



Storm Trysail Club – Chesapeake Station

2006 IRC East Coast Championship

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November 3, 4, 5, 2006
Annapolis, Maryland USA

Notice of Regatta

The 2006 Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station IRC East Coast Championship will be sailed on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, Maryland, USA on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 3, 4, and 5, 2006. The regatta is sponsored by **Annapolis Yacht Sales**, with support from **Beneteau USA and Lewmar**. The Organizing Authority is the Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2005 – 2008), the prescriptions of U. S. Sailing, the rules of IRC, the Sailing Instructions, and this Notice of Regatta.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to any IRC boat that meets the requirements of the IRC Rules and has an IRC Certificate with a rating for 2006 of 1.025 or higher. To encourage participation, unendorsed certificates will be accepted for boats below a rating of 1.080. To obtain an IRC Certificate contact: www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC/

Fleet Limitations

The fleet size will be limited to approximately the first 45 boats which meet the handicap ratings as specified and submit a complete entry, along with full payment. Any one-design class which has 10 boats with valid IRC certificates, will be given a separate start.

Entry and Registration

Entry may be accomplished by completing the attached Entry Form and forwarding it with a check (**payable to STC-Chesapeake**) for the applicable entry fee to: STC-Chesapeake, 435 Fourth Street, Annapolis, MD 21403 postmarked no later than October 16, 2006. Late entries will be accepted until 1700 hours, Thursday, November 2, 2006 with a late payment penalty of \$50. Entries may be faxed to: (410) 268-9592. A representative of each boat is **REQUIRED** to check-in at the Annapolis Yacht Club between 1600 and 1800 hours, Thursday, November 2, 2006. Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions will be distributed along with any social event tickets.

Fees

The entry fee for entries received or postmarked by October 16, 2006 will be as follows: \$200 for boats less than 40 feet LOA; \$250 for boats 40 but less than 50 feet LOA, and \$300 for boats 50 feet LOA or more. Entries received after that date, but prior to 1800 hours, November 2, 2006 will be accepted with the payment of a Late Fee of \$50.

Racing Schedule

Rendezvous on each day will be near Severn River buoy R "2" at 0930 hours.

The first warning signal on each day will be at 1030 hours.

Up to seven races are scheduled: one distance race on Friday, four windward-leeward races on Saturday, and two windward-leeward races on Sunday.

Any race not completed on Saturday may be sailed on Sunday.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Storm Trysail Club website (www.stormtrysail.org) on or about October 15, 2006 and will be available at registration on Thursday, November 2, 2006.

Courses

Friday: A distance race starting and finishing in the vicinity of Severn River buoy R "2". For the classes of smaller boats, the course will be approximately 35 miles. For the classes of larger boats, the course will be approximately 50 miles.

Saturday and Sunday: Courses will be windward-leeward 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 legs, with legs between .75 and 2.0 nautical miles in length. A windward offset mark may be used; a leeward gate may be used.

Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply with the following changes:

Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters.

There will be no Throw-out race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.

Seven races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series and championship.

The distance race will be weighted at 1.5 times a windward-leeward race.

Social

The Annapolis Yacht Club will provide the venue for owners and their crews, as follows:

Thursday, November 2: Registration 1600 to 1800 hours.

Friday, November 3: Complimentary Party with beverages and light fare.

Sunday, November 5: Awards presentation with complimentary beverages and snacks immediately following racing.

Prizes

The East Coast IRC Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the Best Overall Performance. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

Dockage

Limited transient dockage may be available at the Annapolis Yacht Club (www.annapolisyc.org) on a first-come basis. Additional transient commercial slips are available at nearby marinas.

Further Information

Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to:

Regatta Chairman, Bill Kardash: bkardash@columbiadirect.net Phone: 410-268-8881 (day)

Principal Race Officer, Dick Neville: rneville@innovprop.com

Asst PRO, Wayne Bretsch: wayne.bretsch@verizon.net