

EYC Boomerang Race

Saturday-Sunday, 08-09 July 2017

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

With Amendment Nos. 1 & 2, and Attachment A

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The notation "[NP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] From sunset to sunrise a boat shall not come within 5 boat-lengths of another boat.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all competitors who register with the organizing authority and pay the entry fee prior to 1200 hours on Thursday, 06 July 2017.
- 2.2 Participants competing in a handicap class shall have a valid 2017 rating certificate.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside, near the ground floor rear entryway doors and "Sparky's Shed" on the EYC grounds, and posted as a courtesy on the EYC website: <http://eastportyc.org/boomerang>.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the SIs shall be posted before 2000 hours on Friday, 07 July 2017.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore before the race start shall be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse. The Race Committee (RC) may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof shall not be grounds for Redress or Protest. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is:

Thu, 06 July	1200	Registration closes
	1900	Night navigation & commercial traffic seminar at EYC (<i>recommended</i>)
Fri, 07 July	2000	Classes start order posted
Sat, 08 July	1815	Check-In vessel on station
	1845	Warning signal for first class
Sun, 09 July	0600-1200	Post-race reception at EYC
	1200	Race time limit
	1200-1600	Awards party at EYC

7 CLASS FLAGS – ORDER OF START

- 7.1 It is the intention of the RC to give the first Warning signal at 1845 hours. The start order and class flags/pennants are presented in Attachment A.
- 7.2 [DP] [NP] All competing boats shall fly class flags as specified in CBYRA Green Book General SI 4, or as noted in the SI Amendment cited in SI 7.1.



8 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay, between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Cove Point.

9 MANDATORY CHECK-IN

- 9.1 The RC shall use a separate check-in vessel. The vessel shall fly a solid yellow flag and shall be located approximately 0.2 nm SE of Triton Light off the US Naval Academy seawall.
- 9.2 **[DP] [NP]** Each boat shall pass close astern of the check-in vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by a return hail from the check-in vessel.
- 9.3 RC shall protest any boat that finishes the race but fails to complete the check-in process, per SI 9.2.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 RC intends to designate a course that is commensurate with the predicted conditions. Course "A" will be selected when conditions support a longer race distance; course "B" will be selected when conditions support a shorter race distance.
- 10.2 The designated course will be identified on a board displayed on the check-in vessel and the Signal Vessel. The board will show either "A" or "B" to indicate which course shall be sailed. The Signal Vessel will also attempt to repeatedly state the course designation on VHF channel 73 during the start sequences.
- 10.3 The failure of any boat to see the course board or hear the VHF broadcasts shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 10.4 Course diagrams and descriptions are provided in the figures, as noted in the following table.

Course Designation for Each Class	Multihull A, PHRF A0/A1, PHRF A2, and J/35 Classes	Multihull B, J/105, PHRF B, PHRF C, PHRF N, J/30, Alberg 30, CRCA Classes, and STC Junior Classes
"A"	Figure 1, LONG COURSE	Figure 2, MEDIUM COURSE
"B"	Figure 2, MEDIUM COURSE	Figure 3, SHORT COURSE

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races shall be started using RRS 26. The Warning Signal for the first class is intended to be made at 1845 hours.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of Severn River lighted buoy "G9 Q G" at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall not come within one hundred fifty (150) yards of the starting line.
- 11.4 A boat starting more than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal of the last class shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 The RC intends to hail on VHF channel 73 after the starting signal the sail number(s) of boats that are OCS. 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(a).
- 12.2 If a general recall is made, classes which have not been recalled shall be started as though the recall(s) had not been made. This modifies RRS 29.2.
- 12.3 Recalled classes shall start in the order they were recalled, after the last scheduled start.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish Line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Finish Vessel and the course side of Severn River lighted buoy "G5 FI G, 4s."
- 13.2 The RC Finish Vessel expects to be on station on the southwest side of Severn River lighted buoy "G5 FI G, 4s" from the Start on Saturday, 08 July 2017, until 1200 hours on Sunday, 09 July 2017, or all competitors have finished or withdrawn, whichever occurs first.
- 13.3 **[NP]** When finishing before sunrise, boats shall illuminate their sail numbers within two hundred (200) yards of the finish line, until two hundred (200) yards past the finish line.
- 13.4 If the RC Finish Vessel is not on station, a boat shall take her finish time when she passes Severn River lighted buoy "G5 FI G, 4s" within one hundred (100) yards and the mark bears 065° degrees magnetic.



