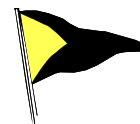


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1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with the “US SER Nearshore Category” of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (available on the US Sailing website www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 Boats competing in a CRCA division shall comply with CRCA Class Rules.
- 1.4 Boats competing in an ORC division shall comply with the 2024 ORC Rules and Regulations.
- 1.5 Boats competing in a PHRF division shall comply with PHRF of the Chesapeake Class Rules.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions (SI) will govern.
- 1.7 SI 1.9, 6.7, 6.8, 9, 10.5, 12.1, 14.4 and 14.5 change the racing rules. Please, see the individual SI for additional information.
- 1.8 The notation ‘[DP]’ in an SI means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.9 The notation ‘[NP]’ in an SI means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of that SI.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Changes to these SI will be posted on the Regatta Network web site, www.regattanetwork.com/event/27913, no later than 1900 hours on 18 October 2024.
- 2.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made orally on the water prior to the warning signal for the race as specified in RRS 90.2(c).
- 2.3 Race committee communication will be on VHF channel 72. Competitors shall monitor this channel while racing for any notices from RC.
- 2.4 Post-race notices to competitors will be emailed to registered skippers.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

One race is scheduled to be sailed on 19 October 2024.

4 RENDEZVOUS

- 4.1 The competitors shall rendezvous at 1100 hours in the vicinity of Baltimore Light, N 39° 03.552' W76° 23.940', CBYRA North Chesapeake Bay Bridge Area Mark “T”.
- 4.2 The race committee may hoist flag L to indicate that they are moving the starting area to an alternate location.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The race committee shall post the course to be sailed no later than the preparatory signal for that division. The course will be indicated by displaying the appropriate letters on a board from the side of the Race Committee boat opposite the starting line.
- 5.2 The race committee may designate different courses for different classes. All courses will use CBYRA North Chesapeake Bay Bridge Area and CBYRA Baltimore Harbor & Patapsco River Area Marks. All designated marks shall be honored as rounding marks. The color of the letters posted by the race committee shall designate to which side a mark is to be rounded: red to port; green to starboard. CBYRA mark information will be posted to www.regattanetwork.com/event/27913.
- 5.3 Competitors shall take care near Mark N, Craighill Light, due to the presence of submerged rocks.

6 THE START

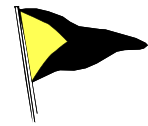
- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, and the course side of a nearby inflatable or government mark. If an inflatable mark is used, it will be a yellow cylinder.
- 6.2 Divisions will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first division is 1125.

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








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6.4 Race committee will start the divisions in the following order:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Division Flag</u>
CRCA Cruiser	 White
ORC Performance Cruiser	 O  5
PHRF Cruiser Nonspinnaker	 8
PHRF Cruiser Spinnaker	 2 ND Repeater
CRCA Racer	 Green
Multihull	 F  W
PHRF C	 7
PHRF B	 6
ORC Open	 O  1
PHRF A	 9

The committee may combine starts based on division sizes. Combining starts will not affect scoring. BCYA will issue an addendum in conformance with SI 2.1 with the final division starting order noting any combined starts.

- 6.5 A boat shall clearly display its division flag at her stern, and if the boat has a backstay, it shall be approximately 5 feet up the backstay. If the boat has a bow pulpit, the boat may also clearly display its division flag from her bow pulpit.
- 6.6 [NP][DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions. The race committee may protest a boat that enters the starting area during the period between the Warning signal of the first division to start and the Warning signal of its own division. The starting area is defined as the area extending 300 feet behind, 150 feet in front of, and 100 feet beyond each end of the starting line.
- 6.7 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 6.8 A boat that starts more than 15 minutes after her Starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

7 THE FINISH

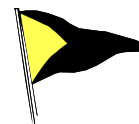
- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat or Anchorage Marina dock and a yellow inflatable drop mark. The orange flag and drop mark will be in the general vicinity of Anchorage Marina, N 39°16.647', W 76°35.043'.
- 7.2 The course may be shortened at any designated mark in conformance with Rule 32.
- 7.3 After finishing, boats are requested to keep clear of the finishing area and not cross back through the finish line.

