



18TH ANNUAL STINGRAY POINT REGATTA

**Fishing Bay Yacht Club,
August 31, September 1, 2 2012**

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Event Chair David S. Hinckle



**Schedule, General Information, and Sailing Instructions
For Events September 1 & 2**

STINGRAY POINT REGATTA SCHEDULE

Check In will be held on Friday, August 31. SKIPPERS MUST CHECK IN DURING THIS PERIOD and pick up their registration packet with official Entry List, Sailing Instructions, and any Addendums to the Sailing Instructions.

Friday, August 31, 2012

1600 – 1745 Check-In
1800 – **Mandatory** Skipper's Meeting in the main FBYC clubhouse
1830 – Welcome Reception, Buffet Dinner, Awards, and entertainment

Saturday, September 1, 2012

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast
1100 Warning for First Race of the Day
1700 – 2200 Cash Bar
1900 – 2230 Dinner, Awards and Live Entertainment

Sunday, September 2, 2012

0800 – 0900 Breakfast
1000 Warning for First Race of the Day
Following Races Cash Bar, Labor Day Cookout, and Awards

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Race Headquarters will be located in the FBYC main clubhouse. Race Headquarters will be open for Check-In from 1600 to 1745 on Friday, August 31, 2012.
2. There is limited parking at FBYC. Please follow instructions from the Parking Attendants. **DO NOT PARK** in areas designated **NO PARKING ZONES**. Vehicles found parked in **NO PARKING ZONES** will be towed at the owner's expense.
3. Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Water at the club is drinkable, but water supplies are limited. Please conserve water whenever possible.
4. The legal drinking age in Virginia is 21. Proof of age will be required to be served alcohol; minors will not be served alcohol. Intoxication or discourteous behavior will be grounds for expulsion from the event. Skippers and owners will be responsible for removing expelled crews and guests from the FBYC grounds. **A BOAT IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION IF ANY OF ITS UNDER-AGE CREW IS FOUND CONSUMING ALCOHOL.**
5. FBYC is located in a residential area. We ask all participants to respect our neighbors and to minimize noise after 2300. Please **OBEY the 15 MPH speed limit along the waterfront on Fishing Bay Road.**
6. Sail repair and rigging service will be available at Latell Ullman Sails, located on Rt. 33 in Deltaville (804) 776-6151.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS STINGRAY POINT REGATTA

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB DELTAVILLE, VA September 1 and 2, 2012

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are altered by these Sailing Instructions. If there are any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedent.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICES

The Official Notice Board, located on the north side of the Main Clubhouse, will be used to advise contestants of changes in these Sailing Instructions and published starting times, protest meetings, and other official information. Notices affecting the day's races will be posted by 0930 on Saturday and by 0830 on Sunday. Notices affecting the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day prior to the day such notices are effective. If a notice is posted, code flag "L" will be displayed on "Mr. Roberts" at her berth on the center dock in Jackson Creek. Posting of such notices shall be deemed notification of all contestants.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a) Signals made ashore for both courses will be displayed from the Mr. Roberts at her berth, as described above.
- b) Code flag "AP" with two sounds indicates: "The races are postponed." The warning signal will be made no earlier than 75 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered with one sound. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
- c) Any postponement ashore and/or the intentions of the Race Committee regarding the start of racing or the relocation of the race courses will be broadcast on the respective VHF radio channels shown in paragraph 4(a) below at approximately 0930 on Saturday and at approximately 0830 on Sunday.

4. RADIO USE

- a) VHF channel 66 will be used by the Race Committee for the East Course and VHF channel 65 will be used for the West Course. The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, notifications of protests, acknowledgement of infringements, or requests for emergency assistance.
- b) The Race Committee may announce course descriptions prior to the race as well as shortening and change mark information, plus any other announcements they deem appropriate.
- c) Failure to transmit or, the failure of competitors to hear radio transmissions, are not grounds for requests for redress.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Up to 3 races will be attempted on Saturday and up to 3 races will be attempted on Sunday.

Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, September 1, 2012	1100 1 st warning signal Additional races to follow
Sunday, September 2, 2012	1000 1 st warning signal Additional race to follow

6. CLASS FLAGS

A list of boats by class, and the course assigned, either East or West, will be posted on the Official Notice Board by the start of the Skipper's Meeting on Friday at 1800, along with a flag designation for each class. Class flags shall be flown from the backstay at all times while the boat is racing. Class flags will be as shown below and will be used as the class flag for the starting sequence.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Rating Range</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	<u>Course Board</u> <u>Class Designation</u>
PHRF A0	Up to 77	Solid Yellow	0
PHRF A	78 to 113	Code Flag 9	A
J-105	One-Design	Code Flag V	V
PHRF B	114 -161	Code Flag 6	B
J-24	One-Design	Code Flag U	J
PHRF C	161+	Code Flag 7	C
PHRF Non Spin.	All	Code Flag 5	N
Cruising (Non Sanctioned)	All	White Flag	W

7. RACING AREA

- The East Course will be in the general vicinity of Piankatank River mark "1P" and the West Course in the general vicinity of Piankatank River mark "5." The Race Committee Signal Boat for the East Course will be "Mr. Roberts" and the Signal Boat for the West Course will be "Marie's Mink."
- If heavy weather conditions require relocating the two race Courses, the East Course will be moved to Fishing Bay in the vicinity of Piankatank River mark "12" and the West Course will be moved to Hills Bay west of Gwynn Island and south of Piankatank River mark "8a." If race Courses are relocated as above, there will be no racing for the Cruising Class thereafter that day.

8. COURSES

- The attached Course Diagrams illustrates the course options. All marks will be left to PORT, except the leeward finish line mark as shown on the Course Diagrams.
- No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed for each class, the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the first mark, and the approximate distance to the first mark in nautical miles. If the course, bearing, or distance is unchanged for a later class or classes, there shall be a blank on the course board.

Example:

0,A,V,	B	Classes
W2		Classes 0, A, V and B sail course W2.
300		Approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark for all classes is 300 degrees
2	1.5	Approximate distance to the first mark for classes 0, A, andV is 2 nm and for class B is 1.5 nm

9. MARKS - EAST COURSE

- a) The original weather mark for the East Course will be an orange cylinder unless #10 (f) below applies.
- b) If there are two windward marks, the farther windward mark will be an orange cylinder and the nearer windward mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- c) The starting mark, and the finish mark for leeward finishes, will be an orange cylinder .
- d) A leeward mark will be placed a short distance to windward of the starting line and it will be an orange cylinder
- e) Any gybe mark set for course "T" or "TW" will be an orange cylinder.
- f) Initial change marks will be as described in section 12 (b) of these Sailing Instructions.

MARKS – WEST COURSE

- a) The original windward mark for the West Course will be an orange tetrahedron, unless #10 (f) below applies
- b) If there are two windward marks, the farther windward mark will be a tetrahedron and the nearer windward mark will be a short cylinder.
- c) The starting mark, and the finish mark for leeward finishes, will be an orange cylinder.
- d) A leeward mark will be placed a short distance to windward of the starting line and it will be an orange tetrahedron.
- e) Any gybe mark set for course "T" or "TW" will be an orange tetrahedron.
- f) Initial change marks will be as described in section 12 (b) of these Sailing Instructions.

10. THE START

- a) Races will be started in accordance with the system described in RRS Rule 26.
- b) Each boat is requested to check-in at the Race Committee Boat before the warning signal for first race of each day, by passing by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hailing her sail number and class and being acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat may not protest a breach of this instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.
- c) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the non course side of an adjacent orange cylinder. The line will be located just to leeward of the leeward mark of the course, which will be an orange cylinder (East) or an orange tetrahedron (West).
- d) For the second and third race each day, the Race Committee may sound an attention signal of multiple short sounds approximately one (1) minute before the first Warning Signal. This is not a timed signal.
- e) Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats that fail to abide by these restrictions may be subject to protest.
- f) If, after the start of one or more classes, it is necessary to change the Weather Mark for classes not yet started, the Race Committee may postpone for classes not yet started, display the "L" flag with one horn (not a timed signal), and change the course bearing on the Course Board. In this case, the first weather Mark for classes that have not yet started, will be a yellow mark.. This modifies paragraph 9(a) above.
- g) A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.
- h) The Race Committee Signal Boat may set a limit buoy. The limit buoy, the Signal Boat, and the space between them shall be considered to be part of the starting mark.

11. RECALLS

- a) The race committee may attempt to notify OCS boats by broadcasting their sail number or boat name over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification, her position in the sequence of notifications, or the promptness of the notifications, shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly nor will it be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- a) Initial change marks will be yellow, unless #10 (f) above applies.
- b) If there is a second course change, the Race Committee will attempt to use the original orange color and shape marks. Any subsequent course changes will continue this pattern of alternating colors.

