

## STINGRAY POINT REGATTA

August 29 - 31, 2025

Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, VA

### West (Cruising) Course Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025- 2028*.
- 1.2 If there are any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

#### 2. OFFICIAL NOTICES

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board will be located on the front porch of the main FBYC clubhouse and/or Regatta Network.
- 2.2 Notices affecting the day's races will be posted by 0900 on the day they take effect. Notices affecting the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before they take effect.
- 2.3 If a notice is posted, Code Flag "L" will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat, *Mr Roberts*, at her berth on the center dock in Jackson Creek.
- 2.4 S.I.s will be available at Registration as well as posted on <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29061>

#### 3. SAFETY

- 3.1 Sailboats shall comply with the US Sailing "Safety Equipment Requirements" (SER) - "Nearshore" category.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from *the WEST Course Signal Boat*.
- 4.2 Flag "AP" displayed with two sounds indicates "Racing is postponed" and that the Warning Signal will be made no earlier than 60 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered with one sound. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
- 4.3 Announcements regarding postponement ashore or relocation of racing will be made on Fleet Channel, **VHF-69**, approximately 60 minutes prior to scheduled Warning and repeated for as long as the RC feels is appropriate.

#### 5. RADIO USE

- 5.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.
- 5.2 The RC will make courtesy announcements via **VHF-69**. Such announcements may include such things as courses to be sailed for each fleet, initial mark bearing and distance, timing information, reasons for unexpected delays, etc.
- 5.3 The RC will acknowledge transmissions regarding retirements, protests, or emergencies and hails for **general fleet wide** clarification of course, OCS and similar transmissions from the fleet.

- 5.4 These broadcasts are made as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC displays, flags and signals. Failure of the Race Committee to broadcast or a competitor to receive a broadcast from the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress under Rule 61.4(b)(1).

## 6. SCHEDULE

### ***Friday, August 29, 2025***

0900 – 1030 Check in for Stingray Light Race  
 1100 – Skippers' Meeting for Stingray Light Race to be held on the Fishing Bay side of Main Clubhouse.  
 1300 – First warning for Stingray Light Race  
 1600 – 1745 registration and check-in for Saturday and Sunday racing  
 1800 – Welcome and Skippers' Meetings for the Stingray Point Regatta (Saturday and Sunday series)  
 (To be held on Fishing Bay side of Main Clubhouse.)  
 1830 – Distance race awards, followed by social.

Note: The Friday Stingray Light distance race will be scored separately from the races held Saturday and Sunday and will not be counted towards the Brent Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy or the Dick Cole Trophy.

### ***Saturday, August 30, 2025***

0800 – 0900 continental breakfast  
 1100 – First warning for race one  
 \*Social to follow racing..  
 17:30 - Bar Opens with Cocktails  
 1830 – 2230 Dinner and awards. Dinner will be served until 2000. Live entertainment provided by The Crain Brothers. (see event site to register prior to event for Dinner - onsite registration will not be available)

### ***Sunday, August 31, 2025***

0800 – 0900 continental breakfast  
 1100 – First warning for race one  
 \*Awards and Social to follow racing. Includes the Famous FBYC Nacho Bar and complimentary beverages. . No cost.

**\* Multiple races will be run Saturday and Sunday, wind and weather permitting.**

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be conducted in the general area of Piankatank River Gr "3" Fl G 4s. (Green Dolphin, FBYC "C")

## 8. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS

- 8.1 An official Scratch Sheet will be posted on RegattaNetwork.  
 8.2 West course competitors will be allowed only one (1) headsail to be set at a time downwind.  
 8.3 The Class Flags are:

<b>Fleet</b>	<b>Class Flag on RC</b>	<b>Backstay</b>
Cruising 1 (Spin)	Green	Green

Cruising 2 (NonSpin)	White	White
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**\*\* Class flags/streamers shall be displayed from a boat's backstay while racing.**

- 8.4 The Race Committee, at its discretion if there are not sufficient entries, may combine both Cruising Classes into a single, NonSpin Cruising Class.

