

MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB

2017 HAROLD SHUSTER Fall Series District 2 Blue Star Regatta

Sailing Instructions

September 23 and 24, 2017

1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

STCR 31.2.6 is in effect: Boats may carry VHF radios for purposes of safety and for receiving race committee communication including notification of OCS boats.

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance to the Club.
3. **CREW WEIGHT:** Crews must comply with class rule 31.1.3 at all times. Crews shall be weighed prior to the closing of registration and measurement.
4. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the sailing instructions or schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board before 9am on the day it will take effect.
5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed waterside of the clubhouse in front of the marina.

Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

6. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

	Friday 9/22/17	Saturday 9/23/17	Sunday 10/24/17
Weigh in	5:00-7:00 pm	8:00-9:00 am	
Registration		8:30-9:00 am	
Skippers' Meeting		9:00 am	
1 st Warning Signal		10:30 am	10:00 am
PM Warning Signal		N/A	No start after 2:00 pm
Trophy Awards			Approx. 3:00 pm

Check the signal boat course board after each race to see if additional races are planned. A posted course means there will be another race. We will attempt to have three races each day.

7. **CLASS FLAG:** The class flag for Stars shall be the Star class flag.
8. **RACING AREA:** The race area will be in Eastern Bay near red N"8", or the Miles River south of Red #4 flasher (off St Michaels) as conditions warrant. No navigation aids in the race area are part of the course and competitors are not required to leave them on the channel side.
9. **THE COURSES:** The diagrams in "Appendix A" show the courses. We will only use course C which corresponds to 34.3.5. Course 3, or course A which corresponds to 34.3.6. Course 4.
10. **MARKS:** The turning marks of the course shall be orange tetrahedron club drop marks. The starting pin shall be a yellow cylinder club drop mark. The offset mark shall be smaller red ball club drop mark.

11. THE START: The start line shall be between the orange/yellow flag on the signal boat and the adjacent yellow cylinder club mark as described in the course diagrams.

Races shall be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. RRS A4 is changed so that a competitor not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing.

12. THE FINISH: The finishing line shall be between the orange/yellow flag on the signal boat and the adjacent yellow cylinder club mark as described in the course diagrams.

13. TIME LIMITS: The time limit for the first beat is 30 minutes. The time limit for any one race is 120 minutes. RRS 35, A4 and A5 are changed to provide that competitors finishing more than 60 minutes after the first competitor to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

14. PROTESTS: Protest forms are available in the club office. Protest shall be delivered there within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the club Chart Room at the time posted.

Boats recorded on the finishing list as having not started or not finished will be posted on the Notice Board ½ hour before the end of protest time. Any boat so notified may request a hearing, which must be in writing and delivered to the club office within protest time limit.

On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed

15. SCORING: The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply. Three completed races constitutes a series for the Blue Star District 2 Championship. One completed race constitutes a series for the Schuster trophy. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores unless four (4) or more races are completed and then she may exclude her worst score.

16. SAFETY: Prior to the first warning signal of the first race a boat sails each day, competitors shall sail past the stern of the signal boat and hail to be recorded as in the starting area. Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall attempt inform the Race Committee. Competitors not intending to leave the dock on a race day shall inform the Race Committee.

17. CREW CHANGES: Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the race committee in writing prior to 9am on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the race committee grants permission, it will do so in writing and shall post a notice on the Notice Board.

A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

18. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS: All boats must be kept at MRYC or the adjoining fields from 10:30 am Saturday until the end of the regatta.

19. PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. A trophy for the Charles Ulmer Trophy for the best MES sailor will also be awarded. The winner is awarded the Harold Schuster Memorial Trophy. The winner is also the 2017 District 2 Blue Star Champion.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Miles River Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.