

Fall Brawl



Saturday-Sunday, 31 October – 01 November 2020

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] [NP] One-design class rules will apply.
- 1.3 The notation “[NP]” in a rule in these SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at <http://eastportyc.org/fall-brawl>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the SIs will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes.” This changes RRS Signals.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The schedule of events is:

Thu, 29 October	1900	Entry & registration closes
Fri, 30 October	1700	Competitors video conference details emailed to all skippers
	1900	Competitors video conference
Sat, 31 October	1100	Intended Warning Signal for first race of the day – J/70, Viper, J/80
		Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee
		Socially distance awards presentation at EYC after racing for J/80 teams.
Sun, 01 November	1000	Intended Warning Signal for first race of the day – J/70, Viper only
		Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee
		NO Warning Signal after 1400 hours
		Socially distance awards presentation at EYC after racing for J/70 and Viper teams.
		Presentation of J/70 perpetual trophy.
- 5.2 For the J/70 and Viper 640 classes, a maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled, of which two (2) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.3 For the J/80 class, a maximum of four (4) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series.





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6 ORDER OF START

For the first race, RC intends to give starts to the following classes in the order outlined below. If a class is not present, its start will be omitted and the next class will start in that place. Subsequent starts may be in a different order so as to maximize racing for all classes.

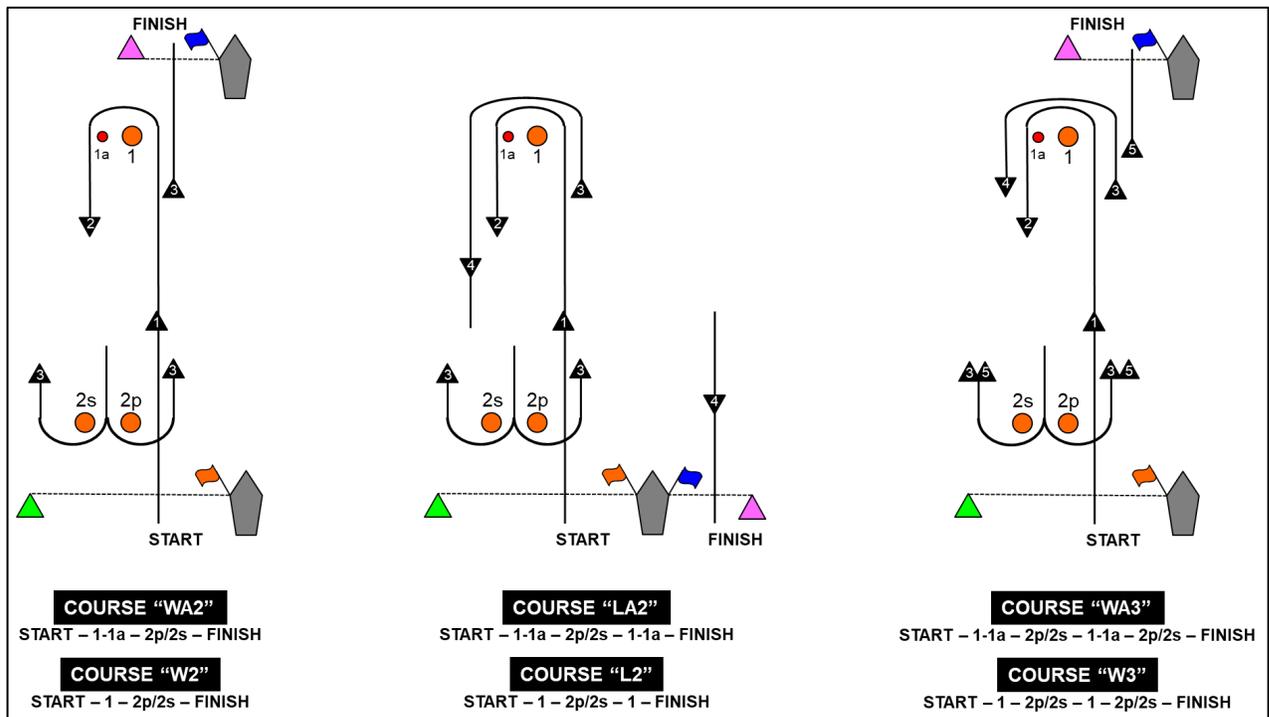
CLASS
Viper 640
J/70
J/80

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of buoy R2, Latitude 38° 56.51', Longitude 076 ° 25.50. Refer to *Figure 1. Rendezvous Location and Racing Area.*

8 COURSES

8.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.



8.2 The approximate magnetic heading, and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the Signal Vessel opposite the start line.

8.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the Signal Vessel before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

8.4 If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

9 MARKS

9.1 The starting mark will be a green tetrahedron unless there is an anchored RC Vessel which will be the starting mark. Leeward and windward marks will be 5-foot orange cylinders. The windward mark may have an offset mark, which will be a 3-foot red cylinder. The finishing mark will be a pink tetrahedron. All marks display "EYC" in black block lettering, except the offset mark, which displays "VALIANT."

9.2 The first change mark shall be a yellow tetrahedron. The mark displays "EYC" in black block lettering.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U, Audible Signal Racing System.





