



HAVRE DE GRACE YACHT CLUB
John Heffner Memorial Invitational Race
HdGYC Fall Invitational Regatta
CBYRA SANCTION 25-107 EVENT

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Please check web site for changes to sailing instructions

1. RULES:

- 1.1** The race shall be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** For all non-spin classes, only one (1) headsail may be used at a time while racing, except for cutter rigs flying headsails in the normal configuration.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS: Notices to competitors will be posted on the HDGYC website www.hdgyc.org under the racing tab.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the HdGYC website www.hdgyc.org under the racing tab by 22:00 on the day before it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 12:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE: No signals will be made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES: Saturday, September 27, 2025 - warning signal for the first class is 10:55.

6. CLASS FLAGS AND FLEETS:

6.1 The Fleet splits will be as follows:

- 6.1.1** PHRF-A - All spinnaker boats with a current, valid PHRF Chesapeake rating up to and including 109.
- 6.1.2** PHRF-B - All spinnaker boats with a current, valid PHRF Chesapeake rating between and including 110 and 148.
- 6.1.3** PHRF-C - All spinnaker boats with a current, valid PHRF Chesapeake rating 149 and above.
- 6.1.4** PHRF-N - All non-spinnaker boats with a current, valid PHRF Chesapeake rating (all ratings). PHRF N boats may only sail one headsail at a time.
- 6.1.5** Cruising - All ratings
- 6.1.6** Multihull - All ratings

6.2 CLASS FLAGS



PHRF-A



PHRF-B



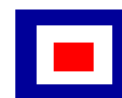
PHRF-C



PHRF-N



Cruising



Multihull

7. COURSE:

7.1 Courses shall be displayed on the Race Committee Boat.

7.2 The courses for each class will be displayed starting with the classes flag and followed by the mark(s) designations reading from left to right.

8. MARKS:

8.1 A combination of government marks based on the Northern Bay Area 2024 Standard Racing Marks and race buoy drop-marks may be used.

8.2 See attached chart "Northern Bay Area 2024 Standard Racing Marks.pdf".

8.3 Drop mark "Y" is a yellow tetrahedron.

8.4 Drop mark "Z" is an orange cylinder.

9. RACING AREA/CHECK IN:

9.1 The racing area is the northern Chesapeake Bay defined approximately as Worton Point-Bush River to Turkey Point-Swan Creek.

9.2 There will be a rendezvous for check-in with the RC boat displaying the "L" (Lima) flag in the vicinity of Region 1 Mark "B" (SN) at 10:30. Each boat shall pass by and be acknowledged by the check-in boat.

10. THE START:

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the course side of Mark 'B' (SN) unless code flag 'L' is displayed. If code flag "L" is displayed, the RC may move the starting line to between the yellow flag on the RC boat and the course side of another Region 1 Racing Mark or a temporary mark "Y".

10.3 Boats whose warning signal have not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

10.5 The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee may combine classes into a single start. The combination of any classes and the order of start shall be posted on the HdGYC website by 12:00 on Friday, September 26. If there is a problem with the posting, the combinations and order of starts shall be announced on **VHF channel 68** at 10:30 and repeated three times at five minute intervals on the day of the race.

10.6 The race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of any boats identified as OCS on **VHF channel 68**. Failure to make the broadcast, the timing of the broadcast or a particular competitor's inability to receive or hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.4.

11. THE FINISH:

11.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the finishing mark. The finishing mark will be the last mark of the posted course unless the course is shortened.

11.2 If a course is shortened at a navigation buoy, marking the boundary of the commercial ship channel, the finish line shall be outside the channel. The finish line shall be between the navigation buoy and the "S" flag located on the finishing boat anchored outside the channel.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM: For ALL classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. TIME LIMITS: Boats failing to finish within 4.5 hours from the starting time for her class will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS:

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC and receive acknowledgement from the RC on **VHF channel 68** of its intention to protest, including the sail number(s) being protested, at the earliest possible time after finishing or withdrawing from the race.

14.2 The completed standard US Sailing protest form must be postmarked on the first business day after the race and sent to the entry address.

14.3 Protest hearing date and time to be announced. No protests will be heard the day of the event.

15. SCORING:

15.1 The scoring system is RRS Appendix A4. One race constitutes a series.

15.2 Scoring results will be provisional, pending the results of any protest hearings.

15.3 Trophies will be awarded at the post-race party at Tidewater Marina. Trophies will be awarded provisionally, pending the results of any protest hearings, unless there are no protests.

16. SAFETY:

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible on **VHF channel 68**.

16.2 A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

16.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:

16.3.1 The boat does not gain advantage;

16.3.2 Using the propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic;

16.3.3 And the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

17. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION:

17.1 Competitors should monitor **VHF channel 68** for communications from Race Committee.

17.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.