



Southern Maryland Sailing Association 2019 SMSA Small Boat Thursday Night Racing Series

NOTICE OF RACE

DATE

Thursdays; 25 April through 26 September.

First signal for a solitary no-score race will be made on the water at 1800 hrs.

First signal for scored racing will be made on the water at 1830 hrs.

REGISTRATION & FEE

Included in Annual Small Boat Race Fee or \$120 for non-members and members who have not paid an annual race fee. Entries are due by 1600 on 25 April. All individual SMSA Members who pay the fees are considered registrants and no other registration actions are required. Send entries to: Small Boat Race Chair – PO Box 262, Solomons, MD 20688. Send questions to smallboatrace@smsa.com.

CLASSES:

Anticipated classes are: C420, Laser, Buccaneer 18, and Portsmouth. The RC may, before the first race of the day, depending on the number and type of entries, combine classes, elect to score additional classes.

SOCIAL

There is a gathering at the SMSA clubhouse after racing for a results presentation. Availability of libations and snacks for purchase is planned, please see SMSA website under the Race column, Small Boat Race link for schedule, RC information, and possible social activities and food planning.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. 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 30 minutes' in the race signal sequence for AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. Thursday evenings from 25 April through 26 September, First Warning: 1800hrs. Additional races to follow at the discretion of the RC. RC will inform participants of the intention to run additional races, change the course, or conclude racing for the day.

5. RACING AREA

5.1. The racing area will be located on the lower Patuxent River on the southern side of Area C, east of the tip of Solomons Island. See Attachment A for race areas.

6. COURSE

6.1. 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.

6.2. The RC will select one of the four courses listed in Attachment A as allowed in SI paragraph 6.3.

6.3. Competitors will be notified as to the course while in the Starting Area by hail from the RC prior to the start of each race. The RC may, if possible post the course designation on the rail of the RC 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

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

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1. The penalties are as follows: One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe in same direction), RRS Appendix D1.3 (a), will apply. This changes Rule 44.1.

10. TIME LIMITS

10.1. The time limit for each race is 1 hours per class. If no boat has completed the course within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.

10.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 min after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

10.3. No race will be started later than 1 hour before sundown.

11. PROTESTS

11.1. 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 or at the time of Race Committee arrival, whichever is later. Protests will be heard the Thursday evening of the race or the following Thursday if either the protesting or protested boat, or appropriate PC members cannot attend a Protest Hearing the same day. The protest will be heard by three qualified club members.

12. SCORING

12.1. The 1800 hrs start is a no score race and will not be recorded or tallied into the results. Races following the 1830 hrs start will be recorded as the daily results and will be computed for the day's racing using the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A. Classes scored shall be Buccaneer 18, C420, Laser, and Portsmouth. No class shall be combined into Portsmouth scoring without agreement from the Chair and affected Fleet Captain.

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

12.3. 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.

12.4. To qualify for inclusion in the final series results a skipper/boat shall compete in at least 51 percent of the races completed, and the skipper shall have served as race committee or yard volunteer days for at least two times during the club year. 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). Junior members and Camp members are excluded from this requirement.

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

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1. Check In: Prior to her first warning signal on each day, a boat shall sail close abeam of the signal boat and hail her sail number and class.



- 13.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
 - 13.3. 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.
 - 13.4. All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25 feet long, which can be used for towing. Violation of this provision is not subject to protest or cause for redress.
 - 13.5. All Competitors under the age of 18 are required to wear USCG Approved Personal Flotation Devices at ALL TIMES while on the water except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This includes the time from when the boat leaves the club pier or other launch point until she returns to that launch point. This changes the Part 4 preamble and Rule 40. Boats that do not comply with this regulation will be scored DNC.
 - 13.6. Competitors aged 18 or older 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.
 - 13.7. 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.
14. TRASH DISPOSAL
- 14.1. Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.
15. RADIO COMMUNICATION
- 15.1. 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. Electronic communications for the purpose of checking weather forecasts is permitted providing the service is one available to the general public with no fees.
16. PRIZES
- 16.1. Prizes will be given at the conclusion of the series.
 - 16.2. Awards will be determined by the number of boats per class: 1st/3 2nd/5 3rd/7
17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
- 17.1. Sailboat Racing is an inherently dangerous activity that may result in injury or death. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See 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 or prior to, during, or after this event.



Attachment A – Courses & Areas

Designation	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)

Course W

Course L

Course O

Course G

