



Kinsale Regatta

September 25 & 26, 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Rules** – The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012.
- 2. Eligibility** – Monohull sailboats are eligible. Minimum boat length is 20 feet. Single-handers must have prior, written permission from the Race Committee and must wear a life-jacket while racing.
- 3. Format** – There will be one division, Non-Spinnaker. All boats with a valid, current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate can submit it with their registration form. Those without a current certificate will be assigned a PHRF rating by the Regatta Committee. Class flag for this race will be the "B" flag.
- 4. Non-Spinnaker** – Boats will sail without spinnakers or asymmetrical spinnakers. Use of a whisker pole with a tacked headsail is permitted. Flying a double headsail is permitted.
- 5. Notices to Competitors** – Notices and official information for competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Fuel Dock at Port Kinsale Marina. Notices affecting competition will be posted each day prior to the end of the mandatory Skippers Meeting for that day.
- 6. Racing Area** – Racing will be held in the Yeocomico and Potomac Rivers.
- 7. Schedule**

Friday Evening

A Skipper's meeting at The Mooring will begin around 1900 and will include basic information on how to successfully complete the regatta.

Saturday

Addenda to Regatta will be posted in the morning at the Port Kinsale Fuel Dock.

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Award ceremony to be held on the deck of The Mooring Restaurant following the Pursuit Race.

8. Course –

Saturday -

A course will be set on the Potomac River due East of the Fl R at the mouth of the Yeocomico River entrance. The start line will be set from a committee boat with RC flag and a Yellow drop mark. A rounding drop mark will be set to windward, perpendicular to that start line.

The bearing and distance to the rounding mark will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat. Rounding mark will be left to Port.

Length of the race will be determined by conditions on race day.

Sunday –

A pursuit race course will be set on the Potomac River. Rounding mark will be left to Port. Starting times will be posted at the Port Kinsale Fuel Dock. One of two courses will be selected based on conditions. The fleet will be notified via VHF Channel 72 and the white board on the Race Committee boat. Preferred rounding will be announced Sunday based on course selected.

9. Starting Procedures–

Saturday -

Rule 26 will be used for all starting sequences. There will be only one start.

As a courtesy to racers, the Race Committee will make liberal use of the radio on VHF-72 to help keep boats aware of the progress of the starting sequence and which fleets' sequence is currently in progress. All boats are requested to stay off the air on VHF-72 so as to allow others to hear RC broadcasts.

The starting sequence is:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Sound</u>	<u>Minutes to Start</u>
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Warning	"B" up	1 blast	Five
Preparatory	"P" up	1 blast	Four
One Minute	"P" down	1 long blast	One
Starting	"B" down	Canon	Zero

Sunday -

Boats will start based on their finish time and PHRF rating from the Saturday race with the slowest boat starting first at 1000 hrs.

10. Recalls-

Saturday -

If one or more boats are over early (OCS), the RC will:

- a. Sound one horn and hoist X flag.
- b. Call the boat name/sail number of each OCS boat via VHF-72

If more boats are OCS than the RC can recognize, a General Recall will be signaled as per Rule 29.2. See addendum for details.

Sunday -

Boats who start ahead of their assigned starting time will not be required to return to the start line. Rather, the Race Committee will assign a time penalty to each OCS boat equal to the number of seconds they started ahead of their starting time plus one minute. The Race Committee will make no signals on Sunday to indicate what (if any) boats start too soon.

***Finish Line** - same location as starting line. Finish between RC boat and inflatable drop mark

11. Starting and Finishing Lines – The starting and finishing line will be between the staff displaying a NNSA Burgee on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the **Yellow Tetrahedron**.

12. Shortening Course – The Race Committee may shorten a race at any mark of the course. To do so, the RC will anchor at the desired mark, display NNSA Burgee and sound two horns as the first boat approaches. Boats should finish by passing between the RC boat and the mark in the direction from the previous mark.

13. Time Limits – Race time limit is three hours for all boats. Boats still racing but not finished at the time limit will be scored DNF.

14. Penalties – Boats who break a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules (When Boats Meet) will,

Two-Turns Penalty (Rule 44.2) – Immediately get well clear of other boats and do two complete turns (two tacks and two jibes).

Note: If a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her rules breach, her penalty shall be to retire. Also, all boats are reminded that, as per Rule 14, a boat must do everything reasonably possible to avoid contact with another vessel, regardless of which boat has right of way.

15. Scoring – Saturday Scores are determined by corrected time. The boat with the lowest corrected time shall be declared the winner; the boat with the second lowest corrected time will be declared second and given two points, etc.

Sunday points will be awarded by the finish position.

First, Second, and Third place awards will be given based on the lowest points combined for the two days of racing.