13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and an adjacent mark. For leeward finishes the mark will be a cylinder located slightly to leeward of the leeward mark for both East and West Courses. For windward finishes, the mark will be the farther weather mark for all classes, a cylinder for the East Course and a tetrahedron for the West Course. The Race Committee Finish Boat may be at either end of the line in either case.

If the Race Committee intends to conduct another race, code flag "Second Substitute" will be displayed on the Race Committee Finish Boat, while boats are finishing.

14. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

No scoring penalty per RRS 44.3 is available.

15. TIME LIMITS

- a) RACE - The time limit for the first boat to finish in each race in each class shall be 2 hours and 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in their class shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored one point more than the number of boats in her fleet who finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

A boat sailing the course, whose finish position cannot be changed, no matter how she finishes, may be requested by the Race Committee to immediately return to the starting area. Such boat will be scored as though she had completed that race. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, A4.1 and A4.2.

- b) REGATTA - No starting sequence will be initiated after 1500 hours on Sunday. For the purposes of this time limit, the initiation of a starting sequence is the first warning signal made regardless of subsequent recalls or postponements.

16. PROTESTS

- a) A boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee upon finishing or retiring. This notification must include the name and/or the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is intending to protest and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- b) Protests shall be in writing and filed with the Protest Committee within one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- c) A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notice required for Race Committee or Protest Committee protests required under RRS 61.1(b).
- d) Notice of a redress hearing that is posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes after the expiration of protest time shall serve as notice to all boats, whether they are identified as parties to the hearing or not, that they may attend the hearing.
- e) It is the responsibility of each boat to check the Official Notice Board to see if she has been cited in a protest or if a request for redress involves her or her interests. Failure of a boat to appear at a hearing will be considered grounds to proceed with the hearing under RRS 63.3(b).

17. SCORING

The Regatta will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. Each boat's Regatta score will be the total of her race scores for all races completed in her class on Saturday and Sunday. There shall be no throw-outs. This modifies RRS Appendix A2

The completion of at least one race in a class shall constitute a Regatta for that class.

18. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee Boat and be acknowledged, before leaving the race area.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION

Boats shall remain in the water throughout the regatta. A request to haul-out a boat must be submitted in writing and approved by the Principal Race Officer.

20. CREW LIMITS

- a) Class crew limits are in effect. There will not be a crew weigh-in. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all class crew restrictions are met.
- b) Crew substitutions are allowed in all classes.

21. AWARDS

- a) Class awards for first, second, and third place positions will be presented for Saturday's results. For days with multiple races, class awards will be presented based on combined scores for the day.
- b) Class awards for first, second, and third place positions in the regatta will be presented.
- c) The Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy

The winner of the Brent Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy shall be the class winner who has the lowest score as calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{Halsey Trophy Score} = (\text{Class Score} / \text{Average Starters}) \text{ times } (\text{Minimum Races} / \text{Class Races})$$

Where:

Class Score is the total low point score achieved by the Class Winner in his class as provided by the Sailing Instructions.

Average Starters is the average number of boats that started in that class.

Minimum Races is the number of races completed by the class that has the fewest number of races completed.

Class Races is the number of races completed in the class being scored.

Eligible class winners shall be the winners of classes that have been given a separate start and have had at least five boats starting in every race.

The intended purpose of the formula is to identify that class winner who has been most competitive as measured both by the degree to which he has consistently been at the top of his class and the number of boats against which he has competed.

- d) The Potts Challenge Trophy

Shall be conducted between three-boat teams representing a yacht club or sailing association.

The boats on each team must be declared before the Skipper's Meeting on Friday at 1800.

For the 2012 Potts Challenge, each team shall be composed of one boat each from three of the available classes.

The winning team shall have the lowest combined score for all three boats. In the event of a tie, the team whose boats place higher in two of the classes, after any class ties are broken, shall be the winner.

e) Sportsmanship Award

This award shall be given to a boat, individual or other entity whose crew exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship and spirit of Corinthian competition during the regatta.

22. CONDUCT

- a) The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall be responsible for all actions of his crew and guests.
- b) In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or the failure to comply with the request of the Event Chairman, Race Officer, Committee Member or agent of the Stingray Point Regatta, the Skipper/Owner will be responsible for all damages and the Stingray Point Regatta Race Committee may rescind the boat's entry at any time during the regatta. **THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE CREW MEMBERS AND/OR THEIR GUESTS WILL LEAD TO THE IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF THEIR BOAT FROM THE REGATTA.**

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 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.