## **9. Saturday / Sunday COURSES**

- 9.1 The Cruising Class courses for Saturday and Sunday will be a triangular course as shown in **S.I. Appendix B.**
- 9.2 The Cruising Classes will both sail the same course area, with the respective class course designated on the side of the Signal boat.

**\*\* Refer to Appendix B for descriptions and course diagram**

## **10. MARKS**

- 10.1 Saturday / Sunday Buoy Races - The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable mark at the port end.
- 10.2 **Mark 1** will be a yellow inflatable located at 37°31.800' Lat and 76°16.700' Long. The course from the start to this first mark will be 136°M. The length of Leg 1 is .94 Nm.
- 10.3 **Mark 2** will be a yellow inflatable at 37°32.705' Lat and 76°16.559' Long. The course from the first to the second mark will be 18°M. The length of Leg 2 is .91 Nm.
- 10.4 **Mark 3** will be a yellow inflatable at 37°32.345' Lat and 76°17.677' Long. The Leg 3 course to the third mark from the second mark, will be 259°M. The length of Leg 3 is .95 Nm.
- 10.5 The **Starting/Finishing Mark** will be an orange inflatable located a few hundred yards SE of Mark 3, between Mark 3 and Mark 1, as shown in the Course Diagram, Appendix B. Competitors shall finish as shown in the course diagram.
- 10.6 The relative position of the marks and Race Committee Signal Boat is as shown in the course diagram in Appendix "B"
- 10.7 All marks are left to "Port" when passing.

## **11. CHECK-IN**

- 11.1 Each boat shall check in at the Race Committee Boat before the first warning signal of the first race each race day, sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and receiving its acknowledgement. If a boat is unable to check in following this procedure, the boat may check in providing sail number via hail on **VHF-69**. A boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. A boat may not seek redress for a breach of this instruction. This changes Rule 61.1(a).

## **12. THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as modified in Instruction 12.2 below. (See Attachment 1, Reprint of RRS 26.)
- 12.2 Approximately one (1) minute prior to the beginning of a starting sequence, the RC will make an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds. This is not a timed signal.
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

- 12.4 A boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.1.

### **13. RECALLS**

- 13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Additionally, the RC will attempt to hail premature starters via **VHF-69**.
- 13.2 Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, or the position of a boat in the sequence of notifications, will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

### **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1 Saturday/Sunday Races - The finish line will be between the staff displaying a BLUE flag on the RC Boat and the finish mark.
- 14.2 Flag "A" displayed w/ no sound while boats are finishing means "No more racing today"

### **15. PENALTIES**

- 15.1 RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) will NOT apply.
- 15.2 If any boat collides with an RC boat and causes injury or serious damage on either vessel, her penalty is to retire immediately.

### **16. TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 For Cruising classes, the time limit for the Saturday/Sunday races is **90 minutes** for the first boat in each fleet to sail the **T** course and finish. The time limit for the **T2** course will be **3 hrs**. Boats still racing but not finished within **45 min** after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored one (1) point more than the number of boats who sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1.
- 16.2 To facilitate sailing additional races or to complete daily scoring in a timely manner, a boat still racing whose finishing position can be reasonably determined may be called in by the RC. Such boat will be scored as finished and placed in a finish position. If another race is to be run, such boat shall proceed to the starting area as expeditiously as possible. This changes RRS 35 and RRS Appendix A 5.1.

### **17. RETIREMENTS**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race or goes in between races shall immediately notify the RC and be acknowledged before leaving the racing area. This may be done via **VHF-69**.

### **18. PROTESTS**

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest another boat shall notify the Race Committee by hail or radio transmission (**VHF-69**) immediately after finishing or retiring and until acknowledged by the Race Committee. This notification must include the protested boat's name and/or sail number..
- 18.2 The protest period shall begin immediately when the Signal Boat returns to the dock and shall last for **60 minutes**. This protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board located

on the front porch of the main FBYC clubhouse. This changes RRS 60.3(b).

