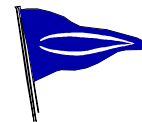


# GSA NORTHERN BAY REGATTA

## Sailing Instructions



*The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SI's means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

**Organizing Authority: GLENMAR SAILING ASSOCIATION**

**Dates:** Saturday 30 June 2018 and Sunday 01 July 2018

### **1 Rules**

**1.1** This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 2020.

### **2 Communications With Competitors**

**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at [www.regattanetworks.com](http://www.regattanetworks.com) – event ID 16388.

**2.2** On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**3.1** Any change to the SI's will be posted no later than 1200 on Friday, June 29.

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**4.1** The schedule for Saturday will be:

1130 Rendezvous in the vicinity of G"23" FI G 4s (CBYRA-Region 2 Mark K)

Anticipated **warning** signal for:

1200	PHRF A
1205	PHRF B
1210	PHRF C
1215	PHRF N
1220	CHESSS (Short-handed)
1225	MULTIHULL A
1230	MULTIHULL B
1235	CRCA Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker
1240	CRCA Racer Cruiser and Pocket Cruiser

**4.2** The schedule for Sunday's first race will be:

0930 Rendezvous in the vicinity of G"3" FI G 4s (CBYRA-Region 1 Mark O)

Anticipated **warning** signal will be:

1000	PHRF A
1005	PHRF B
1010	PHRF C
1015	PHRF N
1020	CHESSS (Short-handed)
1025	MULTIHULL A
1030	MULTIHULL B

The second race will start as soon as possible after the boats finish.

### **5 CLASS FLAGS**

**5.1** The class flags are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
PHRF A	Pennant 9
PHRF B	Pennant 6
PHRF C	Pennant 7
PHRF N	Pennant 5
CHESSS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Substitute

MULTIHULL A	Flag W
MULTIHULL B	Flag F
CRCA Cruiser	White Flag
CRCA Non-Spin	White Flag
CRCA Racer Cruiser	Green Flag
CRCA Pocket Cruiser	Green Flag

- 5.2** *[DP]* All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern (approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay).

## **6 THE COURSES**

- 6.1** For Saturday:  
CBYRA 2018 Regions 1 and 2 Standard Racing Marks designated by letters and/or numbers displayed on the RC signal boat.

- 6.2** For Sunday:  
CBYRA 2018 Drop Mark type courses. The selected course will be displayed on the RC signal boat.

- 6.3** The Race Committee may shorten the course at any rounding mark. Boats shall sail near marks that are to be rounded.

## **7 MARKS**

- 7.1** The starting marks will be an orange tetrahedron and the RC starting vessel.

- 7.2** The finishing marks will be the RC finishing vessel and a government mark or orange tetrahedron.

- 7.3** The RC starting or finishing vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the RC vessel, and the RC vessel are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1** The starting line will be between the staff of halyard with a yellow flag displayed on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

- 8.2** *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

- 8.3** A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **9 RECALLS**

- 9.1** The race committee will announce on VHF radio channel 72 boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10 SHORTENING COURSE**

- 10.1** Before the start on Saturday, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying Flag L with a sound and moving the starting area.

- 10.2** After the start, the race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at any rounding mark.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a yellow flag on the RC finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1** Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties will apply.

- 12.2** Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After The Race, will apply.

### **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1** For Saturday: In each class, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 1700. The time limit for all other boats will be 1800. Boats failing to finish by then, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 13.2** For Sunday: 3 hours for each race. No race will be started after 1500.

### **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** Competitors shall verbally notify the RC finishing boat of a protest prior to leaving the finish area.
- 14.2** For Saturday: The race office at the finish will be located on the second floor of the Middle River Yacht Club.
- 14.3** Protests shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit.
- 14.4** The protest time limit is 2 hours after the last boat in each class has finished. The race committee will post the protest time limits.
- 14.5** The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 14.6** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.7** As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.8** For Sunday: Completed protest forms shall be mailed, postmarked no later than Tuesday 03 July 2018, to Glenn Harvey, 3087 Scottsborough Way, Riva, MD 21140. Parties involved in protests will be notified of date, time and place of hearing.

### **15 SCORING**

- 15.1** RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2** Corrected times for the PHRF and CHESSS classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Distance scoring. PHRF handicaps from the latest Valid List will be used for scoring.
- 15.3** Corrected times for the MULTIHULL classes will be calculated using CMA Time-on-Time scoring. The CMA class administration shall provide the latest handicaps to the race committee and scorer.
- 15.4** Corrected times for the CRCA classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time scoring. The CRCA class administration shall provide the latest handicaps to the race committee and scorer.
- 15.5** Boats given a TLE will be scored with points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

### **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1** *[DP]* A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2** *[NP] [DP]* 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 they observe.

**16.3** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a written report to the race committee by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.

**16.4** The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 16.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

**17 AWARDS**

**17.1** Awards will be given in each class for each race as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> / 3 boats

2<sup>nd</sup> / 5 boats

3<sup>rd</sup> / 7 boats

4<sup>th</sup> / 10+ boats

**17.2** Awards for Saturday's race will be presented at the post-race regatta party, pending protests. Awards for Sunday's races will be mailed.

**17.3** The series trophies will be presented at the annual GSA Recognition party in January 2019.

**18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**18.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.