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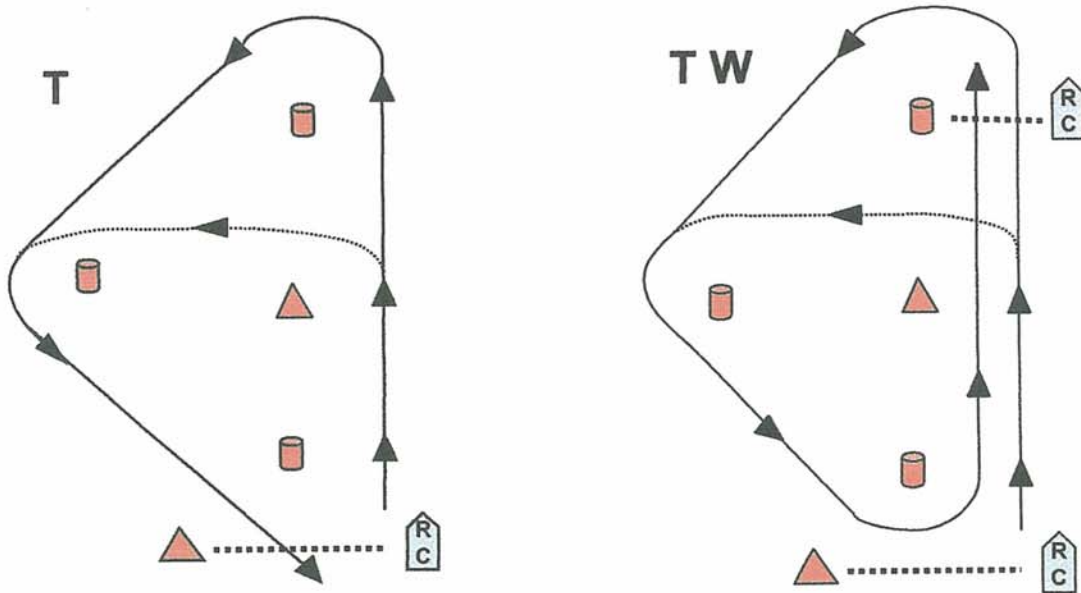
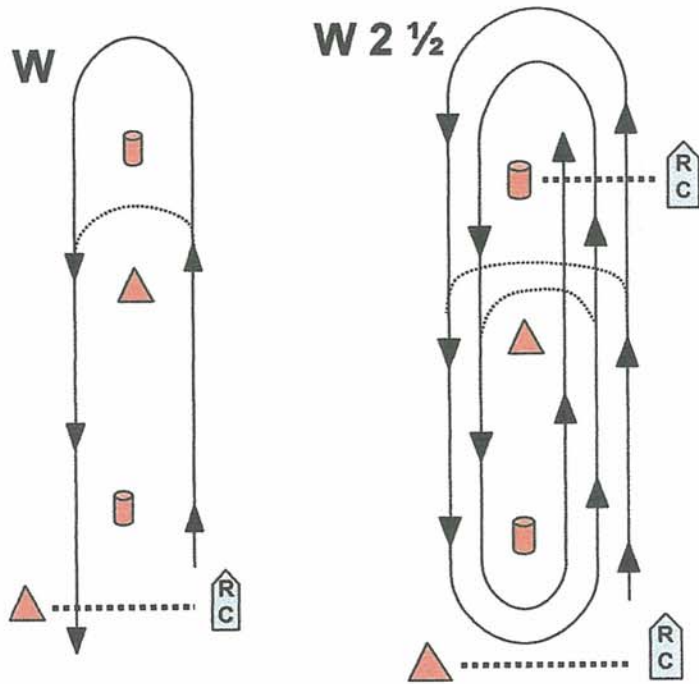
PRELIMINARY



East Course Diagram

A numeral following the course letter designates the number of laps to be sailed as in "W 2 1/2".

For all courses, the distance shown on the course board will determine which windward mark is to be rounded for each class.





West Course Diagram

A numeral following the course letter designates the number of laps to be sailed as in "W 2 1/2".

For all courses, the distance shown on the course board will determine which windward mark is to be rounded for each class.

