



**Southern Maryland Sailing Association**  
**Smallboat Spring Invitational**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**DATE**

**Saturday, 11 June 2022.**

**First signal will be made on the water at 1100 hrs.**

**REGISTRATION & FEE**

**Included in Annual Smallboat Race Fee or \$20 for non-members and members who have not paid an annual race fee. Entries are due before the Competitors Meeting. Register onsite.**

**Send questions to [smallboatrace@smsa.com](mailto:smallboatrace@smsa.com).**

**COMPETITORS MEETING**

**0930 Saturday, 11 June at the SMSA Clubhouse.**

**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**

**The Annual SMSA Luau is at 5pm at Zahniser's Yachting Center.**



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*.

### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the competitors meeting at 0930 Saturday, 11 June 2022 at the SMSA clubhouse.

### **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 will be at 1100 hrs on Saturday, 11 June 2022.

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.

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 day.

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 U, – Sound Signal Starting System, will replace Rule 26, Starting Races. 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 U. 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 V1.3 (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 without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
  - 11.3. No race will be started after 1400.
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 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.
  - 12.2. 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 regatta.
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.
  - 14.6. 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. Competitors that do not comply with this regulation will 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 and not behind a paid wall 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 will be determined by the number of boats per class: 3/1st, 5/2nd, 7/3rd.

#### **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

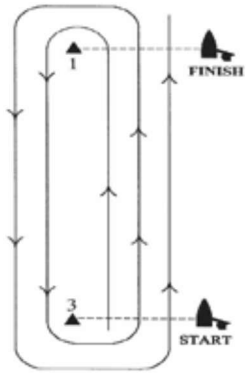
- 18.1. Sailboat Racing is an inherently dangerous activity that may result in injury or death. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and its volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury,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



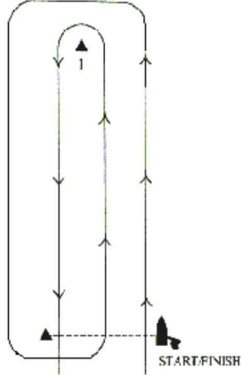
## Attachment A – Courses & Areas

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)

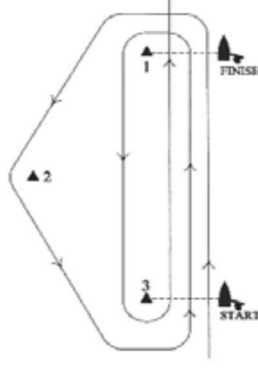
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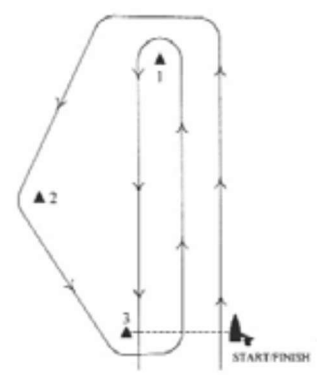
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Course G



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