- 18.3 Protests shall be placed in the Protest Drop Box located on the Notice Board on the front porch of the Clubhouse.
- 18.4 Protest forms will be available at the Official Notice Board and protests will be heard on the second floor of the main FBYC clubhouse. Protests received and time of hearing will be posted on the Notice Board/ Protest Drop Box located on the front porch of the Clubhouse within 15 minutes after the posted deadline. Protests will not start before the posted time but may start later. If parties are not present at the posted time, the hearing will start based upon the written protest form. A hearing may be held if a party or witness is not available.
- 18.5 If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS or ZFP prior to the Protest Time Limit, a request for redress based on the posted list shall be made no more than **15 minutes** after Protest Time. This changes RRS 61.2b(1)
- 18.6 A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of protest time.
- 18.7 No party may request re-opening of a hearing. This changes RRS 63.7(b).
- 18.8 On Sunday, a request for redress from a jury decision must be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(b)(2).
- 18.9 Breaches of instructions, 16.1 or specified requirements in the Event Notice will not be grounds for protest or redress by a boat. This changes Rules 60.1 and 61.1(a).

## **19. SCORING**

- 19.1 The regatta will be scored as per the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, except that there shall be no throw-outs. A boat's score shall be the total of all her scores on Saturday & Sunday. This changes RRS A2. The completion of at least one race in a class constitutes a regatta.
- 19.2
- 19.3 Time on time scoring shall be used.

## **20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION**

- 20.1 Boats shall remain in the water throughout the regatta, unless hauled with prior written approval from the PRO.

## **21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 21.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, The Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation

in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 22. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

- 22.1 A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial freighters, tugs and tows, or other commercial vessels that are unable to readily respond.
- 22.2 A boat without way in a ship channel that uses an engine to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic, shall either retire, or if the incident was unavoidable, continue racing and request redress.
- 22.3 A boat racing at night in the vicinity of vessels with which they might collide shall illuminate their sails by all available means to ensure that they are clearly seen by the other vessel(s). This is in addition to the navigation lights and shapes required by the COLREGS or other applicable government regulations. Such displays shall not be grounds for protest. This changes Rule 60.1.
- 22.4 Any vessel fouling commercial crab pot(s) and severing or dislocating them by more than 100' is required to record the license number from the pot float, report the event (with vessel contact information) to VMRC by calling 757-247-2127, and reimbursing the licensee for any loss if so claimed.

## 23. AWARDS

- 23.1 Overall results will be given for first, second, and third in each fleet, with all races considered separately.
- 23.2 The Dick Cole Memorial Trophy will be presented to the Cruising class winner based on the following:
- *Dick Cole Memorial Trophy Score* = (Class Score/Average Starters) times (Minimum Races/Class Races)
  - Class Score* = total low point score of Class Winner as per S.I.s
  - Average Starters* = average number of boats that started in that class
  - Minimum Races* = number of races completed by class with fewest races completed
  - Class Races* = number of races completed in class being scored
- \* Eligible class winners shall be the winners of classes that have had at least four (4) boats starting in every race.
  - \* The intended purpose of the formula is to identify the class winner who has been most competitive as measured by the degree to which it has consistently been at the top of his class and the number of boats against which he has competed.

23.3 Sportsmanship Award. This award shall be given to a boat, individual, or other entity whose crew exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship and spirit of Corinthian competition during the regatta

## 24. CONTACTS:

- Event Chairman	Joe Nelson	(804) 239-3152	jwn2ster@gmail.com
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- PRO (West Course)	Donna Alvis	(804) 370-6669	donnaalvis@comcast.net
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### Attachment “1” - Reprint of Rule 26

#### RRS Rule 26 - STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals.  
Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

#### Signal Flag and sound Minutes before Starting signal

Minutes before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
5 min	Class Flag	One horn	Warning Signal
4 min	P Flag(or penalty)	One horn	Preparatory Signal
1 min	Prep Flag Removed	One Long horn	One Minute
0 min	Class Flag Removed	One horn	Starting Signal

The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.



