

# CAPE CHARLES CUP

August 22-23, 2009

Presented By Broad Bay Sailing Association

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012.

### 2. ENTRIES

**2.1** Competitors may enter by submitting a special Cape Charles Cup Entry Form which is available on the website at [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org). Entries close at the conclusion of the Competitors Meeting on Friday, August 21.

**2.2** All PHRF competitors must have a current, valid PHRF rating. Boats racing in the Cruising Class need not have PHRF ratings. These boats will be assigned a courtesy rating by the race organizers and this rating may not be appealed.

**2.3** Non-Spinnaker boats will receive an 18 second/mile handicap bonus for Cape Charles Cup Trophy calculations.

**2.4** All boats, including Cruising Fleet, must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake's Category 4P Equipment and Accommodation Standards as published in the PHRF Handbook or which can be downloaded at <http://www.phrfchesbay.com/eastdscert.pdf>.

**2.5** All boats must have at least two people aboard.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Friday evening the Official Notice Board will be located at the site of the Competitor's Meeting. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning, it will be located on the Race Committee boat at Bay Creek Marina. Changes for Sunday's race will be posted no later than 0800 Sunday morning.

### 4. COMPETITORS MEETING

There will be a mandatory Competitors Meeting on Friday, August 21, at Bay Point Marina, Little Creek. A social will begin at 1800. Skippers may bring one guest. The Competitors Meeting will begin promptly at 1830. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Competitors Meeting. No fleet changes will be made after the closing of the Competitor's Meeting.

### 5. SCHEDULE

Fri, Aug 21	Social w/ refreshments	- 1800
	Competitors Meeting	- 1830
Sat, Aug 22.	Warning Signal	- 1000
	Race Time Limit	- 1700
	Social Hour w/ live music	- 1730
	Awards Presentation	- 1845
	Buffet Dinner	- 1900
Sun, Aug 23.	Warning Signal	- 1000
	Race Time Limit	- 1700
	Social Hour Begins	- 1800
	Awards Presentation	- 1900

## 6. ORDER OF STARTS

6.1 Warning - Saturday = 1000, Sunday = 1000

6.2 FLEET	CLASS FLAG	
Cruising	White	(Single Headsail Only)
Non-Spin 1	# 5 + White	(Single Headsail Only)
Non-Spin 2	# 5 only	(Double Headsail Allowed)
C Fleet	# 7	
B Fleet	# 6	
A Fleet	# 9	

Note: Depending on the number of entries, classes may be sub-divided to facilitate better racing. Non-Spinnaker and/or Cruising Fleet splits will be finalized at the Competitor's Meeting.

6.3 All boats are required to fly their class flag from their backstay. Boats without backstays shall fly their class flag from the starboard shroud. Only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

## 7. COURSES

### 7.1 Day 1 – Saturday, Aug 22

\*Start at Yellow VMRC Buoy or, if the VMRC buoy is missing, an inflatable mark will replace it.  
(Approx. 1 mile west of L. C. Inlet – 36 56.47 N and 76 12.18 W)  
Start between RC boat and mark.

\*Finish at FI G 2.5 s "1CC" – CCV Mark "U" at Cape Charles Entrance  
(Approx. 37 13.95 N and 76 03.08 W)  
Finish between RC boat and mark

\*Course length is 18.9 nm

### 7.2 Day 2 – Sunday, Aug 23

\*Start at FI G 2.5s "1CC" – CCV Mark "U" at Cape Charles Entrance  
(Approx. 37 13.95 N and 76 03.08 W)  
Start between RC boat and mark

\*Finish at Day Beacon R "2" – CCV Mark "Y" Off Buckroe  
(Approx. 37 01.98 N and 76 15.75 W)  
Finish between RC boat and mark

\*Course length is 15.7 nm

## 8. SEVERE WEATHER PLAN

8.1 If conditions prevent racing on Saturday, the party will still be held at Bay Creek Marina at Cape Charles with a Social Hour beginning at 1730 and a Buffet Dinner at 1830. All are encouraged to attend.

