



66TH DOWN THE BAY RACE (For the Virginia Cruising Cup)

NOTICE OF RACE

Starts: Friday, May 22, 2015

CBYRA Region IV Sanction # 404

**Organizing Authorities:
Hampton Yacht Club (HYC), Hampton, VA
Storm Trysail Club (STC), Chesapeake Station**

The Down the Bay Race is a 120 nautical mile distance race from Annapolis to Hampton. It is open to all monohull and multihull sailboats meeting the requirements listed below.

1.0 Rules

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** All Yachts must meet the PHRF of the Chesapeake Ches Bay (CB) category safety requirements.
- 1.3** RRS 51 and 52 are waived for boats with movable ballast as long as it is reflected on their current PHRF and/or IRC certificates.

2.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1** The event is open to all monohull sailboats having a current, valid 2015 certificate from PHRF of the Chesapeake, multihull sailboats with a valid 2014 PHRF rating endorsed by the class, a one design class, or IRC. Classes will include Monohull PHRF A, B, C, Non-Spinnaker (two headsails), PHRF Multihull, plus any one design or IRC class with at least five boats entered and paid.
- 2.2** Eligible boats may enter by mailing an entry form to Hampton Yacht Club (Attn - Down The Bay), 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA 23669 or on-line at www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay
- 2.3** Entry Fee: If paid by 8 May 2015.
 - Monohull Under 27' and All Multihull USSA Member: \$155, Other \$160;
 - 27' to 30' USSA Member \$165, Other \$170;
 - 31' to 35' USSA Member \$175, Other \$180
 - 36' and larger USSA Member \$185, Other \$190

A \$50 late fee is charged after 8 May. No entries are accepted after 1900 20 May 2015.

3.0 Schedule

3.1 A Welcome Party for skippers and crew will be held in Annapolis at Severn Sailing Association 311 First Street, Eastport, MD 21403 (410) 268-8744, on Thur., 21 May 2015.

- a. The Check-In Desk will open at 1800.
- b. The party will run from 1800-2100.
- c. There will be a brief Skippers Meeting at 1900.

3.2 The Warning Signal will be given at 1000, 22 May 2015, in the Bay near Severn River R "2".

3.3 A Post Race Party/Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, 23 May 2015, at Hampton Yacht Club.

- a. The party will begin at 1900.
- b. Awards will be presented around 1945.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

4.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the HYC website (www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay) on or before Friday 8 May 2014.

4.2 Printed Sailing Instructions will be available at Check-In on 21 May 2015.

5.0 The Course

5.1 The course is 120 miles from Annapolis to Hampton.

5.2 Marks of the course are as follows:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Mark</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Leave to</u> | <u>Lat</u> | <u>Lon</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Start | Drop | Near R "2" | ----- | 38 56.5 N | 76 25.5 W |
| Sharpes Island | "80" | Fl R 2.5 s | Port | 38 36.5 N | 76 24.8 W |
| Smith Point | Smith Point Light | Fl R Wh 10s 52 ft | Star | 37 52.8 N | 76 11.0 W |
| York River | "1YR" | Fl G 2.5 s | Star | 37 07.6 N | 76 09.8 W |
| Finish | Q R R "22" | Q R 1s | Port | 37 00.2 N | 76 17.9 W |

In addition, the following marks must be passed on the channel side:

| <u>Mark</u> | <u>Lat</u> | <u>Lon</u> |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Thomas Point Light | 38 53.9 N | 76 26.1 W |
| Bloody Point Light | 38 50.0 N | 76 23.5 W |
| Cove Point LNG Pier | 38 24.2 N | 76 23.0 W |
| Windmill Point Light | 37 35.8 N | 76 14.2 W |
| Wolf Trap Light | 37 23.4 N | 76 11.4 W |

Note 1: Boats must pass to the channel side of the Cove Point LNG Pier and shall honor the restricted area around the pier, including the keep off marks.

Note 2: All above mark locations are approximate. They are for course identification only and should not be used for navigation.

6.0 The Start

6.1 The warning signal is scheduled for 1000, 22 May 2015, in the Bay near Severn River R "2".

6.2 In the event of light air, the race committee may, at its own discretion, move the starting line south to a new location. Once in the new position, the race committee will drop a mark, anchor, and either begin a starting sequence or await developments. The race committee will not begin moving the starting line south until all boats are present in the starting area or 1000, whichever comes first.

7.0 Special Limitations

7.1 During the race, competitors may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from publicized sources available to all competitors. Subscription, password protected, or

restricted access web pages as well as phone conversations that contain any of the above information are not allowed.

7.2 Between sunrise and sunset, the following will replace RRS 17: "When a boat is about to pass another boat and they are on the same tack and within three overall lengths (of the longer boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain her proper course and the overtaking boat shall pass no closer than three of her boat lengths from the overtaken boat. Both boats shall maintain their proper course while overlapped.

8.0 Safety Checks

During the race, boats will be required to make specified "safety checks" with the race committee via cell phone. These checks are mandatory and competitors agree to abide by the conditions of these instructions. Boats failing to meet check-in requirements will receive a scoring penalty. These requirements will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9.0 Penalties

The Two-Turn Penalty of rule 44.1 and 44.2 is in effect.

10.0 The Finish

10.1 The finish line will be off Fort Monroe, between Q R R "22" and the race committee on the seawall at Fort Monroe.

10.2 When each boat is approximately 200 yards from the finish line, they shall contact the race committee on VHF-72 and announce their boat name and sail number. After finishing, they shall again contact the race committee on VHF-72 to ensure they have been properly identified and scored.

11.0 Time Limit

The time limit for all boats is 2200 on Saturday, 23 May 2015. Boats not finished by that time will be scored DNF.

12.0 Awards

12.1 Class awards will be given for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class based on participation.

12.2 The monohull boat with the fastest corrected PHRF time will be awarded the Virginia Cruising Cup. Monohull Boats competing in a one-design or IRC division that would like to compete for the Virginia Cruising Cup must have a valid, current, 2015 PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate.

13.0 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

14.0 Further information:

For further information please contact:

Chair (HYC): David McConaughy: 757-870-4475; downthebay@hamptonyc.com.

Chair (STC): Bill Sandberg: 203-219-7256; William.L.Sandberg@gmail.com

PRO: (HYC) Bob Thomas: 757-592-1650; Robert.M.Thomas@nasa.gov

PRO (STC): Dick Neville: 410-353-0477; rneville@innovprop.com

15.0 Dockage Assistance

For Dockage Information in Annapolis please contact

-Bill Sandberg (203) 219-7256 or William.I.sandberg@gmail.com

For Dockage Information at Hampton Yacht Club please contact

-Richard Ash (757) 722-0711 or manager@hamptonyc.com

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