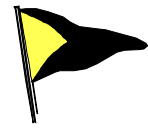


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Saturday, October 21, 2017

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All boats shall comply with PHRF Safety Equipment Requirements for Race Category *Ches Bay*.
- 1.3 Boats competing in a Cruising Class shall comply with CRCA Class Rules.
- 1.4 Boats competing in the Shorthanded Class shall comply with CHESSS Class Rules.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions (SI) will govern.
- 1.6 SI 6.8, 6.9, 6.10, 10.5, 12.1, 14.4 and 14.5 change the racing rules. Please, see the individual SI for additional information.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Changes to these SI will be posted on the BCYA web page, www.bcy.com, no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled first warning signal.
- 2.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made orally on the water prior to the warning signal for the race as specified in RRS 90.2(c).
- 2.3 Race committee communication will be on VHF channel 72. Competitors should monitor this channel while racing for any notices from RC.
- 2.4 Post-race notices to competitors will be posted at the post race gathering location. See SI Section 18, and the race website for more information.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 One race is scheduled to be sailed on October 21, 2017.

4 RENDEZVOUS

- 4.1 The competitors shall rendezvous at 1100 in the vicinity of Baltimore Light, N 39° 03.538' W76° 23.936'.
- 4.2 The race committee may hoist flag L to indicate that they are moving the starting area to an alternate location.

5 THE COURSE

- 5.1 The race committee shall post the course to be sailed no later than the preparatory signal for that division. The course will be indicated by displaying the appropriate letters on a board from the side of the Race Committee boat opposite the starting line.
- 5.2 The race committee may designate different courses for different classes. All courses will use CBYRA Region 2 marks. All designated marks shall be honored as rounding marks. The color of the letters posted by the race committee shall designate to which side a mark is to be rounded: red to port; green to starboard. Region 2 marks – www.bcy.com/marks/CBYRAREGION2MARKS2017COMBINEDFINAL.PDF.
- 5.3 An inflatable drop mark may be set by the Race Committee as the first mark of any course defined in 5.2, identified by the letter, "S". If an inflatable drop mark is used, the Race Committee will provide the approximate bearing, approximate distance, and side to be honored, of the mark, prior to the warning signal.

6 THE START

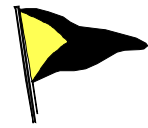
- 6.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, and the course side of a nearby inflatable or government mark. If an inflatable mark is used, it will be a yellow cylinder.

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- 6.2 Divisions will be started using rule 26 with the Warning signal for a division being the Starting signal of the previous division.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first division is 1120.
- 6.4 Race committee will start the divisions in the following order:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Division Flag</u>
Multihull B	 F
Shorthanded	 3 rd Repeater
Cruising	White
PHRF N	 5
PHRF C	 7
PHRF B	 6
PHRF A	 9
Multihull A	 W

- 6.5 A boat shall clearly display its division flag in two (2) places - at the bow, from the bow pulpit if available, and at the stern, approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay.
- 6.6 The committee may combine starts based on the size of the divisions. Combining starts may occur at any time prior to the first warning and will be done in accordance with SI 2.2.
- 6.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other divisions. The race committee may protest a boat that enters the starting area during the period between the Warning signal of the first division to start and the Warning signal of its own division. The starting area is defined as the area extending 300 feet behind, 150 feet in front of, and 100 feet beyond each end of the starting line.
- 6.8 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 6.9 General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2 except the last sentence is deleted and replaced by: "The starting order and timing of subsequent starts will proceed as if there had been no general recall. The recalled fleet will be restarted after the last fleet in the scheduled starting order. If more than one fleet has been recalled, they will restart in the order they were recalled."
- 6.10 A boat that starts more than 30 minutes after her Starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

7 THE FINISH

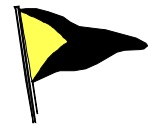
- 7.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat – or Anchorage Marina dock – and a yellow inflatable drop mark. The orange flag and drop mark will be in the general vicinity of Anchorage Marina. Please consult the race website for additional information, www.bcyra.com/hcup/FinishLine.html
- 7.2 After finishing, boats are requested to keep clear of the finishing area and not cross back through the finish line.

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8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 The Scoring Penalty of rule 44.3 shall not apply.

9 TIME LIMIT

9.1 The time limit shall be 6 hours from the starting time for the division.

9.2 Any vessel finishing who is unsure if the race committee is on station is requested to finish per US Sailing Prescription to Rule 34, and report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee via email at racechairman@bcya.com.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

10.1 Promptly following the completion of the race, a boat that intends to protest an incident shall notify the race committee via VHF Channel 72 of the name of the boat(s) that she intends to protest. The race committee shall be notified of the intent to protest before the protesting boat leaves the racing area.

10.2 Protest forms will be available at the post-race gathering. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

10.3 For each division, the protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the last boat in that division has finished.

10.4 Notices 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 witnesses. The location of the hearings will be included in the notice.

10.5 Breaches of instruction 6.6 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

11 SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing. Check-in shall be performed by sailing within hail of the committee boat. Check-ins will not be accepted over VHF. The designated VHF channel is reserved for race committee communication only. A boat that fails to check in shall be scored Did Not Compete (DNC) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. If a boat is unable to raise race committee on VHF Channel 72 to meet this requirement, she shall send an email to racechairman@bcya.com identifying the vessel retiring.

12.3 **GALE WARNING.** If at 2000 on Friday, October 20 a gale warning is in effect for the scheduled day and time of the race, the race will be abandoned. Notice will be posted on the BCYA web site, www.bcya.com. However, the post-race gathering will still be held.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Race committee communication shall be on VHF channel 72.

14 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

14.1 All boats are required to yield the right of way to commercial vessels, e.g. freighters, tugs, etc., in the racing area. All boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation.

14.2 Any attempt to exercise right of way over or to interfere or threaten to interfere with a commercial vessel shall constitute grounds for a protest which may be brought by the race committee, protest committee, or any competitor.

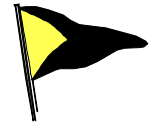
14.3 Any boat protested under this section of the SI shall have the onus of satisfying the protest committee that her actions did not violate this section.

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- 14.4 A boat without way may use her engine to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) using the engine is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by e-mail) to the event's race committee by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions. This changes RRS 42.
- 14.5 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking this section of the SI based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3 and 61.3.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Prizes shall be presented at the post-race gathering for divisions that have final results.
- 15.2 Prizes will also be awarded for the "Best of Baltimore" trophy. One will be awarded to the best mono hull, and one to the best multi hull. These will be awarded to the boat with the best combined score from the two CBYRA sanctioned BCYA races, the Race to Baltimore, and the Harbor Cup.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents 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 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 17.1 By participating, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

18 POST-RACE GATHERING

- 18.1 For additional information and ticket purchases, see the BCYA web page, www.bcy.com
- 18.2 Post-race dockage at Anchorage Marina, 2501 Boston Street, Baltimore, MD 21224; 39° 16' N/
79° 34' W
- Post-race temporary (three-hour) dockage – free courtesy of Anchorage Marina
 - Overnight dockage with electricity – \$40 flat rate courtesy of Anchorage Marina; call 410-522-7200 to request BCYA Race Discount