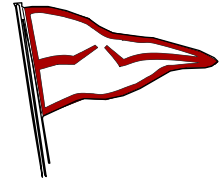


# 34th Annual Solomons Island Invitational Race

## Sailing Instructions

Eastport Yacht Club – Friday, July 11, 2014



### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by “Rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 From sunset to sunrise, when two boats on the same tack are within three boat lengths of the longer boat, the boat clear ahead may not sail above her proper course, and the boat clear astern, if she elects to pass to windward, must do so at least two of those boat lengths from the leeward boat.
- 1.3 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will govern when there is a conflict with a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) or the CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 With the exception of the Corinthian Cruising Class, entries shall only be accepted from owners or charterers of competing boats who are members of US Sailing.
- 2.2 Competitors may enter online at: <http://www.eastportyc.org/on-the-water/racing/91-on-the-water-/969-solomons-island-race-2014>.  
Alternatively, competitors may complete a standard CBYRA entry form and either mail or hand-deliver it with the entry fee to: Eastport Yacht Club, 317 First Street, P.O. Box 3205, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- 2.3 The fee for entries received by EYC by 2100 hours on Thursday, July 4, 2014 is \$75 for members of CBYRA or \$85 otherwise. Entries received after 2100 hours on July 4, 2014, will incur a \$25 late fee. No entries will be accepted after 2100 hours on Wednesday July 9, 2014.
- 2.4 Total entries may be limited to 175 boats on a first come first served basis.
- 2.5 All boats entered shall comply with their Class Rules.
- 2.6 PHRF entries and Beneteau Cup participants shall have a valid 2014 PHRF of the Chesapeake measurement certificate.
- 2.7 The Corinthian Cruising Class entrants, excluding the Beneteau Cup participants, may request a provisional handicap rating from the EYC Race Committee (RC). Corinthian Cruising Class entrants will be permitted to use an asymmetrical spinnaker tacked at the bow. Spinnaker poles are not permitted.

### 3 MANDATORY CHECK-IN

- 3.1 The RC will use a separate check-in boat. This boat will fly code flag "L" and be located behind the starting area, off the U.S. Naval Academy seawall near the "Triton Light."
- 3.2 Each boat shall pass close astern of the check-in boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by hail from the RC.
- 3.3 Boats failing to check-in that are recorded as finishing the race will be scored with scoring penalty of 20% of the number of starters in her class without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

### 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices before the start of racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the waterside of the Eastport Yacht Club, and posted on the EYC Race website located at: <http://www.eastportyc.org/on-the-water/racing/91-on-the-water-/969-solomons-island-race-2014>.
- 4.2 Notices after the start of racing will be made on the Official Notice Board at the Holiday Inn Solomons waterside patio area.

### 5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change(s) in the SIs will be posted before 2000 hours on July 10, 2014.

### 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at EYC, or after the start, at the Holiday Inn Solomon waterside patio area. The RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF Channel 72. This announcement, lack thereof or contents thereof cannot be grounds for Redress or Protest.
- 6.2 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant), with two sound signals will mean: "The race is postponed." The rescheduled time of the first gun will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will not be less than 60 minutes after the lowering of the Answering Pennant. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 7 COURSES

- 7.1 PHRF A0, PHRF A1, PHRF A2, and J/35 classes shall pass the following marks in the following order (distance 54 miles):

Mark	Req'd Side
Start, Severn River Channel Lighted Buoy "9"	
Tolly Point Channel Light "1AH"	Starb'd
Thomas Point Light	Starb'd
Hooper Island Light	Starb'd
Cedar Point Lighted Bell Buoy "1PR"	Port
Patuxent River Lighted Daymarker "3"	Port
Finish, Patuxent River Lighted Mark "5"	Port

- 7.2 The Multihull-A, Multihull-B, J/105, PHRF B, J/30, PHRF C, Alberg 30, PHRF N, and Corinthian Cruising classes shall pass the following marks in the following order (distance 44 miles):

Mark	Req'd Side
Start, Severn River Channel Lighted Buoy "9"	
Tolly Point Channel Light "1AH"	Starb'd
Thomas Point Light	Starb'd
R "76"	Starb'd
Patuxent River Lighted Daymarker "3"	Port
Finish, Patuxent River Lighted Mark "5"	Port

## 8 CLASS FLAGS

All competing boats shall fly class flags as specified in paragraph 4 of the CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions or as noted in SI 9.1 below.

