



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual John McLaughlin Memorial Regatta (JMMR) Notice of Race/GSI Amendment

**West River Sailing Club**  
Saturday October

**Entry Due:** Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>-Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Entry Fee:** \$30.00

**Online Entry:** Via email/google groups. Paper signup at the club

**Contact:** Sam Carter: 443.786.7784; email: samc99us@gmail.com

**Radio:** Boats should monitor VHF 69 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.

**Start:** Between a flag on the WRSC dock and an orange mark located approximately 300 yards off the dock for Saturdays distance race. Sundays start will be a LeMan's style start in the water off Cove Point beach.

**Signals:** The first Warning signal for both Saturday and Sunday is scheduled for 1000. It is the intent to start all classes together with scoring to be performed using SCHRS.

**Course:** Saturday: Start off West River Dock, honor the shoal pin buoy nearest the west river dock, honor G5, the shoal pin buoy off Cedar Point and G3. Honor G1A and G85A. The gas dock in cove point will be left to starboard. *Anyone entering the exclusion zone at the cove point gas dock will be disqualified from Saturday's race.* Round Cove Point Light to starboard. The finish line will be between two orange flags placed in the water off the southern beach in cove point. It is located approximately ¼ mile to the west of cove point lighthouse at the end of Elm Street. A crew member may jump off the boat and walk through the finish line to count as finishing. The boat may also go through the line; all attempts will be made to help those finishing keep their boats off the beach while still going through the line.

Sunday: The start will be a water start off Elm Street in Cove Point between two orange flags. A standard 5 minute sequence will be used if the water is flat. In the event of harsh weather conditions, a college 3 minute sequence will be substituted. Leave Cove Point Light to port. *Honor the exclusion zone at the cove point gas dock. Any violation will result in immediate disqualification from Sundays racing.* Leave G 85A to Port. Leave R2 in West River to Port. Honor G3, the shoal pin buoy off Cedar Point and the shoal pin buoy nearest West River. Finish location is TBD, likely off the dock at West River.

**Course changes are possible at the skippers meeting depending on weather conditions, but the start and finish line will remain the same!!!**

**Finish:** The fleet shall finish between an orange flag on the dock and an orange mark located approximately 300 yards off the dock on Sunday, or the Pirates Cove finish will be used depending on RC availability.

**Time Limit:** A boat finishing by 1937 (one hour before sunset) makes the race valid Saturday. No time limit for racing on Sunday.

**Protests:** Due on race day to WRSC Committee within 1 hour after finishing.

**Awards:** The combined total time results, scored on SCHRS handicap, for Saturday and Sundays will be used to determine the winner of the John McLaughlin Perpetual Trophy.

**Social:** Skippers, crew & guests invited to join the BBQ in Cove Point at 3163 Lighthouse Blvd., Lusby, MD, 20657

**Other:** SCHRS/RRS Low Point Scoring system will be used. The rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required for exoneration. It is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to follow beach cat safety rules and best practices for distance racing, specifically with regards to PFD's, strobes, paddles, PLB's and other emergency aides. Please refer to the Florida 300 racing rules for a list of appropriate safety gear. Competitors shall not hold WRSC or Cove Point Beach Community, its members or affiliates liable for any damage to their vessel or bodily harm to their persons while participating in the JMMR.

Be advised that there is an unmarked shoal off the beach at cove point that contains high currents. Any area extending 300 yards from the furthest south point of land will be an exclusion zone; however this is unlikely to be marked. Please use caution while transiting this location. Also, be advised that there is a coast guard exclusion zone around the gas dock north of cove point lighthouse. This is an official exclusion zone and any competitor found to have entered this zone will be scored DSQ for that leg.

**Radio Coms:** It is strongly advised that all competitors carry a radio on their persons. 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, but does not apply to any communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel or person in distress.

