, 3657 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach Saturday night 6:30pm-10:00pm. Awards for Saturday's races will be awarded at the party. Awards for the second day's races and overall awards will be awarded on the beach following racing.

## **6. DESCRIPTIONS OF MARKS**

6.1 **MARKS:** Start/finish marks will be flags posted on the beach. Descriptions will be explained in the skipper's meeting.

## **7. RACE STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

7.1 **STARTING SIGNALS:** The starting signals shall be in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Changes to starting sequence will be announced at the skippers meetings. The preparatory shape will be a blue shape. The class shapes will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

7.2 **DID NOT START:** A boat starting later than 20 minutes after the starting signal may be scored 'Did Not Start'. Changes RRS A4.1

7.3 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** when signals are made ashore, they shall conform to RRS Race Signals and their location ashore will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. The Warning Signal will not be displayed less than 30 minutes following the end of Postponement AP.

7.4 **ASSISTANCE:**

## **8. THE COURSE:**

8.1 The course will be a distance course using the CBBT 'islands' as marks. The start/finish line will be in the vicinity of Albemarle Street, Virginia Beach, VA.

8.2 **COURSE CALLED:** The course to be sailed shall be determined on shore before the display of the Preparatory Signal.

8.3 **STARTS:** There will be individual starts for each fleet. Starts will be LeMan's style each day, with starting positions to be drawn at Skipper's Meeting each day.

8.4 FINISHES: A boat shall finish a race when a bow crosses the finish line. Spinnaker poles or any other attachment to the bow will not count. The bow of the center hull of any trimaran will be scored. Amas will not count.

8.5 START LINE OBSTRUCTION: The Start Line shall not rank as an obstruction.

8.6 FINISH LINE OBSTRUCTION: The Finish Line shall not rank as an obstruction.

## **9. RETIRING FROM A RACE**

9.1 A boat that retires from a race should notify the Race Committee either before leaving the course area or upon arriving at shore. Failure to do so may lead to disqualification.

## **10. ALTERNATE FINISHES, TIME LIMIT, AND RACE VALIDITY**

10.1 TIME LIMIT: No race time limit is scheduled.

10.2 FINISHING ON THE WATER: When approximately half of the boats in a race have rounded the last mark, the Race Committee may finish the balance of the boats at the last mark or on the course. The Race Committee determines the method of finishing and the finish positions awarded each boat. Changes RRS 28.1

## **12. PROTESTS AND ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

12.1 PROTEST TIME LIMIT: Protests shall be written on US Sailing protest forms or reasonable equivalent. Protests should be filed with the Race Committee within one half hour after the last boat finishes.

12.2 The 720-degree Turn Penalty in RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is replaced by a 360-degree Turn penalty. Changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2

12.3 PROTEST FLAG: A (red) protest flag is not required to protest another competitor. The boat raising the protest MUST immediately hail the offending boat.

## **13. SCORING, PENALTIES, AND PENALTY SCORING**

13.1 SCORING: Scoring is by the Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A. Scoring will be determined by a boat's elapsed time corrected by Portsmouth Handicap.

13.2 PENALTIES: Penalties and Scoring Penalties are as described in RRS Appendix A.

13.3 VIOLATIONS: All boat weight, crew weight, and equipment violations are scored DND, Disqualification No Discard.

13.4 Discarded Races: All races will be scored. Discards or 'Throw out' races will not be allowed.

## **14. SPECIAL NOTES**

- 14.1 **QUESTIONS:** No questions will be answered by the Race Committee on the water.
- 14.2 **OBSTRUCTIONS:** Mark boats and rescue/chase boats shall rank as obstructions.
- 14.3 **OTHER VESSELS:** The race course will traverse both channels. Sailors **MUST** yield to freighters, tankers, barges, military vessels and any commercial fishing vessels.
- 14.4 **ASSISTANCE:** Any boat receiving outside assistance from rescue/chase boats will be scored DNF. The Race Committee may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance. Changes RRS 41.
- 14.5 **SPORTSMANSHIP:** The Race Committee may request redress for competitors who exhibit extraordinary sportsmanship.

## **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1 **ALUMINUM MASTS AND OTHER BOAT COMPONENTS CONDUCT ELECTRICITY!** Coming in contact or even near an electrical power line can cause serious injury or death. **STAY AWAY** from low overhead electrical power line when sailing, launching, or landing your boat. **NEVER TRAILER A BOAT WITH THE MAST UP** beyond the landing or launching area. **LOOK UP** before raising the mast.
- 15.2 Each person on board shall carry a lifesaving device or Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Competitors are required to wear life jackets or PFDs while racing. It is highly advised to carry a whistle.
- 15.3 It is the responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate protective clothing and protective clothing as conditions warrant and to sail safely within each person's capabilities. If wind, wave, water, or general conditions make you doubt your ability to safely handle the conditions, good sailing practice demands that you retire from the race.

## **16. FLEETS AND AWARDS**

- 16.1 There will be two fleets scored: Catamaran Open fleet and Weta Fleet.
- 16.2 All fleets will be awarded trophies for top three places each day.
- 16.3 A 'Raw Power' award will be given to the first boat to finish per fleet, each day.
- 16.4 An overall trophy (perpetual Dolphin trophy) will be awarded to the catamaran with the best overall score.

