



Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Smallboat 2020 Saturday Regatta's
~~Spring Fling – April 25th~~
~~May Day – May 16th~~
Independence – July 18th
Summer – August 22nd

NOTICE OF RACE

DATES

Saturdays: 25 April, 16 May, 18 July, 22 August.

REGISTRATION & FEE

Included in Annual Smallboat Race Fee Boat owner must be a member to participate due to temporary rules related to COVID changes. All individual SMSA Members who pay race fees are considered registrants and no other registration actions are required.

Send questions to smallboatrace@smsa.com.

COMPETITORS MEETING

A competitors meeting will be held at the SMSA Club House:

~~0930 Saturday, 25 April~~

~~0930 Saturday, 16 May~~

0930 Saturday, 18 July

0930 Saturday, 22 August

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, and elect to score additional classes.

SOCIAL

All social activities have been cancelled due to concerns related to COVID-19. As the situation changes there may be further announcements.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta 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 announced at the competitors' meetings.

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.

3.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore or by RC, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat, this changes the Part 1, Rule 4. A boat that violates rule shall be scored DNC for the day.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. First warning:

~~4.1.1. 1100 hrs on Saturday, April 25, 2020.~~

~~4.1.2. 1100 hrs on Saturday, May 16, 2020.~~

4.1.3. 1100 hrs on Saturday, July 18, 2020.

4.1.4. 1100 hrs on Saturday, August 22, 2020.

4.2. Additional races will follow at the discretion of the race committee.

5. RACING AREA

5.1. The racing area will be located on the lower Patuxent River in the vicinity of Solomons Island. See Attachment A for regular 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. They will select one of the four courses listed in Attachment A. 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.

6.2. The Race Committee may, if possible, post the course designation on the rail of the Signal Boat.

7. CHECK IN

7.1. Each boat shall sail by the race committee boat and hail their; sail number, class, and last name, and be acknowledged by the race committee with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before a boat starts the racing for the evening.

7.2. A boat failing to comply with the check-in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 20% scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes rule 63.1 and A4.

8. THE START

8.1. 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.



- 8.2. **Appendix S, – Sound Signal Starting System, will replace Rule 26, Starting Races. The RC may elect to display a class flag at the warning signal for each class. Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.**
 - 8.3. **The starting line will be between a yellow flag on the RC boat and the designated adjacent race mark.**
 - 8.4. **Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall not enter the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.**
 - 8.5. **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).**
- 9. THE FINISH**
- 9.1. **The finish line will be between a yellow flag on a Race Committee boat and the designated adjacent race mark.**
- 10. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 10.1. **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.**
- 11. TIME LIMITS**
- 11.1. **The time limit for each race is 1.5 hours per class. If no boat has completed the course within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.**
 - 11.2. **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 (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.**
 - 11.3. **No race will be started after 1700.**
- 12. PROTESTS**
- 12.1. **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. If the Three Minute Justice process is being used, 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.**
 - 12.2. **If the incident includes damage to a boat and/or injury to crew then a formal protest must be filed and hearing held by three qualified club members.**
 - 12.3. **Appendix Rule T, Arbitration, will be offered at the discretion of the Protest Committee.**
- 13. SCORING**
- 13.1. **Results will be computed using the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A.**
 - 13.2. **One race is required to be completed to constitute a Series.**
 - 13.3. **To qualify for inclusion in the final series, skipper shall have served as race committee or for yard volunteer days for at least two times during the club year. The requirement to serve as race committee can be waived by the Smallboat 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.**
- 14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**



- 14.1. Check in is required as described in section 7.
- 14.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25, 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.
- 14.5. 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.

15. TRASH DISPOSAL

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

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS

- 16.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio/phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio/phone communications not available to all boats.
- 16.2. The use of electronics for compass bearing, mark routing, or the reception of weather data that is publicly available, is permitted. The use of any private and/or paid service or course optimizing software is prohibited.

17. PRIZES

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

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

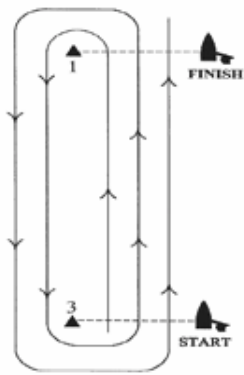
- 18.1. Sailboat Racing is an inherently dangerous activity that may result in injury or death. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and its volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury,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



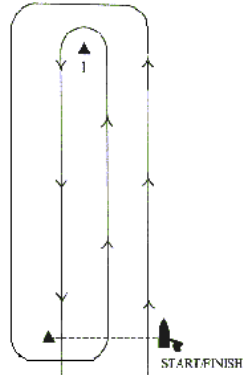
Attachment A – Courses & Areas

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)

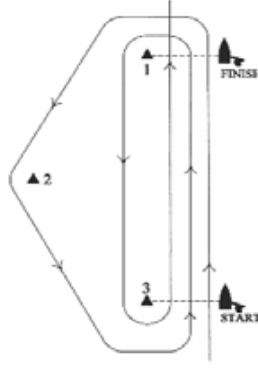
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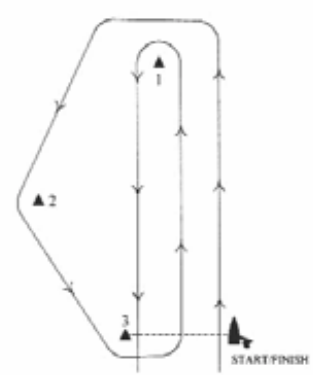
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Course O



Course G



1. Sailing Areas A, B, C, & D

