

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**5TH ANNUAL
STINGRAY LIGHT DISTANCE RACE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

**FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB
DELTAVILLE, VA**

STINGRAY LIGHT DISTANCE RACE SCHEDULE

Check-In will be held on Friday, September 4. 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, September 4, 2015

0900 – 1030	Distance Race Check-In
1100	Skipper's Meeting will be held in the vicinity of the flagpole located closest to the Jackson Creek docks
1300	First Warning for Stingray Light Race
1600 – 1745	Check-In for the Saturday and Sunday Stingray Point Regatta
1800	Mandatory Skipper's Meeting for the Stingray Point Regatta (Saturday and Sunday Series) adjacent to the Official Notice Board
1830	Welcome – Casual Reception Followed by Distance Race Awards

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Race Headquarters will be located in the FBYC main clubhouse. Race Headquarters will be open from 0900 to 1030 on Friday, September 4.
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 water front on Fishing Bay Road.**
6. Sail repair and rigging service will be available at Latell Ullman Sails, located on Rt. 33 in Deltaville, cell # (804) 436-6644

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1. RULES

The Race will be governed by the 2013-2016 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 to these Sailing Instructions and published starting times, protest meetings, and other official information. Notices affecting Friday's Distance Race (e.g., class/award splits) will be posted by 1030 on Friday, September 4. If a notice is posted, code flag "L" will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat "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 will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat "Mr. Roberts" at the dock.
- 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 course will be broadcast on the VHF radio channel shown in paragraph 4(a) below at approximately 1130 on Friday.

4. RADIO USE

- a) VHF channel 69 will be used by the Race Committee Signal Boat. The Race Committee will limit responding 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

One race will be attempted on Friday

Race is scheduled as follows:

Friday, September 4, 2015 1300 1st warning signal

6. CLASS FLAGS

A list of boats by class will be posted on the Official Notice Board 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. This is subject to change, as provided above, by the list of boats by class.

For the Distance Race, there will be a maximum of 4 starts, probably some with combined fleets having the most similar ratings and appropriate awards based on fleet participation. The starting sequence by class and groups of classes will be posted on the Official Notice Board at approximately 1030 on Friday, September 4.

Course Board

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	<u>Class Designation</u>
PHRF A	Code Flag 9	A
PHRF B	Code Flag 6	B
J-70	---	J
PHRF C	Code Flag 7	C
PHRF Non Spin.	Code Flag 5	N
Cruising (Non Sanctioned)	White Flag	W

7. RACING AREA

The race course will be in the general vicinity of Piankatank River marks "3" The Race Committee Signal Boat is anticipated to be "Mr. Roberts."

8. COURSES

- a) Depending on wind direction, the first mark of the course after the Start may be a drop- mark "Y" (orange cylinder - inflatable). If "Y" is used, the color of that mark designation on the course board determines how it is to be rounded, then after rounding, yachts shall sail the remaining marks of the appropriate course as set forth below.

COURSE A – APPROX. 11.45 NM (does not include distance for anticipated first leg to weather)

Marks of Course, Leave to:

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Port

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Starboard

Piankatank R. G "1R" Fl G 6s (FBYC "G") Port

Rappahannock R. Fl G "3r" 2.5s 15 ft 4 M (FBYC "J") Port

Piankatank R. R "2" Fl R 4s (FBYC "F") Starboard

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Starboard

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Starboard

COURSE B – APPROX. 9.22 NM (does not include distance for anticipated first leg to weather)

Marks of Course, Leave to:

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Port

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Starboard

Piankatank R. G "1R" Fl G 6s (FBYC "G") Port

Piankatank R. R "2" Fl R 4s (FBYC "F") Port

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Starboard

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Starboard

COURSE C – APPROX. 5.78 NM (does not include distance for anticipated first leg to weather)

Marks of Course, Leave to:

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Port

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Port

Rappahannock R. Fl G "3r" 2.5s 15 ft 4 M (FBYC "J") Port

Piankatank R. R "2" Fl R 4s (FBYC "F") Starboard

Piankatank R. Fl G "1P" Fl G 2.5s (FBYC "E") Starboard

Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") Starboard

COURSE D – HEAVY WEATHER COURSE – APPROX 8.36 NM (does not include distance for anticipated first leg to weather)

Marks of Course, Leave to:

Piankatank R. QR 15' 4M "6" (FBYC "B") Starboard

Piankatank R. Fl. R 2.5s "8" Starboard

Piankatank R. R N "8A" Starboard

Piankatank R. R "12" Port

Piankatank R. G "11" Port

Piankatank R. G "9" Port

Piankatank R. R "12" Port

Piankatank R. R N "8A" Port

Piankatank R. Fl R 2.5s "8" Port

Piankatank R. QR 15' 4M "6" (FBYC "B") Port

- b) No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed, 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:

A,B	J,C,N	Classes
B	C	Classes A and B sail course B ; classes J, C and N, sail course C
Y 225		Approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark “Y” for <u>all classes</u> is 225 degrees
.5		Approximate distance to the first mark “Y” for <u>all classes</u> is .5 nm

9. THE START

- a) The race will be started in accordance with the system described in RRS Rule 26, except as noted in 9(b) below.
- b) The Race Committee, as a courtesy, will attempt to announce over the designated VHF channel the final countdown seconds of each starting sequence. A failure of this announcement will not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 26.
- c) Each boat is requested, as a courtesy, to check-in before the warning signal for first Start of the day, by passing by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack 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.
- d) 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 mark.
- 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 position of drop-mark “Y” (Weather Mark -- if used) for classes not yet started, the Race Committee may postpone for those classes not yet started, display the “L” flag with one horn, and change the course bearing on the Course Board. In this case the Weather Mark “Y” for the classes that have not yet started will be a yellow cylinder.

- 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.
- i) In conjunction with 12 (b) below, anytime when a mark boat is maneuvering to set the pin, and/or during the final two minutes of any starting sequence, when the mark boat is positioning (moving or anchored) at the pin to assist in identifying OCS yachts, she will be an obstruction for all yachts racing or intending to race.

10. RECALLS

The race committee may attempt to notify 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.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line, except for Course D, will be between the course side of Piankatank R. G 19' 4M "3" Fl G 4s (FBYC "C") and the orange flag on the adjacent Race Committee Boat. Course D's finishing line will be located at Piankatank R. QR 15' 4M "6" (FBYC "B").

12. PENALTIES

- a) No scoring penalty as per RRS 44.3 is available.
- b) During the race, if a yacht collides with any Race Committee vessel and causes injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire.

13. TIME LIMITS

RACE - The time limit for the first boat in each Class to finish shall be 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 60 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.

A boat sailing the course, whose finish position cannot be changed, no matter how she finishes, may be requested by the Race Committee to leave the course and sail home. Such boat whose position has been deemed established, will be scored as though she had completed the race. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, A4.1, and A4.2.

14. 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 desk, located near the Check In desk in the FBYC Main Clubhouse, 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 RRS61.1(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. A sign up sheet will accompany the notice of redress 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).

15. SCORING

The Race will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System.

16. RETIREMENT

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

17. 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.

18. AWARDS

Class awards for first, second, and third place positions will be presented Friday evening.

19. CONDUCT

The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall be responsible for all actions of his crew and guests.

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.

20. 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.