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WRSC Poplar Island Race West River, MD, Saturday July 29, 2017 NOTICE OF RACE AND GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

Governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, this NOR and WRSC Big Boat General SI's and specific SI's for this race (to follow).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

2.1 This race is open to boat of the following classes:

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| PHRF A | CHESS Spin | CRCA Cruiser |
| PHRF B | CHESS Multihull | CRCA Non-Spin |
| PHRF C | CHESS Non-Spin | CRCA Performance Cruiser |
| PHRF Non-Spin | | CRCA Pocket Cruiser |
| | | CRCA Assigned Rating Spin |
| | | CRCA Assigned Rating Non-Spin |

2.2 Classes with 3 or more entries will be given their own start; classes may be combined if fewer entries.

2.3 The entry fee is \$30 by Monday, July 24th; there will be a \$10 Late Fee after July 24th (\$40). All entries must be received by 1800 hours on Thursday, July 27, 2017.

2.4 The preferred method of registration is via Regatta Network: www.RegattaNetwork.org
Entries may also be mailed to Frank McGowan, 507 South 27th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146
mcgowanfx@gmail.com. Please include Skipper name, e-mail address and phone #, Yacht name, Sail number, Home Club and PHRF rating. **The standard CBYRA entry form is preferred if using regular mail.** If by mail, payment by personal check payable to West River Sailing Club.

2.5 Eligibility: Open to all yachts meeting ISAF Category 5P equipment requirements as modified by Chesapeake Bay PHRF. Automated means of self-steering are allowed in CHESS divisions.
--Please contact Rich Acuti (salvage210@gmail.com) for information and questions about CHESS classes.
--The CRCA Cruiser, Performance Cruiser, Pocket Cruiser, and Non-Spin classes are for CRCA boats that have ORRez certificates. The CRCA "Assigned Ratings" classes were designed for "dual purpose" boats that have never raced, stopped racing, or overall are more low-key. The assigned ratings will be based on formulae that have been used with success throughout the country to try to equitably rate the wide range of cruising-type or dual purpose boats. For information about CRCA classes, please contact Frank McGowan as above or Jay Tyson (chesrca@yahoo.com).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at WRSC clubhouse and/or emailed to competitors by the race chair. Sailing Instructions, amendments and other pertinent race information will be posted on the RegattaNetwork site for this race.

4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 The schedule of events is:

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| Mon, July 24 | 1800 | Sailing Instructions posted to Club Notice Board and RegattaNetwork race site |
| Thurs, July 27 | 2000 | Entry and registration closes |
| Fri, July 28 | 2000 | Final class composition and class starts posted to the RegattaNetwork race site |
| Sat, July 29 | 1100 | Warning signal for the first class |

4.2 All competitors will check in prior to the start of the first class. The location of the check-in boat will be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch. 68. Failure to check in will result in DSQ.

4.3 The starting order, times, and class flags will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Starting signals will be in



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accordance with RRS 26.

5. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the mouth of the West River and environs.

6. COURSE[S] and MARKS

Courses and marks will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

7. STARTING SYSTEM

The Starting System of RRS 26 will be used.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race will be 6 hours from start to finish.

9. PROTESTS

Protests shall be delivered to WRSC Clubhouse within 2 hour of the protesting yachts finish. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing in the WRSC clubhouse.

10. SCORING and TROPHIES

The CBYRA High Point System will apply for PHRF and CHESSS classes. Scoring for CRCA classes TBD and will be posted in the Sailing Instructions. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each class..

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the WRSC Poplar Island 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.

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

13. SOCIAL There will be a Skipper's Meeting and pre-race party on Friday evening, July 28 and post-race party after the race on Saturday, July 29 at the WRSC clubhouse in Galesville, MD. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. All are welcome and skippers/crews newer to racing are especially encouraged to attend the Skipper's meeting.

14. DOCKAGE Limited dockage will be available at the West River Sailing Club dock on Tenthouse Creek on Friday evening and for the post-race party. Additional details will be available in the Sailing Instructions. There are also several marinas with transient space on the West River that are within walking distance the WRSC clubhouse.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 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. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.