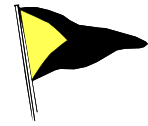


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1 RULES

- 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 All boats shall display appropriate running lights when the government marks are lighted. Failure to comply with this rule is grounds for protest by Race Committee (RC).
- 1.5 PHRF crew limits shall not apply to club events that are not Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) sanctioned.
- 1.6 To enter a BCYA PHRF race or series, a boat must submit a current PHRF certificate, an entry form, and its entry fee to the BCYA Race Committee at least 24 hours prior to the first start in which she intends to be scored. Any entry not received 24 hours prior to the first start will not be scored. PHRF applications are available from the PHRF of Chesapeake Bay, www.phrfchesbay.com. Entry forms and race and fee schedules are available from the BCYA website, www.bcy.com/membership.
- 1.7 Each boat must have a BCYA member on board to compete in a non-CBYRA sanctioned club event. See Article III of the Bylaws for additional information on eligibility.
- 1.8 Each boat will be assigned to a division based on its PHRF rating using BCYA assigned division splits. The BCYA may change the division splits at its discretion prior to the beginning of any series.
- 1.9 Each boat shall display identifying numbers on its mainsail, on all overlapping headsails, and on spinnakers. The Non-Spinnaker division is exempted from this rule, but they must inform the RC prior to the race if they are not in compliance.
- 1.10 A boat shall clearly display its division flag; see SI 6.4 for additional information.
- 1.11 SI 6.5, 6.6, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 10.5, 10.8, 10.9, and 14 change the racing rules. Please, see the individual SI for additional information.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

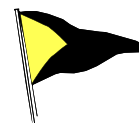
- 2.1 Changes to these SI will be posted on the BCYA website, www.bcy.com/racing-information, no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled first warning signal of the race to which the revisions will apply.
- 2.2 RC communication will be on VHF channel 72. Competitors should monitor this channel while racing.
- 2.3 On a Tuesday Night Race day:
 - (a) **GALE WARNING.** If at 1200 on a Tuesday Night 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.
 - (b) if RC observes sustained winds at or above 30 knots in the racing area at 1730 hours, racing will be abandoned
 - (c) if adverse weather appears likely, RC may broadcast an announcement at 1720 hours regarding racing that day being postponed or abandoned
 - (d) RC may broadcast notices concerning racing that day or other BCYA business prior to the starting signal of a race
 - (e) RC may send a courtesy text message regarding racing that day if RC has been provided with a race boat’s contact cell number.
- 2.7 Changes to these SI may be made orally on the water prior to the warning signal for the race as specified in RRS 90.2(c).

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3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 On the day of a Tuesday Night Race, one race is scheduled to be sailed in each division.
- 3.2 Five (5) series are scheduled as follows.
 - 3.2.1 Series 1: April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 and 28.
 - 3.2.2 Port Covington Marina Series: June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9.
 - 3.2.3 Anchorage Marina Series: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20.
 - 3.2.4 Series 4: August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 24, and October 1.
 - 3.2.5 Die Hard Series: October 8, 15, and 22.
- 3.3 Race results will be posted on the BCYA web site, www.bcy.com/tuesday-night-racing.

4 RENDEZVOUS





- 4.1 For Series 1 thru 4, competitors shall rendezvous at 1800 in the vicinity of BCYA Mark H, Yellow Can ‘B’, N 39° 14.969’ W 76° 33.145’.
- 4.2 For the Die Hard Series, competitors shall rendezvous at 1730 in the vicinity of BCYA Mark L, R “2” Flash R 4s, N 39° 15.394’ W 76° 34.734’.
- 4.3 Or the RC may broadcast its position at a different BCYA mark. If an inflatable drop mark, “Z”, the RC will provide the approximate coordinates of the RC vessel.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 Racing will take place on the Patapsco River between Sollers Point and the Inner Harbor (NOAA Chart #12281).
- 5.2 All courses will use BCYA race marks. The color of the letters posted by the race committee shall designate to which side a mark is to be rounded: red to port; green to starboard; black to finish. Letters of marks appearing with a circle around it should be passed rather than rounded. Marks – [BCYA Racing Information](#).
- 5.3 The race committee shall post the course to be sailed no later than the preparatory signal for that division. The course will be indicated by displaying the appropriate letters on a board from the side of the RC boat opposite the starting line.
- 5.4 The RC may designate different courses for different divisions.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat, and the course side of a nearby inflatable or government mark. If an inflatable mark is used, it will be a yellow cylinder.
- 6.2 All divisions will be started together as follows.

| Signal | Flag and Sound | Time Before Start |
|-------------|--|-------------------|
| Warning |  Flag raised + 1 sound | 5 Minutes |
| Preparatory | “P”  raised | 4 Minutes |
| | “P”  lowered + 1 sound | 1 Minute |
| Start |  Flag lowered + 1 sound | 0 Minutes |

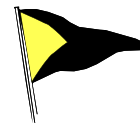
- 6.3 Warning Signal Schedule
 - 6.3.1 For Series 1 thru 3, the first division warning signal is scheduled for 1825 hours.
 - 6.3.2 For Series 4, the first division warning signal is scheduled for 1815 hours.
 - 6.3.3 For the Extender Series, the first division warning signal is scheduled for 1750 hours.
- 6.4 A boat shall clearly display its division flag.
- 6.5 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1. The RC will attempt verbally to notify all on-course-side starters by hail over VHF 72, but it is the responsibility of each boat to start correctly. The RC’s failure to verbally notify an OCS starter will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

