



**89th Annual J. Rulon Miller Series Distance Race
Gibson Island Maryland
June 23, 2023**

Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Star Fleet & the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS). As modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 RRS 44.1 is modified as follows: "A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V2 will apply.

2 Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) on Regatta Networks.

3 Crew Weight: There will be a weigh-in Friday from 1000 to 1300 and 1700 to 1800 and optionally at the registration desk on Saturday from 0800 to 0900 at the Lighthouse and boat launch area.

4 Signals Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Lighthouse Pier launch facilities.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

5 Schedule of Races:

- 6.1 The distance race will start at 1300 hours on Friday.

6 Racing Area and Course:

The will start and finish in the Magothy River in the vicinity of Dobbins Island. The marks of the course will be Baltimore Light and Sandy Point Light. Channel Marks at the Magothy River Entrance shall be honored. The course will be announced prior to the warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c).

7 The Start:

- 7.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and an adjacent mark. The conduct of the distance race will be governed by RRS Appendix U.
- 7.2 RRS A5 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 7.3 The class flag to be used for the Warning Signal will be the Star Class Flag .

8 Individual Recalls:

- 8.1 The recall number for a boat shall be her sail number. The race committee may attempt to hail boats as a courtesy. The timing of the hail, the order of boats hailed, or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.

9 The Finish:

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the adjacent starting mark.

10 Time Limit:

- 10.1 The time limit for the distance race is 3 hours.
- 10.2 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored 'time limit expired' (TLE) and will be scored two points more than the number of finishers. However, no boat will receive a score worse the number of points awarded the last finisher in the distance race.



11 Protests:

- 11.1 Protest forms are available at the Gibson Island Lighthouse and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 11.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the boathouse beginning at 1730. RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that, on the last day of racing, requests for redress and requests to re-open a hearing must be lodged within 1/2 hour of the time final results have been posted.

12 Scoring:

- 12.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply. .
- 12.2 The Distance Race will be scored separately from the District 2 Championship. The Distance Race score and the Saturday and Sunday scores will be included in the Miller Series but not in the scores for the District 2 Championship. This modifies RRS A2.
- 12.3 Scoring Inquiries may be filed on [Regatta Networks Notice Board](#) within the protest time limit.

13 Liability and Safety:

- 13.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.
- 13.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the race committee through the Harbor Master's office 410-255-7632.

14 Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out:

- 14.1. Boats must remain in the water from 0900 on Saturday 24 June until after racing on Sunday. If arriving before Friday June 23rd, call the Gibson Island Harbor Master's office (410-255-7632) to coordinate boat storage. Trailers must be labeled with the owner's name and cell phone number. Boat storage is available from June 5 to July 1.[NP]

15 Radio Communication:

For safety reasons all boats should carry a VHF radio. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing. However, boats retiring from a race should notify the Race Committee as soon as practical. The Race Committee will communicate with the fleet on VHF 78A.

16 Disclaimer of Liability:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