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- 7.4 Any vessel finishing who is unsure if the race committee is on station is requested to finish per US Sailing Prescription to Rule 34 and report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee via email at racechairman@bcya.com.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 shall not apply.

9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit shall be 1730 hours for all competitors. Boats failing to finish within the Time Limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat in its division that finished within the Time Limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Promptly following the completion of the race, a boat that intends to protest an incident shall notify the race committee via VHF Channel 72 of the name of the boat(s) that she intends to protest. The race committee shall be notified of the intent to protest before the protesting boat leaves the racing area.
- 10.2 Protest forms may be downloaded from US Sailing's website here, ["US Sailing Protest Form 2021-2024"](#). Protests and requests for redress shall be emailed to racechairman@bcya.com within the appropriate time limit.
- 10.3 For each division, the protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the last boat in that division has finished.
- 10.4 Emails will be sent no later than 21 October 2024, 2000 hours to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. The proposed locations and times of the hearings will be included in the notice.

11 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing. Check-in shall be performed by sailing within hail of the committee boat. Boats shall inform RC of their name, sail number, and division. Check-ins will not be accepted over VHF. The designated VHF channel is reserved for race committee communication only. A boat that fails to check in shall be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 12.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If a boat is unable to raise race committee on VHF Channel 72 to meet this requirement, she shall send an email to racechairman@bcya.com identifying the vessel retiring.
- 12.3 **GALE WARNING.** If at 2000 on Friday, 18 October 2024, a gale warning is in effect for the scheduled day and time of the race, the race will be abandoned. Notice will be posted on the Regatta Network web site, www.regattanetwork.com/event/27913. *The party will still be held.*

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race committee communication will be on VHF channel 72.

14 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

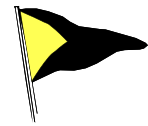
- 14.1 All boats are required to yield the right of way to commercial vessels, e.g., freighters, tugs, etc., in the racing area. All boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.
- 14.2 Any attempt to exercise right of way over or to interfere or threaten to interfere with a commercial vessel shall constitute grounds for a protest.
- 14.3 Any boat protested under this SI section shall have the onus of satisfying the protest committee that her actions did not violate this section.
- 14.4 A boat without way may use her engine to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) using the engine is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial

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traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report in writing to the event's race committee or by e-mail to racechairman@bcya.com by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions. This changes RRS 42.

- 14.5 The race committee, protest committee, or BCYA commodore may protest a boat for breaking this section of the SI based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3 and 61.3.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Prizes shall be presented at the post-race gathering for divisions that have final results.
- 16.2 "Best of Baltimore" trophy: upon completion of the BCYA Baltimore Harbor Cup Regatta, prizes will be awarded – one to the best monohull and one to the best multihull – for the boats with the best corrected times from the 2024 BCYA Race to Baltimore and the 2024 Baltimore Harbor Cup regattas.

17 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

18 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents 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.

19 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

20 POST-RACE DOCKAGE

Post-race dockage at Anchorage Marina, 2501 Boston Street, Baltimore, MD 21224; N 39°16', W 79°35'

- Post-race temporary (four-hour) dockage – free courtesy of Anchorage Marina.
- Overnight dockage with electricity – discounted \$50 rate courtesy of Anchorage Marina; call 410-522-7200 to request the event discount.

21 POST-RACE GATHERING

Post-race gathering will be held at Anchorage Marina. Please, see the BCYA web page, www.bcya.com, for additional information.

22 FRANCIS SCOTT KEY CLASSIC

a.k.a. "Race Back from Baltimore", this event is scheduled for October 20, 2024. Please, see Rock Creek Racing Association web site for additional information, [Francis Scott Key Classic](#).