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7 THE FINISH

- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the last mark of the course.
- 7.2 If the RC is not on station at the finish, each boat is responsible for recording its own finishing time and, if possible, the finishing times of the boats ahead and astern. Boat shall finish per the US Sailing Prescription to Rule 34 and report their finishing times and positions in relation to nearby boats to the RC via VHF 72. When RC cannot be reached via VHF, email finishing information to racechairman@bcya.com.
- 7.3 Boats finishing after dark must illuminate their sail numbers at the finish.
- 7.4 After finishing, boats are asked to keep clear of the finishing area and not cross back through the finish line.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 shall apply except that:
 - 8.1.1 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. Nonetheless, a boat accepting an alternative penalty may be disqualified by a Protest Committee (PC) if it finds that the boat has violated Rule 2, "Fair Sailing", or that the boat has recklessly endangered other competing boats.
 - 8.1.2 A protested boat which has not retired or taken or accepted an alternative penalty may accept a scoring penalty and shall have her actual finishing position moved back a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 50% of the number of boats entered or a minimum of 4 places by providing the PC Chairman a written request for this scoring penalty. The request must be received at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled hearing on such protest, and the incident giving rise to the protest must not involve reckless endangerment to other boats or a violation of Rule 2.
- 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.'
- 8.3 A Protest Committee that finds a protest frivolous (i.e., it is found to be so lacking in substance as not to require the protested boat to defend the claim) may dismiss the protest and penalize the protesting boat by moving its actual finishing position back a whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats entered or a minimum of 3 places.

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be two hours for the first boat in each division to finish.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

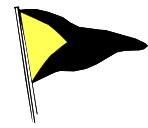
- 10.1 Except as provided otherwise in the RRS, a boat intending to protest because of an incident occurring in the racing area of which she is aware shall hail the other boat of her intention to protest specifically using the word, "PROTEST", and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for doing each. In all cases she shall inform the other boat as soon as reasonably possible.
- 10.2 A boat intending to protest or request redress based on an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes, inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest or request redress and, when applicable, the identity of the boat being protested. A boat performing an alternative penalty under RRS 44 shall inform the Race Committee of her action immediately after finishing.
- 10.3 A written protest must be mailed or emailed to the Protest Committee Chair, BCYA, P.O. Box 6098, Baltimore, MD 21231, racechairman@bcya.com. If sent by mail, the protest shall be postmarked no later than the day after the race. If emailed, the protest shall be transmitted no later than 12:00 midnight on the day after the race. It is the protesting party's responsibility to submit proof of compliance with this instruction. Protests will not be accepted by fax.
- 10.4 All hearings on protests will take place on the second Tuesday following the night of the incident or at such other time and at such location as the Protest Committee Chairman determines is convenient to all parties.

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- 10.5 A written protest may be withdrawn at any time up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled protest hearing upon notice to the protest committee chairman. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 10.6 Protest Committee may reject any protest that does not strictly follow these procedures.
- 10.7 A party to a protest may appeal the decision of the Protest committee to the CBYRA Appeals Committee pursuant to RRS/US Appendix F. The appealing party shall comply with all applicable CBYRA appeal requirements. The appealing party shall follow up on the appeal to ensure that it is determined as soon as possible.
- 10.8 Rule 63.5 is changed to, “At the beginning of the hearing, if there is no objection, the protest or request for redress shall be considered valid, and the hearing shall be continued. If an objection is made, the protest committee shall take any evidence...” [no further change].
- 10.9 Breaches of instruction 6.7 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 11.2 The completion of three (3) races in any given series shall constitute a series.
- 11.3 If five (5) or more races are completed within a series, a boat’s score will be based on the total of that boat’s finishes less its worst finish (i.e., a “throw-out”). Otherwise, a boat’s score will be based on the total of that boat’s finishes.
- 11.4 Club High Point Scoring
 - 11.4.1 Each BCYA Tuesday Night Race, the BCYA Race to Baltimore, and the Baltimore Harbor Cup Regatta will be counted towards Club High Point.
 - 11.4.2 The BCYA Ice Breaker, BCYA Die Hard Series, and BCYA Fall Series will not be counted towards Club High Point.
 - 11.4.3 Qualification for BCYA Club High Point requires participation in at least 65% of Club High Point race events held during the year.
 - 11.4.4 Boats changing division during the year through administrative action of the BCYA will be scored in the division in which they end the year. Points earned prior to a change will be credited towards the boat's final Club High Point score. Points for boats changing division will be awarded for each division in which they raced. Points earned in CBYRA sanctioned races are credited toward the Club High Point score for the division in which the boat normally races with the BCYA.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Preferably, all boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing. Check-in may be performed by sailing within hail of the committee boat. Check-ins will not be accepted over VHF. The designated VHF channel is reserved for race committee communication only.
- 12.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If a boat is unable to raise race committee on VHF Channel 72 to meet this requirement, she shall send an email to racechairman@bcya.com identifying the vessel retiring.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race committee communication shall be on VHF channel 72.

14 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

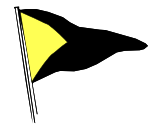
- 14.1 All boats are required to monitor Channel 72 for commercial traffic advisories that may be broadcast by the RC, both before and during a race. Failure to monitor Channel 72 will be grounds for a protest by the RC.
- 14.2 All boats are required to yield the right of way to commercial vessels, e.g. 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.

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- 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 race committee, protest committee, or any competitor.
- 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 (in writing or by e-mail) to the event's RC by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions. This changes RRS 42.
- 14.5 The race committee or protest committee 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 in each division with at least three entrants; to the first- and second-place finishers in each division with at least five entrants; and to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers in each division with at least seven entrants.

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.

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.