

MURPHY RULES MADE EASY

PROTESTS AND PROTESTING

(Why, When, & How)

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

7:00 - 8:30

Bold Mariner Brewing



Taught by John McCarthy – US Sailing Race Officer, Instructor, & Judge

A brief, focused discussion of protests and their importance.

Taught in John's easy, informative "rules made easy" style.

Agenda

** When and why to protest (It's not being nasty)

** How to protest (So your protest survives the validity test)

** What happens "in the room" (Tips on what to say and how to say it)

You can't take full advantage of your rights under RRS if you can't insist on them!

This will be a fun and informative use of an evening as you prepare for a new season

JOHN MCCARTHY

RACE MANAGEMENT & JUDGING BIO

Certifications

US Sailing Regional Race Officer (Certified Race Officer since 2000)

US Sailing National Judge (Certified Judge since 2000)

US Sailing Race Management Course Instructor

US Sailing Judge Course Instructor

CBYRA Southern Bay Race Management Coordinator

Former PHRF Vice-President & CBYRA Delegate

Sail Captain, Hampton Yacht Club Protest Chair, Hampton Yacht Club



Race Management History

J-111 Worlds Principal Race Officer
Star North Americans Principal Race Officer
ISAF A Class Catamaran North Americans Principal Race Officer
Albacore World Championships Principal Race Officer
Sunfish World Championships Principal Race Officer
Flying Scot North Americans Principal Race Officer

(National One-Design Regatta of the Year)

J-29 North Americans

Principal Race Officer
US Sailing Prince of Wales Match Race Quarterfinals
Principal Race Officer
(US Sailing Match Race National Championships)

(St Petersburg Trophy - National Race Committee of the Year Nominee) US Sailing Ida Lewis Regatta Principal Race Officer

(US Sailing Junior Women's National Championship)

Albacore National Championships Principal Race Officer
J-70 East Coast Championships Principal Race Officer
505 East Coast Championships Principal Race Officer
Lightning Dixie District Championships Principal Race Officer

Southern Bay Race Week Principal Race Officer (16 years)
Screwpile Race Week Principal Race Officer (6 years)

(CBYRA Race Committee of the Year)

Stingray Point Regatta Principal Race Officer (3 years)

Velux 5 Oceans Round the World Race Principal Race Officer

(Norfolk to Marseilles Leg)

Bay Open Junior Olympics Principal Race Officer

(CBYRA Race Committee of the Year)

Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta Principal Race Officer (4 years)

(Chesapeake Bay Regatta of the Year)

Hampton One-Design National Championships Principal Race Officer (2 years)

(CBYRA One-Design Race Committee of the Year)

ISSA High School Championships Principal Race Officer Laser District 11 Championships Principal Race Officer Typhoon National Championships Principal Race Officer Mobjack National Championships Principal Race Officer Opti National Championships Deputy PRO (2 years)

Judging History

US Sailing Area C Championships	Chief Judge
Virginia Governors Cup	Chief Judge
North Carolina Governor's Cup	Chief Judge
Albacore North Americans	Chief Judge
VISA Regional Championships	Chief Judge
ISSA Atlantic Coast Championships	Chief Judge
Virginia Junior Championships	Chief Judge
Mallory Cup Qualifier	Chief Judge
Southern Bay Race Week	Chief Judge
Screwpile Race Week	Chief Judge
Stingray Point Regatta	Chief Judge
Laser Atlantic Coast Championships	Chief Judge
FBYC One-Design Regatta	Chief Judge
Opti National Championships	Judge
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(National One Design Regatta of the Year)

J-24 East Coast Championships Judge
Annapolis Race Week Judge
Annapolis NOOD Regatta Judge
SCYRA Appeals Committee Judge

Race Management/Racing Rules Seminars & Clinics (Primary Instructor)

US Sailing Basic Race Management Course	Since 2005
US Sailing Club Judge Course	Since 2014
"Murphy" Racing Rules Seminars	Since 2002
"Nuts & Bolts" Race Management Seminars	Since 2005
Performance Racing Clinics	Since 1992
Protest Committee Training	Since 2009

Sailing History

Multiple CCV & CBYRA High Point Championships in Sugar Bear (J-33),

Ulysses (Hunter 28.5), and Wooly Bully (J-80)

Overall Winner of Stingray Point Regatta, Hospice Cup, Executive Cup,

and Harborfest Mayors Cup

Boat of the Week (Black Seal Cup) - Southern Bay Race Week (Sugar Bear)

Education

Master of Arts & Teaching College of William & Mary (1968)
Bachelor of Arts (History) College of William & Mary (1966)

Primary Work History

Operations Manager, Navy Fitness & Sports, South Atlantic Region (1985 - 2006) Athletic Director & Basketball Coach, North Carolina Wesleyan College (1978 - 1985) Athletic Director & Basketball Coach, Portsmouth Catholic High School (1970 - 1978)