Boats recording their own finish shall report their finish time to the RC as soon as practical after finishing by contacting the Principal Race Officer (PRO) by leaving a message on the EYC Hotline at (410) 263-0415, extension 3, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org.

14 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

- 14.1 A boat may choose to take one of the following penalties. This changes RRS 44.1.
 - (a) RRS 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties; or,
 - (b) RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty.
- 14.2 RRS 44.3 is modified as noted below.
 - (a) RRS 44.3(a) is changed to allow flag "I" to be substituted for the yellow flag.
 - (b) RRS 44.3(b) is changed to also require a competitor to inform the RC by hailing on VHF channel 73 until acknowledged by the RC. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
 - (c) RRS 44.3(c) is changed to provide a 40% scoring penalty.

15 TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 The time limit is 1200 hours on Sunday, 09 July 2017.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish.

16 REPORT OF THE RACE COMMITTEE

The Report of the Race Committee regarding incidents on the water shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Signal Vessel docks. The report shall include scoring-related actions (DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNF, DNE) and the Signal Vessel dock time.

17 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 17.2 **[DP]** A boat intending to protest an incident in the racing area shall inform the RC when she finishes, or via VHF channel 73 when leaving the racecourse without finishing, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 17.3 A boat requesting clarification about the Report of the Race Committee must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form within the protest time limit and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. A boat requesting clarification about her score(s), based on posted results must submit a Scoring Inquiry Form as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the posting and go through the scoring inquiry process prior to filing a request for redress. If after going through the scoring inquiry process, the competitor wishes to file for redress, the request must be delivered as soon as reasonably possible after learning of the outcome of the scoring inquiry hearing.
- 17.4 Scoring Inquiries and Protest Forms are available at, and shall be filed with the RC Office (first floor, on the waterside of the building). The protest time limit is 1300 hours on Sunday, 09 July 2017, or sixty (60) minutes after the RC docks, whichever is earlier. Requests for redress regarding incidents in the racing area shall be delivered within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.5 Notices of hearing shall be posted no later than fifteen (15) 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. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt by the Protest Secretary. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest room.
- 17.6 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board and the Protest Board before the end of the protest time limit.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 **[NP]** All equipment required by the US Coast Guard, the RRS, these SIs, and the respective class rules, shall be aboard, readily available, and in working order. The RC has the right to inspect, without notice, any boat for the required equipment.
- 18.2 **[NP]** It is recommended that all boats meet the current ISAF Recommendations for Offshore Sailing including Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations for Category 4, as amended.
- 18.3 **[DP] [NP]** In the interest of overall event safety, and consistent with best practices, boats that have checked in as starters and subsequently withdrawn prior to finishing shall notify the PRO as soon as practical on VHF channel 73 or by phone on the EYC Hotline at (410) 263-0415, extension 3, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, sail number, and class.



- 18.4 **[DP] [NP]** A boat shall 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(s) they observe.
- 18.5 **[NP]** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
- the boat does not gain an advantage;
 - using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
 - the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 18.6 **[NP]** The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 18.4 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.
- 18.7 **[NP]** A boat racing between sunset and sunrise that is in close proximity to other vessels shall illuminate her sails so that she is clearly visible. This requirement is in addition to the navigation lights and shapes required by the Inland Rules and other applicable government regulations.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, shall apply.
- 19.2 PHRF handicap classes will be scored in accordance with the PHRF Circular Random Time over Distance rating.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 20.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73.
- 20.3 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel(s) 13 and/or 16, as required for safety.

21 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] [NP] This is a Clean Race; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.



22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the EYC Boomerang Race entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4. The Organizing Authority will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 SOCIAL

- 24.1 All activities will be held at the EYC clubhouse after the conclusion of racing. A morning breakfast will be available at no additional cost to competitors, courtesy of Grump's Café. An afternoon meal will be available at no additional cost to competitors, courtesy of the Annapolis Smokehouse & Tavern.
- 24.2 Prizes in each class shall be given as follows:
- 1st Place for three (3) or more entries;
 - 2nd Place for six (6) or more entries;
 - 3rd Place for seven (7) or more entries;
 - 4th Place for fifteen (15) or more entries; and,
 - 5th Place for twenty (20) or more entries.
- 24.3 The Boomerang Trophy shall be presented to the boat with the fastest average speed, based on corrected time (length of course / corrected time).
- 24.4 The F. Peter Weber Trophy shall be awarded to the first boat to cross the finish line, regardless of class or course, provided she is not scored OCS, retires after finishing, or is disqualified by the Protest Committee. In the event the first boat to finish is eliminated from consideration, the award will be presented to the next qualified finisher.



