

# Small Boat Summer Series

## NOTICE OF RACE

**DATE:** Thursdays; April 28, 2016 thru August 25, 2016. First signal on the water at 1830 hrs.

**REGISTRATION and FEE:** Included in Annual Small Boat Race Fee or \$20 per race day. Entries are due by 1700 on the day before first race sailed. Send entries to: Small Boat Race Chair – PO Box 262, Solomons, MD 20688. All individual SMSA Members who pay the fees are considered registrants and no other registration actions are required.

**CLASSES:** Two Classes are anticipated: Laser and Portsmouth. The RC may, at the first race of the series, depending on the number and type of entries, elect to score additional classes, combine classes, or split the Portsmouth Fleet.

**SOCIAL:** In general, we expect to gather at the SMSA clubhouse after racing for a results presentation. Availability of libations and snacks for purchase is planned.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.

1.2 **Penalties:** One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe in same direction), RRS Appendix D2.1 (c), will apply. This changes Rule 44.1.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be hailed in the starting area from the RC boat prior to the first race of the day.

### 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the rear of the SMSA Clubhouse

3.2 When the flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 Thursday Evenings from April 28 thru August 25, First Warning: 1830hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC.

### 5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be located on the lower Patuxent River in the vicinity of Solomons Island.

### 6 COURSE:

The course will be determined by the RC after taking into account the types of boats, the number of competitors and weather conditions in the race area. They will select one of the four courses listed in Attachment A although it is generally recommended that the race course be windward/leeward. Competitors will be notified in the Starting Area by hail from the Signal Boat prior to the start of each race. The RC may, if possible post the course designation on the rail of the Signal Boat.

### 7 THE START

7.1 It is anticipated that each Class will start separately with rolling starts but the RC may modify this at its discretion. The RC will hail the starting order prior to each race.

7.2 Appendix S, – Sound Signal Starting System, will replace Rule 26, Starting Races.

7.3 The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the designated adjacent race mark.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

7.5 It is incumbent on the competitor to time the start correctly. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at immediately prior to her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will hail her sail number in accordance with Appendix S. Failure of the competitor to hear the hail or failure of the race committee to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **8 THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a yellow flag on a Race Committee boat and the designated adjacent race mark.

## **9 TIME LIMITS**

Time limits will be determined on the water by the RC.

## **10 PROTESTS:** Protests shall be hailed to the Race Committee immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred. The protest shall then be lodged with the Race Committee at SMSA within one hour of the finish time of the last boat in class after the last race of the day or at the time of Race Committee arrival at the SMSA Clubhouse, whichever is later. Protests will be heard ASAP.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 Daily results will be computed for the day's racing using the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.

11.2 Series scoring will be computed using the High-Point Percentage System (reference: <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/scoring-a-long-series/>)

11.3 Points for the series High-Point Percentage System score are awarded to the registrant. A registered boat may participate without the registrant onboard, with the permission of both the registrant and the small boat chair. A registered boat sailed without the registrant on board will be scored for the day's racing but will not accrue points for the series high point score.

11.4 To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a skipper/boat shall compete in at least 60 percent of the races completed, and the skipper shall have served as race committee at least once during the Summer Series. The requirement to serve as race committee can be waived by the Small Boat Race Chair if a good-faith effort was made to meet the requirement (e.g., racing is cancelled due to weather on the registered night).

11.5 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.

## **12 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

12.1 Prior to her first warning signal on each race day, a boat shall check in by sailing close abeam of the signal boat and hailing her sail number and class.

12.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12.3 A boat shall carry all equipment required by her class rules. If not so specified, she shall also carry one USCG approved PFD, of the appropriate class, for each person on board.

12.4 All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 40', which can be used for towing. Violation of this provision is not subject to protest or cause for redress, but the RC may elect not to provide a tow for a vessel without a conforming tow line.

12.5 Competitors should always be alert for a code flag Y displayed from any Race Committee boat invoking Rule 40. Competitors that do not comply with rule 40 when Code Flag Y is displayed shall be scored DNC.

12.6 Evening races can easily result in boats remaining on the water after sundown. Competitors are hereby reminded to have and employ legal night lighting aboard their vessels.

## **13 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## 14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given at the conclusion of the series. Awards/#Boats per class: 1st/3 2nd/5 3rd/7

15.2 Bragging rights are awarded for daily results (All Places).

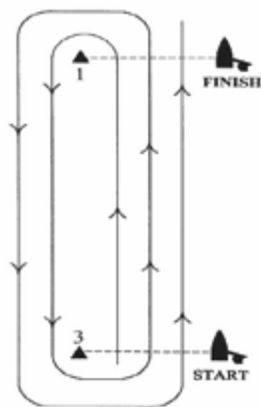
## 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailboat Racing is an inherently dangerous activity that may result in injury or death. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after this event.

## Attachment A – Courses

Design	Description
W	Windward/Leeward (5 legs, windward finish)
L	Windward/Leeward (4 legs, leeward finish)
O	Olympic triangle (6 legs, windward finish)
G	Triangle (5 legs, leeward finish)

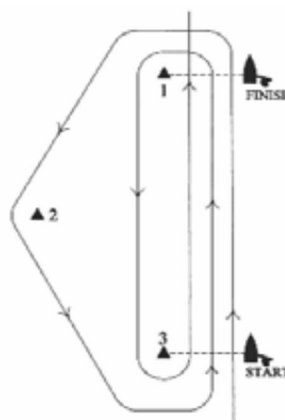
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