8.2 Conditions permitting, racing will still be conducted on Sunday. A brief Competitors Meeting will be held at 0900 at Bay Point Grille at Little Creek followed by a Warning Signal at 1030. A middle distance race around government marks will be held, starting at the Little Creek VMRC buoy and ending off Buckroe. The exact course will be announced at the Competitors Meeting.

8.3 If there is no racing Sunday, the Sunday party will be cancelled.

8.4 Each day, if severe weather forces a change in schedule, a radio broadcast will be made on VHF-72 starting approximately 60 minutes before the first scheduled Warning Signal and continued periodically for approximately 30 minutes.

## **9. THE STARTS**

**9.1** Races will be started using RRS 26. An Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds will be made approximately 5 minutes before the Warning Signal. This is not a timed signal.

**9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the adjacent mark as listed in Section 7 (Courses).

**9.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area or risk being protested. Only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this section. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **10. LIMIT BUOY**

An orange ball may be streamed off the stern of the RC boat. Any boat hitting this ball will be considered to have broken RRS 31.1 (Touching a Mark).

## **11. RECALLS**

**11.1** The RC will attempt to hail boats who are OCS (Over Early) on VHF-72. Failure to transmit or receive this hail, promptness of the hail, or a boat's position in the sequence of hails shall not be considered grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1.

**11.2** General Recalls will be handled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

**12.1** The time limit each day is 1700. If no boats in a fleet have finished before the time limit, the race will be abandoned for that fleet. All boats finished before the time limit will be scored in their finish position.

**12.2** Boats still racing but not finished by the time limit will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and given 1 point more than the last boat in their fleet to have finished within the time limit. This changes Appendix A4.1.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Both RRS 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty) and RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) may be used.

## **14. PROTESTS**

Written protests must be filed with the Race Committee within one hour of the RC Signal Boat docking that day. Saturday, the Signal Boat will dock at Bay Creek Marina. Sunday, it will dock at Bay Point Marina. In addition, anyone intending to file a protest must so notify the Race Committee and be acknowledged by the RC at the finish line immediately after finishing. This changes RRS 61.1.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1** Races will be scored using the Low Point System shown in RRS Appendix A. All races will be scored. There will be no throw-out for purposes of awarding the Cape Charles Cups. This changes Appendix A2.

**15.2** Rating penalties will be assessed to multi-race winners of previous Cape Charles Cup Cruising Fleets.

## **16. AWARDS**

Daily awards will be given based on the number of entries in each fleet. The beautiful Cape Charles Cup Trophies (PHRF and Cruising) will be presented at the October BBSA meeting at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center.

## **17. RADIO**

The Race Committee will make courtesy announcements via VHF-72 and will respond to acknowledge retirements or requests for emergency assistance. The Race Committee will not respond to requests for information regarding courses, starting order, etc. Boats must monitor RC flags, course boards, and sound signals to determine this information.

## **18. SAFETY**

**18.1** Boats retiring from a race must notify the Race Committee via VHF-72 as soon as possible. This is extremely important to enable the Race Committee to account for all participants at the conclusion of each race.

**18.2** This race crosses main shipping channels. **Boats racing in or near a shipping channel have no rights over commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and are required to KEEP CLEAR of those vessels!!** Any attempt by a competitor to exercise right of way over, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial, military, or other vessels unable to respond readily will be grounds for protest. Should such a protest occur, the burden of proof is on the vessel allegedly interfering to show that she in no way interfered with that commercial vessel! Competitors must take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation so as not to unduly burden or concern the commercial and/or military vessel.

**18.3** If a boat without way in a ship channel infringes RRS 42.1 by using her engine to clear the channel at the approach of a ship, she may continue racing but, at the finish line must inform the Race Committee of the incident and, at a hearing following racing, prove to the protest committee that she gained no advantage as a result of using her engine. RRS 62.1 is modified to allow consideration of this request.

## **19. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 the regatta.