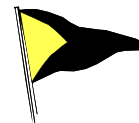


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1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats shall keep a copy of the current RRS and a copy of the Sailing Instructions (SI) on board during any BCYA sponsored race.
- 1.3 All boats shall comply with the “Nearshore Category” of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), available at [U.S. Sailing](http://www.usa-sailing.org).
- 1.4 PHRF crew limits shall not apply to club events that are not Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) sanctioned.
- 1.5 SI 6.4, 8.1, 8.2, 10, and 14 change the racing rules. Please, see the individual SI for additional information.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Changes to these SI will be posted on the BCYA website, www.bcy.com, no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled first warning signal of the race to which the revisions will apply.
- 2.2 Competitors shall communicate on VHF channel 72. Competitors should monitor this channel while racing.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 On the day of a Pursuit Race, one race is scheduled to be sailed.
- 3.2 One Race and two (2) series are scheduled as follows.
 - 3.2.1 Ice Breaker: Saturday, April 20.
 - 3.2.2 Fall Series 1: Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27.
 - 3.2.3 Fall Series 2: Sundays, November 3, 10, 17, and 24.
- 3.3 Race results will be posted on the BCYA web site, www.bcy.com.

4 RENDEZVOUS

At 1230 in vicinity of Baltimore Harbor, Anchorage Marina (N 39° 16.722' W 76° 35.008').

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 Racing will take place on the Patapsco River between the Inner Harbor and Sollers Point (NOAA Chart #12281).
- 5.2 All courses will use BCYA race marks. The color of the letters shall designate to which side a mark is to be rounded: red to port; green to starboard; black to finish. [BCYA Racing Information](http://www.bcy.com).
- 5.3 The competitors in the rendezvous area shall agree upon the course to be sailed no later than **1250 hours**.
- 5.4 **NORMAL COURSE (6.93 NM).**

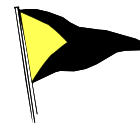
Mark	Rounding	Bearing	Distance (nm)	Latitude	Longitude	Description
START						
B	Starboard	145±	0.54±	39°16.213'	76°34.570'	"NH" RG
L	Port	200	0.83	39°15.394'	76°34.734'	R "2"
I	Port	142	1.52	39°14.395'	76°33.263'	G "11"
K	Port	125	0.31	39°14.273'	76°32.898'	R "10A"
J	Port	074	0.52	39°14.514'	76°32.301'	R "2DW"
F	Port	321	1.17	39°15.255'	76°33.469'	R "6"
C	Starboard	294	0.66	39°15.397'	76°34.306'	GR "FM"
B	Port	357	0.84	39°16.213'	76°34.570'	"NH" RG
FINISH		325±	0.54±			

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5.5 SHORT COURSE (4.66).

Mark	Rounding	Bearing	Distance (nm)	Latitude	Longitude	Description
START						
B	Starboard	145±	0.54±	39°16.213'	76°34.570'	"NH" RG
L	Port	200	0.83	39°15.394'	76°34.734'	R "2"
D	Port	138	1.03	39°14.784'	76°33.669'	G "15"
E	Port	028	0.17	39°14.943'	76°33.607'	R "16"
C	Starboard	321	0.71	39°15.397'	76°34.306'	GR "FM"
B	Port	357	0.84	39°16.213'	76°34.570'	"NH" RG
FINISH		325±	0.54±			

6 THE START

- 6.1 The starting line will be between the southernmost corner of the Anchorage Marina Dock C white tower, N 39°16.722' W 76°35.008' following a line bearing 212° to the easternmost corner of the Silo Point Tower, N 39°16.176' W 76°35.279'.
- 6.2 Each boat will be assigned a starting time based for each course length based on her PRHF rating. Competitors should check the BCYA web site the day before a race for the current list.
- 6.3 Boats whose starting time is not within three (3) minutes shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as the area extending 100 feet behind and 100 feet in front of the starting line.
- 6.4 Neither individual recalls nor general recalls will be signaled.

All boats are on their honor to start properly.

7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between the southernmost corner of the Anchorage Marina Dock C white tower, N 39°16.722' W 76°35.008' following a line bearing 212° to the easternmost corner of the Silo Point Tower, N 39°16.176' W 76°35.279' (same as the starting line).
- 7.2 Boats shall finish per the US Sailing Prescription to Rule 34 and report their finishing times and positions in relation to nearby boats, ahead and astern, by email to racechairman@bcya.com.
- 7.3 After finishing, boats are asked to keep clear of the finishing area and not cross back through the finish line when other boats still racing are near to crossing the finish line.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 shall apply except that a boat accepting a scoring penalty shall have her actual finishing position moved back a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered or a minimum of 3 places.
- 8.2 Penalties at the time of an incident:
The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1700 hours for all competitors.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Except as described in SI 14, there shall be no accommodation for protest or request for redress.

The intent of these pursuit races is to provide a low-key racing format for all competitors whether to shake the rust off at the beginning of the season or provide a reason to go sailing on a beautiful fall day.

11 SCORING

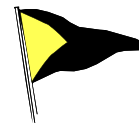
- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

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- 11.2 Club High Point Scoring: Neither the BCYA Ice Breaker nor the BCYA Fall Series will be counted towards Club High Point.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify other racers as soon as possible on VHF Channel 72. If a boat is unable to raise another competitor to meet this requirement, she shall send an email to racechairman@bcya.com identifying the vessel retiring.
- 12.2 **GALE WARNING.** If at 2000 on the day before a Pursuit Race day, a gale warning is in effect for the scheduled day and time of a race, that race will be abandoned. Notice will be posted to the BCYA web site.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race competitor communication shall be on VHF channel 72.

14 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 14.1 All boats are required to monitor Channel 13 for commercial traffic communication.
- 14.2 All boats are required to yield the right of way to commercial vessels, e.g. freighters, tugs, etc., in the racing area. All boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. Competitors may contact the commercial vessel in question on Channel 13 **to advise it of the competitor's intent to keep clear.**
- 14.3 Any attempt to exercise right of way over or to interfere or threaten to interfere with a commercial vessel shall constitute grounds for a protest which may be brought by the **Commodore.**
- 14.3.1 Any boat protested under this section of the SI shall have the onus of satisfying the protest committee that her actions did not violate this section.
- 14.3.2 If a violation of this section is found to have occurred by the protest committee, the following are possible penalties that the protest committee or the race committee may assign:
- (a) The protested boat may be disqualified from the race in which the incident occurred.
 - (b) The skipper of the protested boat may be excluded from sailing in one or more future races
 - (c) The protested boat may be excluded from participating in one or more future races. This may occur in the middle of a series. This changes RRS 76. The protested boat will be scored DNS for races from which it is excluded.
 - (d) The protest committee may recommend to the Board to suspend or revoke the membership and entry of the protested boat's skipper.
- 14.4 A boat without way may use her engine to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided:
- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - (b) using the engine is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and
 - (c) the boat submits a report by email to racechairman@bcya.com by 1800 hours the day of the race describing the incident and the boat's actions. This changes RRS 42.
- 14.5 The **Commodore** may protest a boat for breaking this section of the SI based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3 and 61.3.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first-place finisher for the Ice Breaker and each Fall Series.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

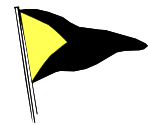
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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18 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating, competitors grant to the BCYA the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

19 POST-RACE GATHERING

The location of the post-race gathering will be identified by the BCYA Social Chair.