

Miles River Yacht Club

Welcomes you to the

2012 Log Canoe 4th of July Series

June 23 and 24, of 2012

Sailing Instructions



1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Only boats owned by members of the Chesapeake Bay Log Sailing Canoe Association (CBLSCA) are eligible.
2. **ENTRIES:** All contestants shall complete the on-line registration at milesriveryc.org or complete a CBRYA registration form and place it on file with the Miles River Yacht Club (MRYC) Race Committee (RC) prior to that contestant's first race at MRYC for the 2012 racing season. Contestants may register with the Miles River Yacht Club (MRYC) Race Committee (RC) on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 11:30 am until 12:00. **The Skipper's meeting is scheduled at noon.** There is no entry fee.
3. **RACING RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of CBLSCA, except as changed by these sailing instructions. Additional changes may be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse hallway no less than 90 minutes before the start of the first race.
4. **COURSE:** The course will be displayed at the Committee boat prior to the Warning Signal. It will consist of a sequence of letters, each indicating the next mark to round. The letters will be displayed in red to round the mark to port, and in green to round to starboard. (See attached Log Canoe Course Sheet)
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

<u>Race</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>
1	Sat June 23	1400
2	Sun June 24	1000
3	Sun June 24	1400

6. **START:** Signals will be at 5-minute intervals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. Signals will be as follows:

WARNING	10 minutes	Yellow shape	sound
PREP	5 minutes	Blue shape	sound
START	0 minutes	Red shape	sound

The starting line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby Club or course mark. There may be a barging buoy set aft of the Committee boat. No race will be started in less than 3 knots of wind. The decision to start a race shall be made by each skipper on his own responsibility. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.

7. **RECALLS:** Individual recall will be signaled by Code Flag "X" and one blast of the horn. The committee will hail the sail number(s) of premature starters. Whether or not hail is heard, responsibility for starting properly rests with each skipper.
8. **GENERAL RECALL** will be signaled by display of code flag "First Substitute" and two guns. Warning signal shall be one minute after the first substitute is lowered. One sound of a horn will accompany the lowering of the signal.
9. **PENALTIES:** For infringements to the rules in Part 2, a one penalty turn shall be used to exonerate the boat. Refer to RRS 44.2 and substitute one-turn wherever a two-turn penalty is mentioned. *If a competitor makes contact with the Committee boat and, as a result of such contact, damage occurs to the Committee boat and/or injury is sustained by any of the Race Committee crew, the offending yacht shall retire immediately from that race. No exoneration shall be allowed. (This modifies RRS Rule 44)*
10. **FINISH:** The finish line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

11. **TIME LIMIT:** The first boat must cross the finish line within the time limits listed below. The Race Committee may call the race sooner at its discretion:

2 ½ HOURS if 2 races scheduled for the day.
3 HOURS if 1 race is scheduled for the day.

Any boat that finishes 45 minutes or longer after the first boat has finished, shall be scored DNF.

A minimum of ONE hour shall be allowed between the time of the last place finisher and the warning signal for a succeeding race, unless there have been back-to-back races agreed upon beforehand.

12. **PROTESTS:** Time limit for filing a written protest is 60 minutes after the committee boat returns to dock after the last race for the day. Time and location of the protest hearing will be posted on the official notice board. All protests shall be made in writing in a clear and comprehensive manner setting forth all details and names of witnesses. CBYRA protest forms can be found in the back of the Green Book or in the MRYC office. All involved parties shall report to the designated protest area and remain easily available.

13. **SAFETY:** All canoes shall have a chaseboat/tender with life jackets for all the crew. All canoes must have a life ring or throwable cushion with a rope. Any crewmember who cannot swim must wear a life jacket. It is the sole responsibility of the owner and/or skipper that these requirements are met.

14. **SCORING:** The low point scoring system described in RRS Appendix A will apply.

15. **TROPHIES:** The Trophy Award Ceremony is scheduled for approximately 4:30 pm on Sunday.

STANDARD RACING SIGNALS:

16. CODE FLAG “**AP**”: POSTPONED (Red and white vertical stripes) accompanied by two guns, one horn sound when lowered. All races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made one minute after the signal is lowered.

17. CODE FLAG “**N**”: ABANDONED (blue and white checkered) accompanied by three guns. All races that have started are abandoned. Return to starting area.

18. CODE FLAG “**N**” OVER “**H**” and three guns: All races ABANDONED. Further signals ashore.

19. CODE FLAG “**S**”: SHORTENED COURSE (white with blue square) accompanied by two guns. The finish for the shortened course shall be between mark and the S flag on committee boat.

20. CODE FLAG “**L**”: COME WITHIN HAIL (yellow and black squares) or FOLLOW ME

21. CODE FLAG “**M**”: (blue with white X) round the vessel displaying this signal instead of the mark which it replaces.