



Miles River Race Back

Sunday, 24 May 2015

Hosted by
Eastport Yacht Club

Assisted by
Miles River Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

with Amendment No. 1

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SIs), and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs (or amendments thereto), the SIs as amended shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all competitors who register with the organizing authority and pay the entry fee prior to 2000 hours on Tuesday, 19 May 2015.
- 2.2 All boats shall comply with their Class Rules.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors posted prior to the start of the race will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Commodore's Room in the Miles River Yacht Club (MRYC) building. Notices to Competitors posted after racing has commenced, will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the waterside of the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) building. Notices may also be found on line at:
http://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_notice_board.php?regatta_id=10108.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the MRYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of events is:

Sun, May 24	~0930	Check In Boat on station
	0955	Warning signal for first class
	1400	Post-race cookout at Eastport Yacht Club (EYC)
- 6.2 Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Miles River Buoy R8.

7 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS, & ORDER OF START

Start Order	Class	Class Flag
1.	Cal 25	"T"
2.	Cruising	White
3.	PHRF N	"5"
4.	Multihull B	"F"
5.	Multihull A	"W"
6.	J/30	"D"
7.	PHRF B	"6"
8.	J/105	"V"

9.	PHRF A2	“2”
10.	PHRF A1	“9”
11.	Beach Cat	Beach Cat

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay, between the Miles River and the mouth of the Severn River.

9 CHECK IN

Prior to starting, all contestants shall check in by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) Check In Boat (flying a solid yellow flag), hail their sail number, and be acknowledged by the race committee. The RC Check In Boat will be stationed approximately 100 yards south of the RC Signal Boat (flying a blue “RC” flag). Do not attempt to check in with the RC Signal Boat.

10 COURSE

The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11 MARKS

The marks of the course are described in SIs 12.2 and 14, and Figure 1.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and Miles River buoy R8 at the port end.

13 RECALLS

The Race Committee intends to hail the recall or sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 71. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timeliness of the hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

14 THE FINISH

Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue “On Station” flag on an RC boat and the course side of Annapolis Harbor R2. If necessary, the course will be shortened at a rounding mark in accordance with RRS 32.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

For one-design classes only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that when a rule of Part 2 is broken outside the zone at a mark, and there is no injury or damage, and no significant advantage is gained, the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

16 TIME LIMIT

The time limit is eight (8) hours from the time of each boat’s class start. Any boat that is still racing after that time shall be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident in the racing area shall inform the Race Committee when they finish, or via VHF channel 71 if/when they leave the racecourse without finishing, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. This changes RRS 61.

17.2 Protests shall be filed at EYC, in the Race Committee office (first floor on the waterside of the building). For each class, the protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after their Race Committee Signal Boat docks. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board at EYC to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.3 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at EYC beginning approximately thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail, via VHF channel 71, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 18.2 A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 18.3 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and RRS 61.3.
- 18.4 RRS 42.3 (Propulsion - Exceptions) is changed by adding: "(j) A boat that is unavoidably without way in a ship channel may use any means of propulsion to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic provided that, when becoming clear of the commercial traffic, the boat has not improved their position as a result of this action. A boat claiming this exception shall report the incident in writing to the protest committee within the protest time limit, with all the facts necessary to substantiate the boat's speed and change of position during the incident."
- 18.5 RRS 62.1 (Redress) is changed by adding: "(e) clearing a ship channel in compliance with SI 19.4."

19 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system will apply.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions, other than communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channel 71, while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.2 RRS 41 (Outside Help) is modified such that monitoring VHF weather channels or Race Committee communications on VHF channel 71 does not break RRS 41.

21 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

This is a Clean Race; all competitors are encouraged not to use disposable water bottles. Racers should refrain from throwing trash in the water and recycle all appropriate items. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified or subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority or any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any responsibility or liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustain in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

24 SOCIAL

A post-race cookout and Awards Party at EYC will begin on Sunday, 24 May 2015, at 1400 hours; all skippers and crew are invited. Prizes not picked up during the awards party will be available at EYC beginning on Tuesday, 26 May 2015. Trophies not claimed within 30 days of the race shall be forfeited.

FIGURE 1 – Course for the Annapolis to Miles River – Race Back

