

Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans Series



Fridays: 08 May – 28 August 2015

Hosted by
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SIs), and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs (or amendments thereto), the SIs as amended shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside, near the ground floor rear entryway doors and "Sparky's Shed" on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment(s) to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 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 amendment(s) take effect.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Race dates:

SERIES 1: 08, 15, & 29 May; 05, 12, 19, & 26 June.

SERIES 2: 17 & 24 July; 14, 21, & 28 August.

4.2 One (1) race is scheduled for each race date.

4.3 It is the intent of the Race Committee that the Warning Signal for the first class will be at 1825 hours, in the vicinity of Severn River G9. An attention signal consisting of multiple horns may be made approximately one (1) minute ahead of the first start's Warning Signal.

NOTE: This year's calendar allowed us to add one extra week into SERIES 1.

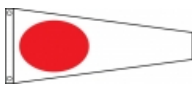


5 CHECK-IN

All competitors shall check in with the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat by hailing their sail number, or other distinguishing characteristic if no number is used, until a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Boat.

6 CLASS FLAGS

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

6.2 The order of start, class splits, and class flags are as follows:

Order of Start	Class	PHRF Ratings	Class Flag
1	Spinnaker 1	< 128	
2	Spinnaker 2	≥ 129	
3	Non-Spinnaker 1	< 173	
4	Non-Spinnaker 2	≥ 174	

Flying your class flag helps RC identify you each evening, allows them to ensure that you are in the proper start sequence, identifies you to your other competitors, and helps RC finish/score you in the correct class.

6.3 A one-design class may be started with one of the defined PHRF class (spinnaker / non-spinnaker) starts. One-design classes shall display the 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 Course will use government marks as designated below. The Horn Point Shoal mark "HP" and Severn River R4 shall be passed on the channel side for all courses. Course diagrams and distances are shown in Attachment A.

8.1.1 When starting toward the southeast (down the river):

- "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 – G9 – Finish

8.1.2 When starting toward the northwest (up the river):

- "G" R14 – G9 – Finish
- "H" G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
- "J" R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "K" G13 – R2 – G9 – Finish













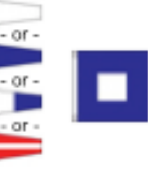
Course letters will be prominently displayed on the Signal Boat, usually on the side opposite the starting line, or wherever the RC can find a place to zip-tie them.

8.2 All marks shall be rounded to port, except G9, which shall be rounded on the channel side.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

The graphic immediately below presents the visual and audible cues during an RRS 26 start sequence.

Time Before Start	5 Minutes	4 Minutes	3 Minutes	2 Minutes	1 Minute	START
Action	↑ 	↑ 			↓ 	↓ 
Audible					 (long)	
Visual						

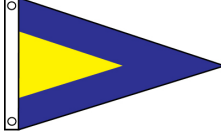
9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat and Severn River G9.

9.3 Once properly started, boats shall not sail through the starting line, in either direction, when the RC Signal Boat is displaying an orange flag. For boats that have already started, the Start Line shall be considered an obstruction. This changes RRS 28.1.

*This is a **SAFETY PRECAUTION** to ensure there is no conflict between boats getting ready to start and boats that are already racing.*

10 RECALLS

In the event of a General Recall, 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.

<p><i>Right after your start, if you see this and hear this,</i></p> <div data-bbox="354 390 493 520"></div> <div data-bbox="634 394 703 516"></div> <p><i>someone (or ones) started early. Race Committee will attempt to identify over VHF any/all boats who started early, but remember that a radio hail is a courtesy. If you know or think that you started early, go back and start again. The rules assume that it is your responsibility to start correctly.</i></p>	<p><i>Right after the start, if you see this and hear this,</i></p> <div data-bbox="930 390 1149 520"></div> <div data-bbox="1227 407 1289 516"></div> <div data-bbox="1349 407 1411 516"></div> <p><i>too many boats to identify started early. Your class shall return to the start area and will have a new start sequence after the remaining classes go through their sequences. Refer to the details provided in SI 10.</i></p>
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11 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the deck of the EYC clubhouse and Spa Creek G1. Upon finishing, a boat shall completely clear the finish line, and may use a motor to do so. After finishing, boats shall not pass back through the finish line. This changes RRS 28.1, 42, and Definitions.

This is a SAFETY PRECAUTION to ensure there is no conflict between boats trying to finish and boats that have already finished. THIS SI WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all classes is 2030.

13 PENALTIES

The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests and/or Requests for Redress shall be submitted to the EYC RC office, located on the clubhouse ground floor, prior to 2130 hours on the day of the race.
- 14.2 Penalties for breaking SIs 9.3 and/or 11.1, or RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 14.3 RRS/US Appendix T, Section D (Arbitration), will apply.

15 SCORING

One (1) scored race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, other than communicating with the Race Committee on VHF channel 73, while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile devices.
- 17.2 RRS 41 (Outside Help) is modified such that monitoring VHF weather channels or Race Committee communications on VHF channel 73 does not break RRS 41 or SI 17.1.
- 17.3 Failure to hear a broadcast, the RC's failure to broadcast, or the content of any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 A first place prize will be awarded for each Friday night race in each class with three or more finishers. Race Committee may award miscellaneous door prizes, at their own discretion, to attendees at the post-race social at EYC.
- 18.2 Prizes for SERIES 1 and SERIES 2 will be awarded per the following:
 - a 1st Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least three (3) boats scored;
 - a 2nd Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least five (5) boats scored; and,
 - a 3rd Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least seven (7) boats scored.
- 18.3 For SERIES 1 and SERIES 2 results, a boat's worst score will be discarded if five (5) or more races are sailed. This changes RRS A2.
- 18.4 For the Overall Season results, a boat's worst score will be discarded if five (5) or more races are sailed. A boat's worst two (2) scores will be discarded if ten (10) or more races are sailed.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

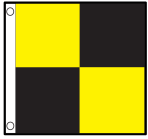
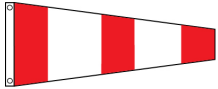
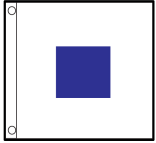
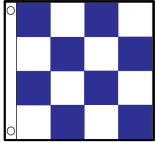
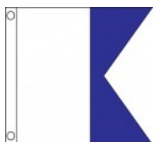
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, per RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race in this series.

20 SOCIAL

- 20.1 A post-race social will be held at EYC each week immediately following after the conclusion of racing. Prizes/awards will be distributed to the winning boat in each scored class.
- 20.2 An end of season party will be held at EYC on Friday, 11 September 2015, beginning at 1800 hours. Awards for the SERIES 1, SERIES 2, and Overall results will be presented.

21 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information contained in text boxes in this set of SIs is provided as a courtesy to racers. Nothing contained in a text box shall be construed as a part of these sailing instructions.

Other Useful Flags and Their Meaning		
Notification		<p><u>WHEN FLOWN ON SHORE:</u> A change has been made to the SIs. Check the Official Notice Board and/or the EYC website for more details.</p> <p><u>WHEN FLOWN ON THE WATER:</u> The RC requests that you come within hailing distance of the Signal Boat.</p>
Postponement		Races not yet started are postponed. Remain in the start area for further signals. The Warning signal for the next class to start will be made one (1) minute after this signal is taken down.
Shorten		Racing will be shortened at the rounding mark at which this signal is made. Finish between the "S" flag and the adjacent mark.
Abandonment	 over 	All races, regardless of whether or not they have started, are abandoned (cancelled) for the night. Food and the bar will be open at EYC, unless inclement weather prevents it.

Attachment A - Friday Night Beer Cans Courses