**Schedule:**

**Saturday, June 24<sup>st</sup>**

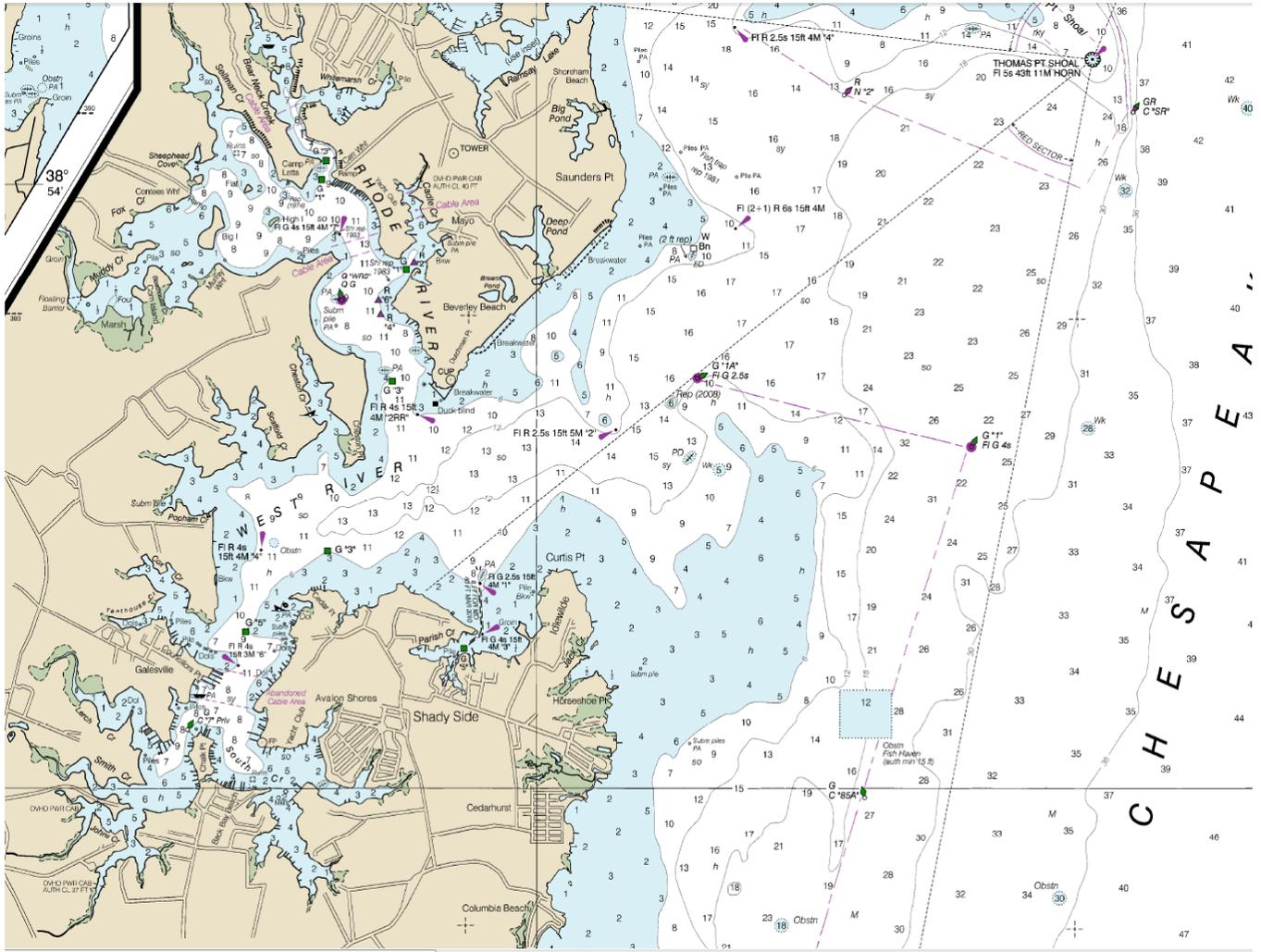
0800 Late registration (on site) open  
0900 Late registration (on site) closed  
0915 Competitors' meeting (flagpole or inside if rain)  
1000 First warning signal

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

0900 Competitors' meeting (flagpole or inside if rain)  
1000 First warning signal

Charts for Reference Only. Each skipper is responsible for their own navigation and safety!!!!





<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/12280.shtml>