- 24.5 Beneteau America will award prizes to the top three (3) Beneteaus in the Cruising Class, and the top three (3) Beneteaus from across all Handicap Classes. At the end of the year Beneteau America will award prizes to the overall winners of the Cruising and Handicap Classes.
- 24.6 Prizes not picked up during the awards party will be available at EYC beginning on Monday, 10 July 2017. Trophies not claimed within thirty (30) days of the race shall be forfeited.

25 **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Weather forecasting services will be provided by Weather Routing, Inc., beginning on Friday, 07 July 2017. Forecasts will be found at <http://www.seaweather.net>.



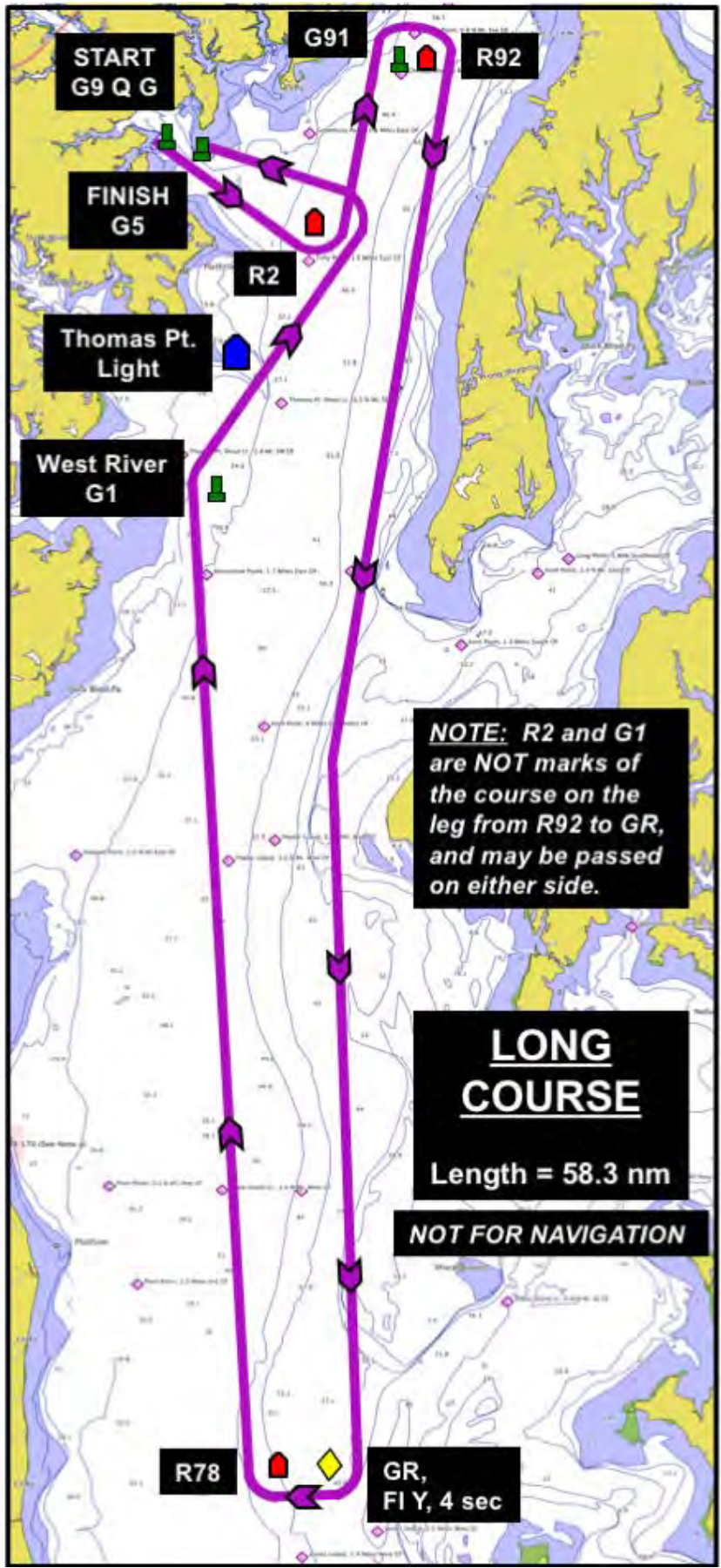


FIGURE 1. Boomerang Race – LONG COURSE



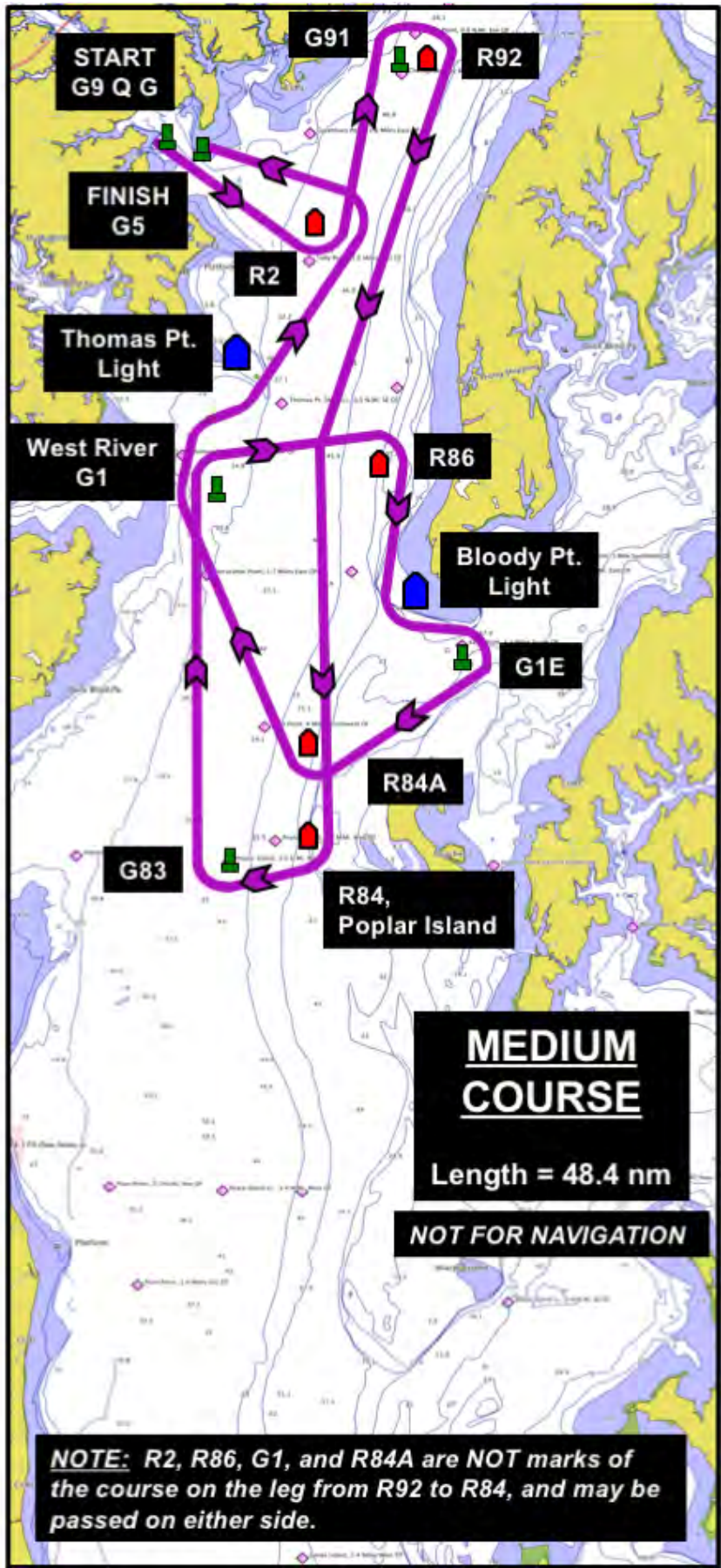


FIGURE 2. Boomerang Race – MEDIUM COURSE





FIGURE 3. Boomerang Race – SHORT COURSE



ATTACHMENT A. Class Start Order and Class Flags/Pennants

Start No.	Class	Class Flag or Pennant	
1.	PHRF A0/A1	Pennants "0" & "9"	
2.	J/35	Flag "K"	
	PHRF A2	Pennant "2"	
3.	Multihull A	Flag "W"	
	Multihull B	Flag "F"	
4.	J/105	Flag "V"	
5.	PHRF B	Pennant "6"	
	J/30	Flag "D"	
6.	CRCA ORR & CRCA ARC	White Flag	
7.	PHRF C	Pennant "7"	
	PHRF N	Pennant "5"	
	STC Junior	Green Flag	
	Alberg 30	Flag "G"	



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