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APPENDIX B

Non Spinnaker / Cruising Class

(SATURDAY/SUNDAY COURSES)

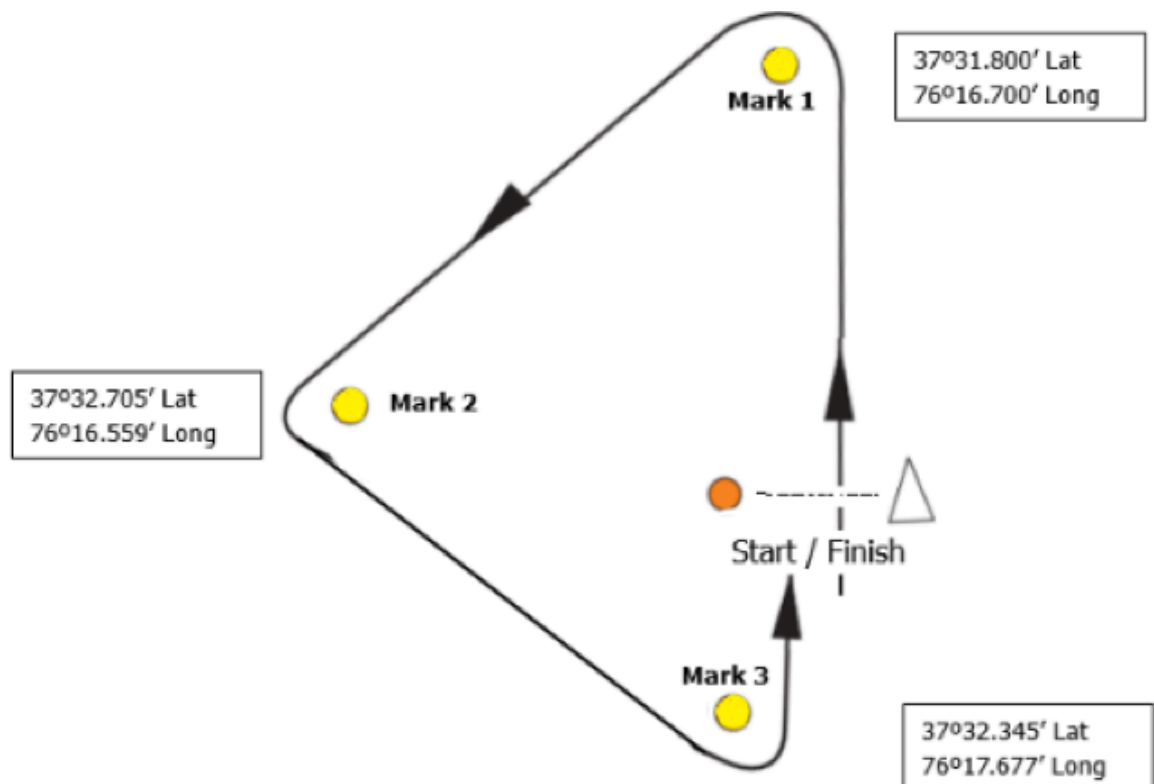
\*\*The course to be sailed will be posted on RC Signal Boat prior to Warning

**COURSE "T"**

Course Designations will be:

**T** = (Once Around) Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Finish

**T2** = (Twice Around) Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Mark 3 - Finish



\*\* All marks shall be left to PORT

### FBYC Marks

Letter	Location	Latitude	Long.	Label on Chart
A	Piankatank R.	37 31.698	76 18.376	Q G 15ft 4M "5"
C	Piankatank R.	37 32.367	76 16.703	FI G 4s 19ft 4M "3"
E	Piankatank R.	37 32.908	76 15.229	G "1P" FI G 2.5s
F	Piankatank R	37 33.224	76.15.421	R "2" FI R 4s
G	Rappahannock R	37 32.271	76 11.481	G "1R" FI G 6s
H	Rappahannock R	37 34.221	76 11.728	R N "2R"
I	Windmill Pt. Light	37 35.815	76 14.164	FI 6s 34ft 7M
J	Rappahannock R	37 34.342	76 16.163	FI G 2.5s 15ft 4M "3R"
K	Rappahannock R	37 35.398	76 17.676	R "6R" FI R 4s
L	Chesapeake Bay	37 29.613	76 11.185	G C "41A"