## 9 START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. No Warning Signal shall be made prior to 1845 hours. It is the intention of the Race Committee to start classes as indicated below:

<u>FLEET</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
PHRF A0	"0" Pennant
PHRF A1	"9" Pennant
PHRF A2	"2" Pennant
J/35	"K" Flag
Multihull-A	"W" Flag
Multihull-B	"F" Flag
J/105	"V" Flag
PHRF B	"6" Pennant
J/30	"D" Flag
PHRF C	"7" Pennant
Alberg 30	"G" Flag
PHRF N	"5" Pennant
Corinthian Cruising	"White" Flag

- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Signal Boat and course side of Severn River Channel Lighted Buoy "9."
- 9.3 The starting area is defined as extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the line and its extensions. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of other boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 9.4 A boat starting more than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal of the last class shall be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

## 10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The RC may attempt to notify premature starters on VHF Channel 72. This hail or the lack thereof shall not be grounds for redress.
- 10.2 If a general recall is made, classes which have not been recalled shall be started as though the recall(s) had not been made. This modifies RRS 29.2.
- 10.3 Recalled classes shall start in the order they were recalled after the last scheduled start.

## 11 FINISH

- 11.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange flag displayed on a staff on the Committee Finish Boat and Patuxent River Lighted Mark "5" (FL G 4 sec).
- 11.2 The Committee Finish Boat expects to be on station on the north side of Patuxent River Lighted Mark "5" to record finishes from approximately 2330 hours Friday, July 11, until 4 hours after the first boat in each class has finished or 1200 hours on Saturday, July 12, whichever occurs first, unless all competitors have finished or withdrawn.

- 11.3 When finishing before sunrise, boats shall illuminate their sail numbers within 200 yards of the finish line until 200 yards past the finish line.
- 11.4 If the Committee Boat is not on station, a boat shall take its finish time when it passes Patuxent River Lighted Mark "5" (FL G 4 sec) within 100 yards and the mark bears 165 degrees magnetic. Boats recording their own finish time shall report their finish time to the RC as soon as practical after finishing by informing the Race Committee at 410-693-8394.

## 12 TIME LIMIT & WITHDRAWALS

- 12.1 The time limit is 1200 on Saturday, July 12, 2014.
- 12.2 Boats that have checked in as starters and subsequently withdrawn prior to finishing shall notify the RC as soon as practical at 410-693-8394. The message should include boat's name, sail number, and class. Failure to do so may result in the boat being denied entry in this event next year.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.3, the Scoring Penalty will apply as modified below.
- (a) RRS 44.3(a) is changed to allow flag I to be used as the yellow flag.
- (b) A boat that complies with some but not all of the requirements of RRS 44.3 will receive a 40% Scoring Penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 13.2 RRS 44.3(c) is changed as follows:

	% Boats Entered	Min # Points
<u>Infraction</u>		
Part 2	40%	4
RRS 30.2 (Z-flag Rule)	20%	2
RRS 31 (Touching a Mark)	40%	4

- 13.3 To comply with RRS 44.3(b) a competitor shall also inform the Race Committee by hailing on VHF Channel 72 until acknowledged.

## 14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest shall notify the RC immediately after finishing until acknowledged via VHF Channel 72. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2 Protests shall be filed with the Protest Secretary at the Holiday Inn, prior to 1300 hours on Saturday, July 12 or 60 minutes after the RC docks, whichever is later. The specific location of the Protest Secretary will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 Notices of hearing will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Breaches of SIs 3, 12, 16, 17.4, or 18 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). For these breaches, the Protest Committee may apply a penalty other than disqualification.
- 14.5 Protest hearings will start as soon as possible after protests have been filed on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at

the Holiday Inn. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt by the Protest Secretary. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.

## **15 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1 A boat shall not receive outside help while racing by making or receiving any wireless radio or video communications except as permitted in SI 15.2 (permitted communication). This changes RRS 41(c).
- 15.2 The following is permitted:
- (a) unsecured verbal communications from race committees on standard VHF radio channels;
  - (b) receipt of VHF radio weather channels;
  - (c) receipt of publicly-available safety-related weather alerts;
  - (d) receipt of GPS signals to determine a boat's own location;
  - (e) use of wireless signals between a boat's own onboard instruments;
  - (f) monitoring VHF radio channel 16 and making contact with commercial traffic on VHF radio channel 13 as required for safety.
- 15.3 When SI 15.1 or SI 15.2 conflicts with a boat's class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 15.4 The RC will attempt to monitor VHF Channel 72 while on station in the vicinity of the start and finish areas throughout the event.

