

**Last Chance Regatta
Gibson Island Yacht Squadron
October 22-23, 2011**

Sailing Instructions

- 1. Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules and Sailing* (RRS) except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race (NOR) and/or Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto. In the event there is a conflict between the NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2. Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Gibson Island Boat House.
- 3. Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Changes in Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect.
- 4. Signals Made Ashore:**
 - 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Boathouse or on the RC Signal Boat at the Boathouse dock.
 - 4.2 When the “AP” flag is displayed ashore: “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes”. This changes RRS Signals.
- 5. Schedule:** Five races are scheduled, intention 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
 - Saturday 0800 Registration opens at Boathouse
 - 0930 Skippers Meeting at Boathouse
 - 1100 Attention for first race (intention for warning signal in 1 minute).
 - Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

 - Sunday 1000 Attention for first race. Note: this changes the NOR.
 - Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

The Race Committee may change the schedule. No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday.
- 6. Racing Area:** The racing area will be in the Magothy River off Dobbins Island, with the rendezvous area in the vicinity of MRSA racing mark “A” as shown on the attached chart.
- 7. Course:** Courses will be windward/leeward. The start mark may be used as a leeward mark. The course will be indicated from the RC Signal Boat as:

W + (number of legs) Example: “W 4” would be W-L-W-L, finish to leeward.
- 8. Marks:**
 - 8.1 Marks will be large red tetrahedrons, offset marks will be orange hippy hops.
 - 8.2 If change marks are used, they will be large orange cylinders. See 12.
 - 8.3 A Signal Boat that is also a starting or finishing mark may set a limit mark. No boat shall touch either the limit mark or the Signal Boat or pass between them. For purposes of RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) and RRS 28.1 (Sailing the Course), the limit mark and the Signal Boat shall be considered to be a single mark. No other requirements of RRS 31 and RRS 28 are modified by this paragraph.
- 9. Check in:** Prior to the first warning signal of the boat’s first race of each day, boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Boat to be recorded.

10. On-water Communications: Race Committee will communicate on VHF 66 for race information and intends to maintain radio silence between the Warning Signal and the last boat finishing each race, unless emergency communications are indicated. Failure to hear courtesy communications from the race committee shall not be grounds for redress.

11. The Start:

- 11.1 Starts will be made using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staff on the RC Signal Boat displaying an orange flag, and the course side of the port-end start mark.
- 11.3 RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored "DNS" without a hearing.
- 11.4 A flag with a white background and the numbers "210" will be used as the warning signal.

12. Change of position of the next mark: To change the position of the next mark the RC will position an orange cylinder or move the finishing line). The original mark may be left in place. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the change mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

13. The Finish: The finishing line will be between the staff on the RC Signal Boat displaying an orange flag, and the course side of the start mark. In the event of an odd number of legs, the finish will be to windward between the course side of the windward mark and a blue flag displayed on a mark boat of the RC.

14. Time limit:

- 14.1 The time limit will be 1.5 hours.
- 14.2 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored DNF without a hearing.

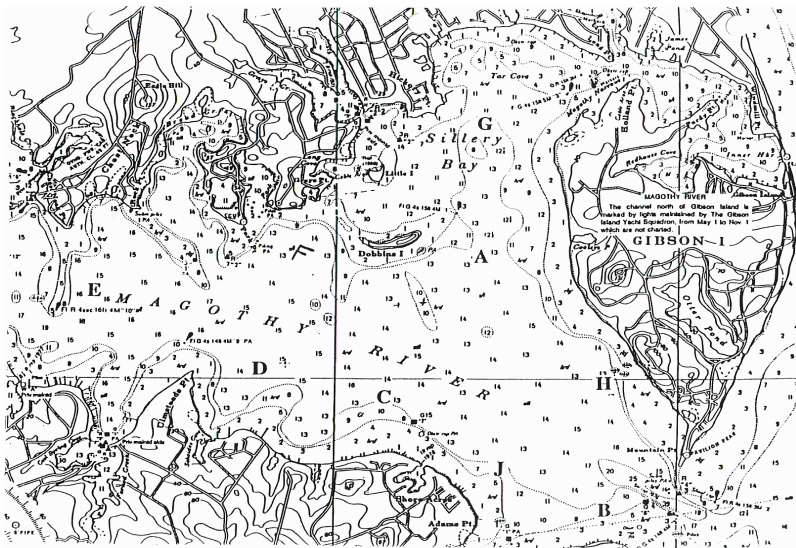
15. Permitted Sails: Any 210 mainsail, blade jib, or radial cut spinnaker may be used in this regatta. Genoa or other foresails that exceed 100% of the rig's forward triangle, and asymmetrical spinnakers may not be used.

16. Protests: Protests are encouraged to be worked out on the water. Should it be necessary to file a protest, forms are available at the Boathouse and shall be completed and delivered to the RC within 1 hour of the RC Signal Boat docking at the Boathouse following that day's racing.

17. Scoring: The low point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified as follows: Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed. Five races are scheduled; of which, 2 completed races shall constitute a series.

18. Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out: All boats must be kept in the water commencing 0900 hours of the first day of racing until the end of the series. Dockage is available at the Gibson Island Boathouse by calling the Harbor Master at (410) 255-7632 or e-mail dsanner@gibsonisland.com.

19. Prizes: Trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew as follows: Championship series 1st, 2nd & 3rd



Magothy River racing area