

**Eastport Yacht Club and  
Fawcett Boat Supplies Present**



**The 2014  
34th Annual Friday Night  
Beer Can Racing Series**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the building, near the Race Committee office on the lower level of the EYC clubhouse.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 2000 hours on the day before they will take effect. In addition, code flag "L" will be flown from the EYC clubhouse flagpole on the day the change(s) take effect.

**4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**4.1 Race Dates:**

SERIES 1: 09, 16, & 30 May; 06, 13, & 20 June;

SERIES 2: 27 June; 18 & 25 July; 15 & 22 August.

**4.2 One race is scheduled for each race date.**

**4.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class to start will be at 1825 each race date.**

**5 CHECK-IN**

All competitors shall check in with the RC Signal Boat by hailing their sail number or other distinguishing characteristic if no number is used and receipt of a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Boat.

If you do not check in and fly your class flag, how will the finish crew know whether you are racing or just out for an evening sail?

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

**6.1 Each boat starting shall prominently display its class flag on the backstay or near the stern of the boat at all times while racing.**

6.2 Class flags are as follows:

Start 1 - Racing I - Pennant 1



Start 2 - Racing II - Pennant 2



Start 3 - Rally I - Pennant 3



Start 4 - Rally II - Pennant 4



6.3 Multiple PHRF and one-design classes may be started in a single start. One-design classes shall display the racing class flag of their assigned start.

## 7 RACING AREA

The races will take place in the Severn River and Annapolis Harbor.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course will use government marks as designated below. All marks shall be rounded to port, except that G9 shall be rounded on the channel side when finishing. The Horn Point Shoal mark HP, Severn River R4 and Severn River R6 shall be passed on the channel side for all courses.

8.2 Course letters are:

When starting toward the southeast:

A – G5, G9, Finish

B – G5, G13, Finish

C – G5, R14, Finish

D – G5, G13, G5, G13, Finish

E – G5, R14, G5, R14, Finish

F – R2 (Chesapeake Bay—off Tolly Pt.), G9, Finish

When starting toward the northwest:

G – R14, G9, Finish

H – G13, G5, G13, Finish

J – R14, G5, R14, G9, Finish

K – G13, R2, G9, Finish

Where will you find these course letters? Prominently displayed on the Signal Boat wherever the RC can find a place to zip-tie them.















8.3 Before the warning signal for a class, the RC Signal Boat may hoist code flag “C” accompanied by sounds, and post a new course. Code flag “C” will remain hoisted until

the start of the first class affected by the change. The course change will apply to all remaining classes unless subsequently changed.

- 8.4 The RC may change the next leg of the course at a rounding mark by signaling all boats and hoisting code flag “C” over “F”. This indicates that the next mark is the finish mark at 1SC at the mouth of Spa Creek (refer to SI 11). This changes RRS 33.

## 9 THE START

If you haven't gotten your rulebook yet, you need to know that the default start sequence is spelled out in Rule 26. To help you avoid having to go out and buy that pesky rulebook, Rule 26 is presented here in pictogram.

Five Minutes	Four Minutes	Three Minutes	Two Minutes	One Minute	Start!!
		Silence			
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- 9.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and an orange inflatable mark near Severn River buoy G9. If there is no orange inflatable mark present, the starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and Severn River buoy G9.
- 9.2 To avoid interfering with Classes not yet started, once properly started, boats shall not sail through the starting line in either direction so long as the RC Signal Boat is on station. The Signal Boat shall be considered to be on station so long as it is anchored and the orange start line flag is hoisted. This changes RRS 28.1.

**10 RECALLS**

If a general recall is made, classes that have not been recalled and have not started shall continue as though no recall had been made. Recalled classes will start in the order that they were recalled. The warning signal for the first class to restart will be made after the start signal for the last scheduled start. The warning signal for each succeeding recalled class will be made after the starting signal of the previous recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

**11 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange flag posted on the deck of the EYC clubhouse and 1SC at the mouth of Spa Creek. When finishing, 1SC shall be left to starboard. Boats that have finished shall clear the finish area completely and not sail back through the finish line. Boats leaving Spa Creek after crossing the finish line shall pass to the north of 1SC. This changes RRS 28.1

**12 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all classes is 2030.

**13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

Protests shall be written on forms available at the EYC clubhouse and lodged there by 2130 of the day of the race. A schedule and site for hearing protests will be posted by 2130 the following Friday on the official notice board.

**14 SCORING**

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Immediately after your start, if you see this and hear this,



someone started early. Was it you? Listen to the radio, but remember that the radio hail is a courtesy. If you know that you started early, go back and start again.

If you see this and hear this,



there was chaos on the start line and we are going to have a do-over. See paragraph 10.

- 16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 The RC will use VHF channel 69 to communicate with competitors on the water. Receiving such broadcasts does not constitute outside assistance. Failure to hear a broadcast, or the RC's failure to broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress.

## 17 PRIZES

- 17.1 A first place prize will be awarded for each Friday night race in each class with three or more finishers. A door prize may be handed out on race nights to a racer who is in the clubhouse.
- 17.2 A first place prize will be awarded for each class for each series with at least three boats scored. A second place prize will be awarded for each class for each series with at least five boats scored. A third place prize will be awarded for each class for each series with at least seven boats scored. In addition, first through third place prizes will be awarded for each class for the overall season.

## 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, per 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.

## 19 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information contained in text boxes in these sailing instructions is provided as a courtesy to racers who do not usually compete in CBYRA or US Sailing events. Nothing contained in a text box shall be construed as a part of these sailing instructions.

