

32nd ANNUAL STINGRAY POINT REGATTA & 2026 Middle Bay PHRF Championship

Friday September 4 - Sunday, September 6, 2026

For the:

Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy

Dick Cole Memorial Trophy

Notice of Race

1. EVENT DESCRIPTION

1.1 The 2026 Stingray Point Regatta will consist of a single Friday mid-distance race for all registered boats, followed by additional racing on Saturday and Sunday on two separate East and West courses. The East Course will be a Windward/Leeward buoy course for PHRF Spinnaker A, B, and C boats. A separate West Course will be a course comprised of a series of dropped and/or government marks set at the discretion of the race officer for PHRF CC-Spin, CC-NS, and provisionally handicapped cruising boats. Additional Fleets are at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

2. RULES

2.1 The Organizing Authority is Fishing Bay Yacht Club

2.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028*.

2.3 All boats must meet U S Sailing (Nearshore) Safety Requirements (found at):

<https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/US-SER-2025.2-Nearshore-Mono.pdf>

2.4. RRS 63.5(c)(2) will be replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply."

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than registration check-in and posted online at Regatta Network.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 All PHRF rated sailboats (A, B, C, CC-Non-Spin & CC-Spin) holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate, and Cruising sailboats having a provisional handicap rating assigned by FBYC.

4.2 Two separate courses are planned:

4.2.1 East Course boats must possess a valid PHRF Chesapeake rating certificate. Expected fleets include PHRF A, B, and C. Fleet splits will be determined based on valid entries. Fleets may be combined for starts or sub-divided.

4.2.2 West Course boats must possess a valid PHRF Chesapeake rating certificate (either CC-Spin or CC-NonSpin),

or they will receive a courtesy rating which may not be appealed. West course competitors will be allowed only one (1) headsail to be set at a time downwind. Classes may be combined for starts.

5. ENTRY

5.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line entry at Regatta Network and paying the required fees.

5.1.1 Boats intending or not intending to race on Friday must complete the “Friday Stingray Light Race” question by typing YES or NO respectively.

6. FEES

6.1. The entry fee is as follows:

- a) Early registration fee US \$125.00 until 11:59:00 PM EST, August 3, 2026
- b) Regular registration fee US\$ 150.00 Until 11:59:00 PM, EST, August 15, 2025.
- b) Late Fee \$ 25.00: After 11:59:00 PM, EST, August 25, 2026.
- c) Friday and Saturday Dinners and beverages can be purchased a la carte but must be done prior to Midnight, EST, August 28, 2026.

6.2. The entry fee includes:

- a) Three days of racing, weather permitting, (Friday medium distance, Sat/Sun Round the Buoys).
- b) Saturday Live Band Entertainment featuring the band, The Jangling Reinharts.
- c) Limited dockage for the regatta as available.
- d) Continental breakfast Sat/Sun.
- e) Sunday - join us for an informal lunch following racing.

6.3. Friday/Saturday evening Dinner/Beverage tickets will be available for purchase online in advance of the event. Stingray Regatta T-shirts will be available for purchase at the event.

6.4. Payment of all fees associated with each entry shall be paid at the time of registration. An entry will not be considered final until all fees are paid and all required forms are submitted.

7. SCHEDULE

Friday, September 4, 2026

- 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 – Skippers' Meetings for the Stingray Point Regatta (Saturday and Sunday series)
 - East Course - to be held on Fishing Bay side of Main Clubhouse.
 - West Course - to be held at the Flagpole on Jackson Creek
- 1830 – Welcome – 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, Potts Challenge Cup, or Dick Cole Memorial Trophy

Saturday, September 5, 2026

- 0800 – 0900 continental breakfast

1100 – First warning for race one. Multiple races will be run, wind and weather permitting.

Social to follow racing

1830 – 2230 Dinner and awards. Dinner will be served until 2000. Live entertainment will be provided by the band, The Jangling Reinharts. (see event site to register prior to event for Dinner - onsite registration will not be available)

Sunday, September 6, 2026

0800 – 0900 continental breakfast

1100 – First warning for race one. Multiple races will be run, wind and weather permitting. (West Course may be a single mid distance race only.)

*Awards and Social to follow racing. Includes a special lunch and complimentary beverages. No cost.

Sunday evening - For boats and crews wishing to continue enjoying FBYC's fantastic facility through the weekend, there will be a DIY barbecue at the main clubhouse.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

8.1. Boats and sails are subject to inspection.

8.2 Sail Numbers: Each boat shall display either US SAILING sail numbers, or the numbers listed by CBYRA, or the sail numbers listed in the roster of sail numbers as maintained by her class. It is the responsibility of the entrant to clearly identify the boat and its class. It is acceptable for a boat to race using sails that differ from that boat's proper sail number, so long as the skipper informs the Race Committee of the change prior to the first start of the day and receives its acknowledgment.

8.2.1 Cruising boats without sail numbers will be accepted.

9. ADVERTISING

9.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority ("OA").

10. LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE

10.1. All boats must be in the water by 0900 on the day racing begins. Late launching will require RC approval.

10.2. All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior permission by the Principal Race Officer.

11. COURSES

11.1. Friday's race course will be a medium distance race around a combination of government marks and/or drop marks.

11.2. East Course - Saturday and Sunday race courses will be drop mark windward/leeward configurations.

11.2.1 Rendezvous is in the vicinity of Piankatank River Light "3".

11.3 West Course - The Saturday and Sunday race courses will be a triangular drop mark course one day and another day may be a medium distance race course using a combination of drop and/or government marks described in the sailing instructions. Final course selection each day, at the discretion of the Race Committee, will depend on weather conditions.

11.3.1 Rendezvous in the area between Piankatank River Lights "3" and "5".

12. SCORING

12.1. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply for the Friday race. 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 2026 Middle Bay PHRF Championship.

12.2. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply for all Sat / Sun races. A boat's score will be the total of all her race scores. There will be no discards. One race on Saturday or Sunday constitutes a series.

13. AWARDS

13.1 Class awards for first, second, and third place will be presented daily. For multiple race days, class awards will be presented on combined scores for the day. Overall class series awards for Saturday and Sunday, as well as the Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy and Dick Cole Memorial Trophy will be presented on the last day of the regatta.

13.2 The Middle Bay 2026 PHRF Championship will be awarded to the overall class winners, 2nd and 3rd place finishers

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. All support boats are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF channel when in the race course area.

14.2. Any additional support boat instructions will be stated in the SIs.

15. INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate in any race or regatta entirely at their own risk as instructed in RRS, Rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

17.1 The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the event Regatta Network website

18. ON-SITE BOAT STORAGE

18.1 Boats and trailers may be stored in the trailer and dry hoist yards at the club. Boats may launch using the club's dry sail hoist or concrete ramp not to exceed 3 tons. Boats will be moored in available slips or rafted up at the ends of the club piers on the Jackson Creek side. Due to the possibility of wind and/waves, overnight mooring at the Fishing Bay side pier near the ramp is not permitted. Boats shall be removed from club property within one week after the conclusion of the regatta.

19. LODGING INFORMATION

19.1 Lodging information will be posted on the event website. Camping by tent is permitted on club grounds, and limited camping for a few RVs is available, first reserved, first served. All RVs as well as tent camping must pre-coordinate with Event Chairman well in advance as space is limited and spots will be pre-assigned.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information or assistance, please contact:

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