16. Protests – Protests will be arbitrated by the Race Committee within one hour of the RC Signal Boat docking after the race. A protesting yacht must:

- a. Hail "protest" at the first reasonable opportunity.
- b. Conspicuously display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity.
- c. Notify the RC Signal Boat immediately upon finishing or retiring of the name and/or sail number of the boat being protested. (This notification must be acknowledged by the Race Committee.)
- d. File a written protest within one hour of the RC Signal Boat docking.

Protests will be heard as soon as practicable following racing. ~~after the RC has had at least two drinks.~~

17. Retirements – Boats retiring from a race are requested to make every effort to notify the Race Committee that they are leaving the course. This is vital to the Race Committee accounting for the safety of all boats during and after the race.

18. Safety - Each owner/skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat, crew, and guests. By entering and participating in this event, they

warrant that their sailboat is seaworthy, including, but not limited to, soundness of hull, spars, rigging, and all gear and equipment, and that the crew is sufficiently experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in all weather conditions.

19. Lifejackets – Participants are encouraged to wear Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) if they feel conditions warrant. Should the Race Committee wish to mandate the wearing of PFDs, it will fly a lifejacket from the flag hoist on the upper deck of the RC Signal Boat and notify participants by VHF radio. This changes Rules 40.1 and 27.1.

20. Disclaimer of Liability – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race which says, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." 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.

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ADDENDUM TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

COMPETITOR'S BRIEFING - There will be a Competitor's Briefing Friday evening in The Mooring Restaurant beginning around 1900. Racers are encouraged to bring a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 to use as a reference.

RACE SIGNALS - All race signals are shown on the fold out in the inside back cover of the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012. These signals rank as rules and will be used throughout the regatta.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS - While understanding the flags and signals is a key to good racing, the Race Committee will make liberal use of the radio to keep racers apprised of what is happening, particularly before the race and during the starting sequence. Racers should monitor VHF-72 to hear what is being put out. Please do not tie up VHF-72 asking the Race Committee for information involving just your boat.

COME WITHIN HAIL - The Race Committee signals this by raising Code Flag "L" (Black & Yellow Checks) and making one sound signal. This informs all boats to come closer to observe a signal. An example of this might be if a posted course is changed and the RC wants to be sure everyone sees it. This signal might also be used if, before the race, the RC boat needs to move to a different location.

POSTPONEMENT - The signal for a Postponement is flag "AP" (Red & White Pennant) raised with two sounds. A postponement stops the clock during the starting sequence and allows the Race Committee to deal with some problem that has arisen. The starting sequence is resumed by the "AP" being lowered with one sound and the Warning signal being made with one sound one minute later.

RECALLS - Boats who are over the starting line early are OCS (On the Course Side). If only a few boats are OCS, the Race Committee will fly Code Flag "X" (White Flag w/ Blue Cross) and make one sound signal (just after the starting signal). They will also transmit on VHF-72 the name and/or sail number of the boats who are OCS. This is an Individual Recall.

There will be no recalls for the Sunday Pursuit Race. Boats who start ahead of their assigned starting time will not be required to return to the start line. Rather, the Race Committee will assign a time penalty to each OCS boat equal to the number of seconds they started ahead of their starting time plus one minute. The Race Committee will make no signals on Sunday to indicate what (if any) boats start too soon.

GENERAL RECALL - If too many boats are OCS for the RC to identify, it will signal a General Recall by raising the First Substitute (Blue & Yellow Pennant) and making two sound signals. In this case, all boats in that start will discontinue racing and return to the starting area where the race will

be re-started. To re-start the sequence, the RC will lower the First Substitute while making one sound and then, one minute later, give the Warning signal for the recalled class while making one sound. General Recalls are rare and, should one occur, the Race Committee will talk the fleet through the procedure on VHF-72.

TOUCHING A MARK - If a boat touches a mark she can exonerate herself by doing a One-Turn Penalty (Rule 31). To do this she must immediately get clear of other boats and complete one tack and one jibe. There is no requirement to re-round the mark.

SHORTENING THE COURSE - The Race Committee may shorten the race at any mark of the course (Rule 32). To do so, the RC simply moves and anchors at the mark at which the race will be shortened. Once anchored, the RC will fly Code Flag "S" (White Flag w/ Blue Square) and, as the first boat approaches, make two sound signals. Boats will then finish by passing between the anchored Race Committee boat and the mark.

ABANDONMENT - The Race Committee can abandon a race for such reasons as too little wind, too much wind or some other factor adversely affecting the safety or fairness of the competition. Should this become necessary, the RC will:

- a. Fly Code Flag "N" alone (Blue & White Checks) This means discontinue this race and return to the starting area so we can try again.
 - b. Fly Code Flag "N" along with Code Flag "A" (White & Blue) This means go on home. We are done for the day. Let's hope the party is better!
- **Both flag signals are accompanied by three sound signals.

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