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- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC mark vessel, or the course side of a green tetrahedron, at the port end.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.
- 11 RECALLS**
The RC intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 73. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timing of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 12 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13 THE FINISH**
The finish line shall be between the staff or halyard on the RC Signal Vessel displaying a blue flag and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
14.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply.
14.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply.
- 15 TIME LIMITS**
15.1 If no boat reaches the first windward mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start of her race, the race shall be abandoned.
15.2 If no boat sails the course and finishes within two (2) hours of the start of her race, the race shall be abandoned.
15.3 Boats still racing fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 16 REPORT OF THE RACE COMMITTEE**
The Report of the Race Committee regarding incidents on the water shall be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the Signal Vessel docks. The report shall include scoring-related actions (DNC, DNS, OCS, ZFP, UFD, BFD, DNF, TLE) and the Signal Vessel dock time.
- 17 SCORING INQUIRIES, PROTESTS, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
17.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit.
a. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
b. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.
17.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed within the Protest Time Limit.
a. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and email to the Race Committee at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.
17.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.
17.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. This posting constitutes the notification required in RRS 61.1b. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
17.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. Protest and/or request for redress hearings will be virtual hearings. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the





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Official Notice Board. Parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the Protest Procedure Guidelines & Code of Conduct for Remote Hearings, available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

- 17.6 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board before the end of the protest time limit.
- 17.7 On a class's last day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 For the J/70 and Viper 640 classes, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores if five (5) or fewer races are completed. One (1) race score will be excluded if six (6) or more races are completed.
- 18.2 For the J/80 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

19 SAFETY

- 19.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73, or by phone via the EYC cell phone, (410) 271-7193, or via email at race.committee@eastportyc.org. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the name and contact information of the caller, the boat name, and her sail number.
- 19.2 **[DP]** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 19.3 **[DP]** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:
(a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
(b) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
(c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.
- 19.4 **[DP]** The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 19.2 and 19.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, RRS 60.3, and RRS 61.3.

20 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

[DP] This is a Clean Regatta; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.



21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 21.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive radio communications, the timeliness of communication or the contents of any transmission. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1(a).
- 21.3 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 For the J/70, Viper 640, and J/80 classes, overall awards will be:
1st Place for three (3) or more entries;
2nd Place for six (6) or more entries;
3rd Place for seven (7) or more entries; and,
4th Place for fifteen (15) or more entries.
- 22.2 The J/70 Fall Brawl Perpetual Award will be presented to the winning skipper in the J/70 class.
- 22.3 Additional awards for may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA).





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23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Fall Brawl entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

24 INSURANCE

[DP] [NP] Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000. ***It may be too late to add for this race. We can try to make the change for future races.***

25 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to all participants and guests during the event. Please follow all posted EYC health and safety signs.

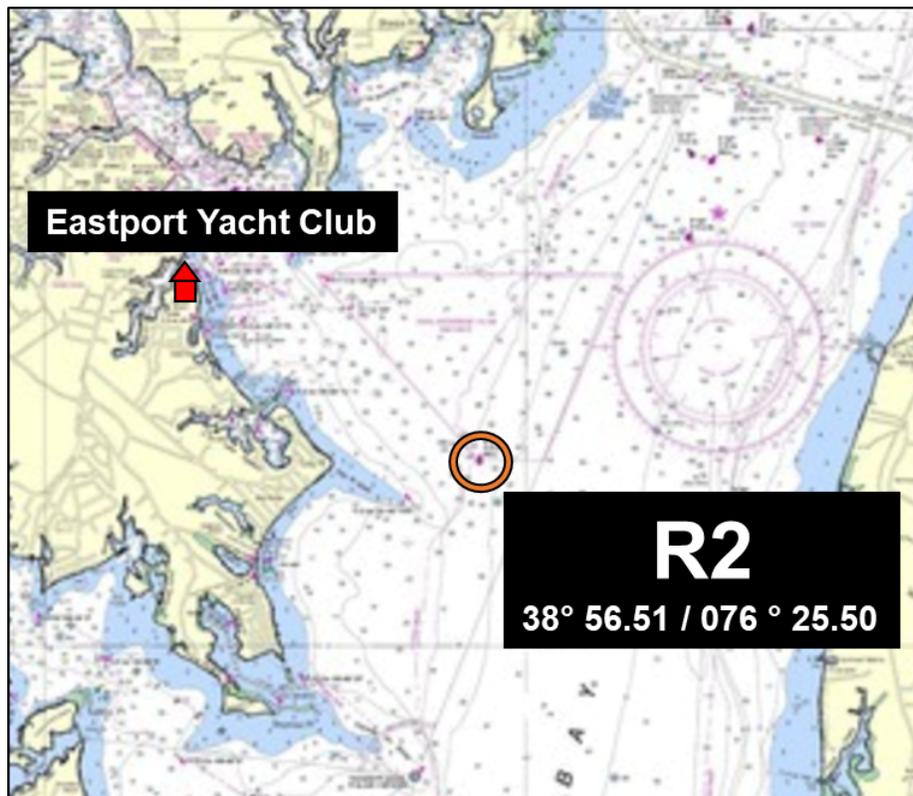


Figure 1. Rendezvous Location and Racing Area

