



Sailing Instructions

Rock Hall Yacht Club
22759 McKinleyville Road
Rock Hall, MD 21661
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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing and the rules of the appropriate class, unless changed by these sailing instructions or by notices to competitors.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. Competitors may enter by completing an entry form with the organizing authority by the time and method prescribed in the NOR.
- 2.2. Eligibility requirement for the helmsperson is current membership in the respective class association unless waived by other members racing.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the RHYC Clubhouse.
- 3.2. A skipper's meeting may be held at the time designated by NOR at clubhouse.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Changes to these sailing instructions made on the first day of a series will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of the skipper's meeting.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. All visual signals made ashore will be flown on the RC signal flag pole at the end of RHYC pier.
- 5.2. Code flag 'AP' with two sounds means 'The race is postponed'. The first race warning signal will be not less than 30 minutes after 'AP' is lowered (one sound).
- 5.3. Code flag 'B' hoisted with one sound means 'Protest time has begun'. Yachts filing a protest must do so within one hour of hoisting of 'B'. When 'B' is lowered, it means 'The time to file protests has ended'.

6. SCHEDULES OF RACES

- 6.1. Five races are intended for a two-day weekend regatta. Three races are intended for a one-day series.
- 6.2. Either fewer or additional races may be held at the race committee's discretion.
- 6.3. On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the Chester River opposite Langford Creek or as specified during the skipper's meeting.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The possible courses are shown in Attachment 1. The course will be designated by the RC by black letter(s) and number(s) on a white board.
- 8.2. When an offset mark to be rounded to port is used in conjunction with mark 1, announcement will be made at the skipper's meeting and notice posted.
- 8.3. For multiclass events, courses and Classes will be divided as shown by posted changes to this SI.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks will be yellow or orange inflated cylinders or spheres.
- 9.2. Start and finish line pin marks will be small orange spherical marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26 (5 min start).
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying a red flag on the race committee signal boat and the pin end mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her class starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start'. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4. Recalls and penalties will be signaled per RRS 20 and 30. The RC will not hail the numbers of OCS boats, except per Rule 30.3.

11. TIME LIMIT

- 11.1. The time limit for each race will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish. Boats finishing more than fifteen minutes after the first yacht finishes or after the time limit, whichever is later will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and a finishing mark.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. A boat intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee after finishing the race in question. Protest forms are available in the RHYC Clubhouse and must be presented there within one hour after the race committee has hoisted code flag 'B' on shore.
- 13.2. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day.
- 13.3. Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they may be involved or named as witnesses.



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14. SCORING

- 14.1. Regattas will be scored in accordance with the Low Point System of Appendix A. Exceptions for a specific class may be made by request.
- 14.2. One race constitutes a regatta.
- 14.3. If at least four races are completed in a class each boat's worst score will be excluded from its series score.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 15.1. The two-turn penalty, RRS 44.2, will be in force. Yachts touching any mark including the starting/finishing mark will be required to complete one-turn.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. At a minimum, she shall carry one USCG approved PFD for each person on board.
- 16.2. All boats shall have available a line at least 25 feet long which can be used for towing.
- 16.3. Appropriate protective clothing shall be worn by competitors from at all times that the water temperature is below 60 degrees F. Either wetsuits or dry-suits may be appropriate for this purpose, but skippers are solely responsible for the safety of their crew, their vessel and themselves.
- 16.4. Notwithstanding the above, the race committee may require wearing personal buoyancy equipment by flying flag "Y", and 'DSQ' a yacht whose crew does not comply.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk per rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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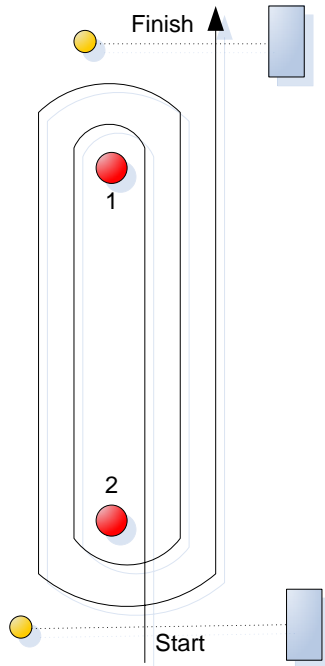
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ATTACHMENT 1. Course Diagrams

Course W (Windward/Leeward/ Windward)

W1 – Will designate one lap.
W2 – Will designate two laps. (Shown)

Start—1-2-1-2-Finish

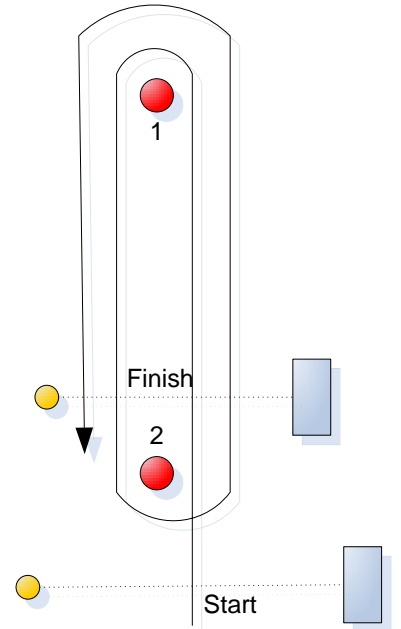


Course D (Downwind Finish)

D1 – Will designate one lap.
D2 – Will designate two laps (Shown)

Start-1-2-1-Finish.

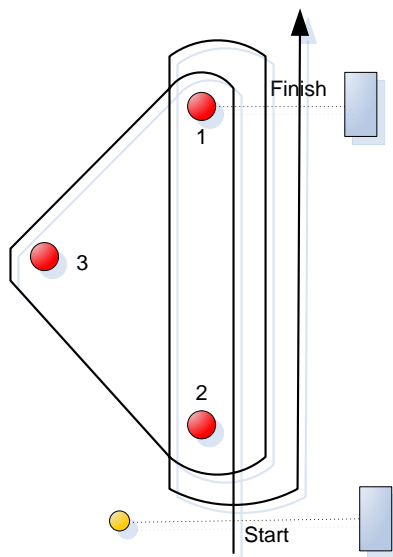
Note: Mark 2 need not be observed on the first leg of each race or on the final leg to finish.



Course O (Olympic)

Order of marks:
Start-1-3-2-1-2-Finish

Finish between mark 1 and the committee boat.



Course M (Modified WLW)

M1 – Will designate one lap.
M2 – Will designate two laps.(Shown)

