


<b>CHESSS Last Hurrah Race Sailing Instructions</b>	
<b>Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society Saturday, October 8th, 2022</b>	<b>Sanction # N/A</b>

## **Pre-starting Instructions:**

### 1. Anchoring:

Each boat shall anchor behind the starting line, and its imaginary extensions, in a location of its choosing. Since boats will be anchoring for only a short period with attentive crews, boats should expect to anchor with less scope and in closer proximity than would be normal for an overnight anchorage. Boats should assume that other boats have at least a 3:1 scope and estimate swing radii accordingly. Boats arriving later to the anchorage area should not insert themselves in tight spaces which already anchored boats would consider unsafe.

Whatever anchor and rode are deployed must be retrieved onboard and retained onboard until the boat finishes or retires from the race.

### 2. Mechanical Propulsion:

As a safety precaution, each boat's normal mechanical propulsion shall be running in neutral at least two minutes before the starting signal until the boat has crossed the starting line. Outboards and retractable propulsors shall be lowered and secured in the manner used for normal propulsion.

Mechanical propulsion shall not be used to assist in retrieving the anchor or hoisting sails.

Mechanical propulsion may be used as needed to avoid drifting into other boats, nearby navigational marks, other obstructions, or to avoid grounding. If mechanical propulsion is engaged, it shall be disengaged prior to the boat sailing across the starting line.


### 3. Safety Equipment:

Any safety equipment normally deployed by each boat may be configured and energized prior to the starting sequence.

### 4. Electrical and Electronic Systems:

Any electrical and electronic systems normally operated underway by each boat may be energized and operational prior to the starting sequence.

### 5. Self-Steering Mechanisms:

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Any mechanical or electrical self-steering mechanism may be configured and energized prior to the starting sequence.

6. Main and Mizzen Sails:

Sail covers may be removed and stowed.

Halyards may be attached to the sail head. If a rope luff is employed, it may be fed into the track, but the sail shall not be hoisted higher than required to retain the rope luff in the track.

Lazy jack and Dutchman lines may be in their underway positions. Sails without lazy jacks or Dutchman lines shall have at least one sail tie securing the sail to the boom until the starting signal.

If boom topping lifts are fitted, they shall not be disengaged prior to the starting signal.

7. Foresails:

Non-roller furling foresails may be flaked out on deck with tack, sheets, and halyards attached. The luff may be inserted into the sail track but sails shall not be hoisted higher than required to retain the luff in the track.

Hanked on sails may have the hanks attached to their stays.

Sail bags may be removed and stowed.


8. Downwind Sails:

Downwind sails may be flaked out on deck with control lines and halyards attached. Downwind sails in socks or with furlers may not be hoisted prior to the starting signal.

Sail bags may be removed and stowed.

9. Spinnaker poles, Whisker poles, and Bowsprits:

Control lines for spinnaker poles, whisker poles, and bowsprits may be rigged prior to the starting sequence. Spinnaker poles, whisker poles, and bowsprits may not be deployed prior to the starting signal.

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10. Control lines:

Any sail control lines may be flaked out on deck or in the cockpit in their normal underway configuration prior to the starting sequence.

11. Starting Sequence:

**This sequence modifies RRS 26.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Visual signal</u>	<u>Sound signal</u>	<u>Interpretation</u>
3 minutes	3 flags hoisted	3 horns	Racing begins, RRS applies.
2 minutes	1 flag lowered 2 flags remain	2 horns	Mechanical propulsion must be running in neutral in its normal configuration at or prior to this signal.
1 minute	1 flag lowered 1 flag remains	1 horn	All crew must be in the cockpit and stationary at or prior to this signal.
Start	Last flag lowered	1 horn	All crew may exit the cockpit and begin raising anchor and hoisting sails in any manner they deem most expedient. Nothing may be discarded overboard during this process.

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<p><b>Course:</b></p>	<p>Start by sailing between the RC signal boat and the orange inflatable mark in a West-to-East direction. After crossing the starting line boats will honor government marks in the West River, until and including buoy G1A.</p> <p>Boats will then round the following marks to <b>PORT</b>: G1, Buoy "SR", Nun buoy R2 (South River) and <b>FINISH</b> between government "lateral marker" off Saunders Point and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat.</p> <p>Approximate distance is 8.5 nm.</p>
<p><b>Short Course:</b></p>	<p>If conditions warrant, a shorter course may be sailed. In such case the RC signal boat will fly the "S" flag prior to the warning signal for the first start.</p> <p>Start by sailing between the RC signal boat and the orange inflatable mark in a West-to-East direction. After crossing the starting line boats will honor government marks in the West River, until and including buoy G1A.</p> <p>Boats will then round Nun buoy to <b>PORT</b> (South River) and <b>FINISH</b> between government "lateral marker" off Saunders Point and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat.</p> <p><b>This course OMITTS</b> marks G1 and buoy "SR". Approximate distance is 5.0 nm.</p>
<p><b>Finish:</b></p>	<p>Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the Lateral channel marker off Saunders Points traveling in a southerly direction.</p>

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