



**2026**  
**Comet Class Yacht Racing Association**  
**International Championship Regatta**

August 28, 29, 30  
Organizing Authority: Comet  
Class Yacht Racing Association  
(CCRYA), and

Corsica River Yacht Club (CRYC) [www.cryc.org](http://www.cryc.org)  
589 Conquest Road  
Centreville, Maryland USA

## Notice Of Race (NoR)

*The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1*

### 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in United States Sailing Association *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028, January 2025*.

1.2 The Sailing Instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing instructions, and any supplementary sailing instructions that will be posted on the official notice board located at Corsica River Yacht Club (CRYC).

1.3 RRS Part 5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”

### 2. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$325 per boat (all skipper and crew meals are inclusive). The registration fee provides for 3 days of racing (weather permitting), a continental breakfast all three days, Thursday evening welcome BBQ dinner, Friday and Saturday dinner, lunch for each boat on Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday cookout after racing with an award ceremony. Beverages will be included. The entry fee includes an assessment as required in the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA).

### 3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

This event is open to all CCYRA members who have paid 2026 CCYRA membership dues. Registration is online (registration closes at 2000 EDT, Sunday 23 August) at the following site:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31016#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31016#_home)

**4. MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION**

Sails (main and jib) are subject to measurement and inspection by a CCRYA Measurer per the CCYRA Handbook, Specification paragraphs 13, 14 and 15. Additionally, jib and mainsails will be inspected for an affixed CCYRA Sail Tax Label per CCYRA Handbook, Specification 13d. Sails without Tax Labels are ineligible (Note: Labels can be obtained the CCYRA Secretary/Treasurer, [comet4061@gmail.com](mailto:comet4061@gmail.com)).

**5. SCHEDULE**

Sunday, August 23

2000 EDT Registration closes

Thursday, August 27

1600 – 1800 Onsite Check-In at CRYC  
1800 – 1930 Welcome Dinner

Friday, August 28 (First Day of Racing)

0800 – 1000 Continental Breakfast/lunch pick up  
1000 Competitor’s Meeting  
1200 First Warning Signal  
1800 Dinner & annual meeting

Saturday, August 29

0900-1100 Continental Breakfast / lunch pick up  
1200 First Warning Signal  
1800 Traditional Eastern Shore Dinner

Sunday, August 30 (Final Day of Racing)

0830-1000 Continental Breakfast  
1100 First Warning Signal  
Note: No warning signal will be made after 1400.  
TBD Post-race lunch (as required)  
~1500 Awards Ceremony)

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online at Regatta Network and [www.CRYC.org](http://www.CRYC.org) no later than 1600 EDT on Wednesday August 26.

**7. VENUE**

Corsica River Yacht Club with races conducted on the Corsica and/or Chester Rivers.

**8. COURSE**

The courses shall be dropped marks as described in RRS Appendix S.

## 9. SCORING

9.1 RRS Appendix A Scoring rule A2 is changed as follows: *Each boat's score shall be the total of her races excluding her worst score only if five or more races are completed. If fewer than five races are completed, all scores shall count toward the series score.*

9.2 The total number of scheduled races is seven of which three must be completed to constitute the regatta.

## 10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat shall not transmit or receive radio communications while racing. This communication restriction also applies to the use of smartphones or similar devices.

## 11. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

11.1 US Competitors shall carry onboard USCG-approved personal floatation devices (PFDs). Non-US competitors shall carry a PFD approved by their respective nations' cognizant certification authority.

11.2 [NP] All boats shall have safety equipment onboard per the CCYRA Handbook, specifically Specifications 16c and 16d. Additionally, each boat will have a *centerboard hold-down line* as required by the CRYC organizing authority

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

RRS Part 3 Decision to Race states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". By participating in this Regatta each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, which are assumed by the competitors.

## 13. AWARDS

President's Permanent Trophy - 1st Overall

Jay Achenbach Trophy – 2nd overall

Dave Rogers Trophy - 3rd overall

C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy – 1st in 1st race

Wilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy – 1st in last race

Eugene Barilla Trophy – Best finish from the sponsoring club

Herbert L. Stone Trophy – First time participant with best score

Dr. Allen Brown Memorial Trophy – Best score for Skipper 21 years old or under

## 14. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

One dockside hoist will be available for boat launch and recovery. Limited floating dock storage will be available. A sandy beach is onsite CRYC.

## 15. SOCIAL

Welcome Dinner (Barbeque) Thursday evening (additional dinners for family/friends/guests will be available at \$15/meal, which will be collected during registration).

Breakfast: Provided gratis to competitors Friday, Saturday and Sunday (additional breakfasts for family/friends/guests will be available at \$8/meal, which will be collected during registration).

Lunch: Provided gratis to competitors Friday, and Saturday (additional lunches for guests will be available at \$8/meal, which will be collected during registration).

Dinner: Friday and Saturday dinners will be served at 1800, a social evening for competitors, family, friends and guests. Additional Friday dinners for family/friends/guests are available at \$25/meal; additional Saturday dinners for family/friends/guests will be available at \$35/meal. The Friday dinner is Italian American cuisine while the Saturday dinner is a traditional eastern shore cuisine. All dinner fees will be collected during registration.

## **16. LODGING & HOUSING**

### Lodging:

Camping is permissible on CRYC grounds (pavilion and bathhouse (showers and restrooms) are available onsite).

There are nearby hotels, motels, and B&B's in and around Centerville, Chestertown, Kent Island and Easton.

### Housing:

Rooms within the homes of CRYC members may be available upon request prior to the regatta.

## **17. DIRECTIONS**

The CRYC is in Queen Anne's County on Maryland's Eastern Shore:

589 Conquest Road

Centerville, Maryland 21617

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information or questions please contact:

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