

CHESSESS Class Rules- June 2015

- I. **Safety- CHESSESS currently follows ISAF Offshore equipment requirements, as adopted by PHRF of the Chesapeake.**
 - a. Jacklines or anchor points shall always be rigged. Anchor points must be spaced to allow the person to remain attached while moving between anchor points.
 - b. Harnesses and tethers OR PFD's shall be worn at night or when sails are reefed.
 - c. A DSC capable VHF radio shall be accessible from the cockpit.
 - d. CHESSESS Sailors may communicate with each other via VHF. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS Rule 41.
- II. **Sail & Equipment Specifications- CHESSESS currently follows PHRF of the Chesapeake Equipment Specifications with the following modifications:**
 - a. Sail Changes will be permitted as they are limited within rules contained within the CBYRA Green Book for Spinnaker classes and as permitted for the Non-Spinnaker classes. Sail changes for boats with a furler credit will only be permitted as allowed within the PHRF of the Chesapeake restrictions associated with that credit. Changing to a storm sail will not be considered as a sail change. Flying multiple head sails **during a sail change** is not a violation against flying multiple jibs from the same stay.
 - b. Auto pilots, Tiller Pilots and wind vanes are authorized for all CHESSESS divisions.
 - c. Electric winches are authorized, subject to the PHRF rating penalty for stored energy.
- III. **Crew Limits-** All vessels are limited to a maximum of 2 people, regardless of size or type.
- IV. **Divisions-** CHESSESS is divided Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multi-hull. Single and double handers shall compete against each other in these divisions. There is no rating adjustment for single or double hand.
- V. **CHESSESS Class Identification-** CHESSESS is sanctioned by CBYRA to fly Code 4. During CBYRA-sanctioned races:
 - a. Spinnaker division shall fly Code 4.
 - b. Non-Spinnaker division shall fly Code 4, with a plain, white flag beneath.
 - c. Multi-hull division shall fly Code Whisky as prescribed by the CMA.
- VI. **Ratings-** When participating in CBYRA-sanctioned races, CHESSESS members shall race under a valid PHRF or CMA rating certificate. When participating in CHESSESS exclusive races, the CHESSESS handicapper can assign a provisional rating, which will be based on measurements, existing ratings where possible, and specific equipment configuration.