



# 2021 BUCCANEER 18 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

## Southern Maryland Sailing Association



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*, the US Sailing Prescriptions, the current Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Racing Rules, and by these sailing instructions.

### 2. ENTRIES AND BOAT MEASUREMENT

**2.1** This regatta is open to all Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Members, Associate Members, and Honorary Lifetime Members.

**2.2** Entrants must be recorded as Members in the BCA registry as of 4:30pm on September 16, 2021.

**2.3** Entrant registrations must be received by the Regatta Committee by 4:30pm September 16, 2021.

**2.4** Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate prior to the start of racing. A Measurement Certificate must be completed by the owner/registrant prior to BNAC if they do not already have one. Racers may request measurement of boats after a race day if they believe a boat does not conform to the class measurement rules. Boats that fail to meet class measurements will be DSQ for the racing day. Request for measurement will conform to Protest filing rules and be filed on a Protest form. Requests must be specific about what measurement rules are questioned.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

**3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the front window of the SMSA Clubhouse.

**3.2** A competitors meeting will be held at 1000 at the SMSA Clubhouse on Friday, September 17, 2021.

### 4. CHANGES TO SIS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the SMSA Clubhouse. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after AP is lowered.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

**6.1** Up to four races are scheduled for each day of this regatta.

**6.2** Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

**6.3** The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on September 17<sup>th</sup> is 1200. The scheduled time for the warning signal each subsequent day is 1100.

**6.4** The RC will signal its intention to start another race by flying code flag "R" from the Signal Boat at the finish of a race. After finishing each race, competitors shall stand clear of the Finish Line. Approximately 1 minute before the Warning signal of each additional race, multiple horn signals will be sounded from the RC Boat.

**6.5** No starting sequence will begin after 1600 on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. No starting sequence will begin after 1400 on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 7. RACING AREA

All races will be held on the lower Patuxent River.

### 8. CHECK IN

Prior to her first race each day, each boat shall sail by the RC Boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the committee by a return hail to assure being recorded as a starter.

### 9. CLASS FLAGS

**9.1** The class flag for the A Fleet will have a black insignia on a white background. The class flag for the B Fleet will have a white insignia on a black background.

**9.2** A fleet and B fleet will start separately.

### 10. COURSES

**10.1** The course will be designated with a course board and will be posted prior to the Preparatory Signal for that class. This modifies RRS 27.1.

**10.2** The course will be chosen from those depicted on the reverse side of this page. Course modifier "2" may be displayed to indicate that the class is to sail two additional legs (one windward & one leeward) to complete the course.

**10.3** If Code flag Y is displayed, PFDs must be worn for this race.

### 11. MARKS

Yellow tomatoes will be used as marks on the course. If a mark is changed after the start of a race, the change mark will be a yellow tomato with black vertical stripes.

### 12. START AND FINISH LINES

The starting line and finishing lines will be between a yellow flag on an RC boat and a yellow tetrahedron.

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### 13. STARTING SYSTEM

Races will be started per RRS 26.

### 14. TIME LIMIT

**14.1** The time limit for each race will be 1.5 hours for the first boat to finish in that class.

**14.2** Boats unable to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class will be scored TLE and will receive points equal to two more than the number of boats that finished the race prior to the 30 minute time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

### 15. PROTESTS

**15.1** Protests shall be delivered to the SMSA Clubhouse within 60 minutes after the RC signal boat docks.

**15.2** The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board.

**15.3** Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day at the SMSA Clubhouse.

**15.4** The Protestor is responsible for notifying the Protestee of the hearing time.

### 16. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A applies. If 6 or more races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from the series score. If 12 or more races are held, a boat's two worst scores will be excluded from the series score. A boat may not exclude a DSQ/DNE/DGM. This modifies RRS A2. Three races constitute a series.

### 17. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded per the Notice of Race at the awards reception on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

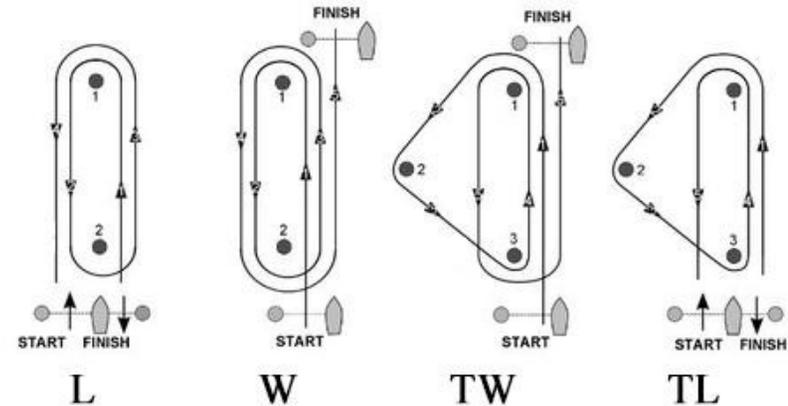
### 18. WITHDRAWAL

A boat which retires from a race shall make a reasonable effort to notify the RC on the water. If the RC is not notified while on the water, every effort should be made to notify the committee once the RC returns to the SMSA Clubhouse.

### 19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, SMSA, accepts no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### COURSES



Course L: Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish Downwind  
Course W: Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, Finish Upwind  
Course TW: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish Upwind  
Course TL: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish Downwind

### Course Modifier

Course modifier "2" may be displayed to indicate that the class is to sail two additional legs (one windward & one leeward) to complete the course. For example, this increases the number of legs on the (L) course from 4 to 6 legs and the (W) courses from 5 to 7 legs.