## **16 EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1 All equipment required by the US Coast Guard, the RRS, these SIs, and the respective class rules, shall be aboard and be readily available. Any participating class or the RC has the right to inspect, without notice, any boat for the required equipment.
- 16.2 It is recommended that all boats meet the current ISAF Recommendations for Offshore Sailing including Offshore Racing Council Special Regulations for Category 4, as amended.

## **17 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

- 17.1 A Boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of commercial vessels. A Boat protested under this rule has the burden of proof that she complied with this rule. Boats shall take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Ship Captains and Pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 17.2 A boat may not protest another boat under SI 17.1. This changes RRS 60.1. The RC or Protest Committee may protest under SI 17.1 based on information received from competitors or interested parties. This changes RRS 60.2 and 60.3. There is no time limit for protests filed under SI 17.1. This changes RRS 61.3. The penalty for breaking instruction 17.1 is at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 17.3 RRS 42.3(i) shall apply as follows:  
"A boat that is unavoidably without steerage while approaching commercial traffic may use any means of propulsion to clear herself of the commercial traffic provided she gains no advantage of time or distance as a

result of this action. A boat taking such action shall report this to the Race Committee ashore within the protest time limit."

- 17.4 A boat racing at night in close proximity to other vessels shall illuminate her sails so that she is clearly visible. This requirement is in addition to the navigation lights and shapes required by the Inland Rules and other applicable government regulations.

## **18 DISPOSAL OF REFUSE**

All refuse must be disposed of in a proper manner upon returning to shore. Discharging refuse overboard may be grounds for disqualification.

## **19 AWARDS**

- 19.1 Awards will be presented at 1900 hours at the Eastport Yacht Club on Saturday, July 26, 2014, to the first place boat in all classes, to the second place boat in classes with 5 or more entrants, to the third place boat in classes with 7 or more entrants, to the fourth place boat in classes with 15 or more entrants, and to the fifth place boat in classes with 20 or more entrants.
- 19.2 The F. Rollins Maxwell, Jr., Memorial Trophy will be presented to the boat with the fastest average speed (elapsed time / length of course).
- 19.3 The Zahniser Fleet Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the class deemed most competitive.
- 19.4 The Awards Party entertainment will begin on Saturday July 26, 2014, at 1800 hours. Prizes not picked up during the awards party will be available at EYC beginning on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Trophies not claimed within 30 days of the race shall be forfeited.

## **20 raceQs 3D EVENT REPLAY**

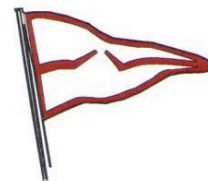
EYC requests that all participants employ the raceQs smartphone app during the event. The intent is for a boat's track to be collected and uploaded after the race; this live broadcast of a boat's track is not requested or recommended. Event replay will be broadcast during the Awards Party, and made available to all competitors during and after the party. Information will be posted on the EYC Race website located at:

<http://www.eastportyc.org/on-the-water/racing/91-on-the-water-/969-solomons-island-race-2014>.

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### AMENDMENT #1

- A. SI 9.1 is replaced in its entirety with the following. This change combines PHRF A0 & PHRF A1 into a single start, and eliminates the J/35 start.

<u>FLEET</u>	<u>CLASS FLAG</u>
PHRF A0 & A1	“0” & “9” Pennants
PHRF A2	“2” Pennant
Multihull-A	“W” Flag
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- B. SI 14.3 is revised as follows:

WAS

14.3 Notices of hearing will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

IS

14.3 Notices of hearing will be posted on the EYC Race website by 1200 hours on Monday, July 14, 2014, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

- C. SI 14.5 is revised as follows:

WAS

14.5 Protest hearings will start as soon as possible after protests have been filed on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at the Holiday Inn. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt by the Protest Secretary. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.

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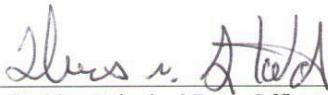
14.5 Protest hearings will be heard on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at Eastport Yacht Club, beginning at 1700 hours. The Protest Committee will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt by the Protest Secretary. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.

- D. SI 15 is replaced in its entirety with the following:

**15 COMMUNICATION**

15.1 RRS 41 (Outside Assistance) applies without modification.

15.2 The RC will attempt to monitor VHF Channel 72 while on station in the vicinity of the start and finish areas throughout the event.

  
Tom Stalder, Principal Race Officer

July 8, 2014  
Date