



HYC FALL FLING
(Includes Viper Mid-Atlantic Championship)
November 3-4, 2018
Hampton Yacht Club
Hampton, Virginia

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation (DP) in a rule in the S.I.s means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* 2017-2020.**
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.**
- 1.3 Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) is in effect for all fleets.**

2. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to One-Design classes under 25'. To race, a fleet must have a minimum of three boats entered and paid. Fleets with fewer than three boats will race in a Portsmouth Class.**
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter online at Regatta Network: www.regattanetwork.com/event/17543**
- 2.3 The Entry Fee is:**
 - \$45 if paid by Friday, October 26....or \$60 if paid after October 26.**
- 2.4 Sonars and Melges 14 will race on Saturday only and do a maximum of three races.**

3. S.I.s & NOTICES

- 3.1 Written S.I.s will be available at Registration/Check-In in the HYC lounge and may also be posted electronically prior to that on Regatta Network. Such electronic postings shall be considered preliminary.**
- 3.2 Class Flags and Order of Starts will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting.**
- 3.3 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the HYC lounge.**
- 3.4 On Saturday, November 3 changes to the S.I.s will be posted prior to the conclusion of the Skippers Meeting. On Sunday, they will be posted by 0900.**

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the HYC flagpole.

4.2 When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals "AP". This changes Race Signals "AP".

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 3

0900 – Begin Registration/Check-In

(HYC lounge)

1000 – Skippers Meeting (HYC flagpole)

1030 – Harbor Start

1130 – Warning Signal

Social following racing

Sunday, November 4

0900 – Harbor Start

1000 – Warning Signal

Awards Ceremony ASAP after racing

**** Boats should not leave the club until a horn is blown signifying a Harbor Start. (DP)**

**** No starting sequence may begin Sunday after 1400.**

**** Multiple windward/leeward races will be attempted each day, weather permitting.**

**** Flag "A" displayed with no sound as boats finish means "No more racing today".**

6. FLEETS, CLASS FLAGS, & ORDER OF STARTS

This information will be distributed at the Skippers Meeting and may be posted unofficially sooner on Regatta Network.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be off Hampton Flats, approx. 1 nm SW of the mouth of the Hampton River.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses will be windward/leeward as per Appendix A (attached).

8.2 The course to be sailed by each fleet will be displayed on the RC boat prior to Warning, as well as the bearing and distance to the first mark.

9. MARKS

Course marks will be as described Appendix A.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started as per RRS 26. In addition, an Attention Signal of multiple sounds will be made approx. one (1) minute prior to the Warning for the first race each day.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and an orange inflatable at the port end.

10.3 Any boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start). This changes RRS A4 & A5.

10.4 Prior to her first race of the day, each boat shall check-in with the RC by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. (DP)

10.5 For the 505 Fleet only:

- a. A Gate ("Rabbit") Start may be used. Code Flag "G" will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat with the Warning to designate that a Gate Start is being used.**
- b. A normal RRS 26 five (5) minute sequence will be followed.**
- c. The starting line shall be between the port end starting pin and the center of the Pathfinder's stern.**
- d. The Pathfinder for Race 1 shall be designated by the RC at the Skippers Meeting. For subsequent races, the Pathfinder will be the boat finishing third in the preceding Race. If that boat has already served as Pathfinder, the RC shall designate a boat that has not already been Pathfinder. The sail number of the Pathfinder will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat prior to each race.**
- e. The Pathfinder is released once all boats have started or once Code Flag "G" is removed on the Signal Boat...whichever comes first. Flag "G" will be removed approx. one (1) minute after the Starting Signal.**

11. RECALLS

11.1 Individual Recalls will be made as per RRS 29.1.

- a. For fleets with radios, the RC will attempt to hail OCS boats by hail on VHF-72.**
- b. For fleets without radios, an oral hail will be attempted.**

11.2 Failure of a boat to hear the hail or the position of the hail in the sequence of notifications will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1

12. CHANGING THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as is practicable.

12.2 No Offset Mark will be set with the Change Mark.

12.3 The RC may move any mark up to 5 degrees or 0.1 nm without signal.

12.4 The gate may be adjusted at any time without signal.

12.5 RRS 33(a)(2), i.e. a red or green flag, will be used to signal course changes.

13. THE FINISH

The Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the RC Signal Boat from the Starting Line. It will be between the staff displaying a pink flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking downwind) and a red ball at the port end.

14. RETIREMENTS

Any boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area before the conclusion of racing shall so inform the RC via hail or radio transmission immediately. (DP)

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for a race is 90 minutes.

15.2 Any boat still racing but not finished 15 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V1 (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) is in effect for all fleets.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 A boat intending to protest another boat for an incident while racing, shall so notify the RC immediately upon finishing or retiring from that race.

17.2 Written protests must be delivered to the RC within 45 minutes after the RC docks at HYC.

17.3 A list of protests filed and potential hearing times will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes of the end of Protest Time. This posting also satisfies all RC/PC notification requirements under RRS 61.1(b)

17.4 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or UFD prior to the end of Protest Time, a request for redress based on that posting shall be made no later than 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time. This changes RRS 62.2.

17.5 On Sunday, a boat may not request that a hearing be re-opened. This changes RRS 66.

18. SCORING

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will be used except that, if at least five (5) races are completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst excludable score.

18.2 Time Limit Expired (TLE) will be scored one (1) point more than the number of boats in that fleet who sailed the course and finished within the Time Limit.

19. RADIO

The RC will make courtesy radio announcements via VHF-72. In addition, as per Inst 11.1, the RC will attempt radio hails of premature starters for fleets with radios.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See 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.

21. CONTACTS:

- Event Coordinator = Joe Buczkowski (757) 416-9807**
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