

GSA NORTHERN BAY REGATTA 2020

Sailing Instructions



The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SI's) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SI's means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

Organizing Authority: GLENMAR SAILING ASSOCIATION

Dates: Saturday 10 October 2020 and Sunday 11 October 2020

1 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 2020.

2 Communications with Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13103

2.2 On the water, the RC intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SI's will be posted no later than 1200 on Friday, 09 October.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 **The schedule for PHRF and Multihull Classes for Saturday will be:**

Rendezvous:

Where: At Region 1 Mark Q (G"1" M R). Buoy 1.1 mi ENE of Hart-Miller Is.

When: Saturday at 1030 **Sunday at 0930.**

Anticipated **warning** signal for Saturday

1045	PHRF N (<i>Double headsails allowed for Saturday only</i>)
1050	PHRF C
1055	PHRF B
1100	PHRF A
1105	MULTIHULL B
1110	MULTIHULL A

4.2 Starts will be in accordance to RRS Rule 26. The RC, at their discretion, on the water, may combine or delete class starts. Competitors will be notified prior to the first warning signal.

5 CLASS FLAGS

5.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class Flag
PHRF A	Pennant 9
PHRF B	Pennant 6
PHRF C	Pennant 7
PHRF N	Pennant 5
MULTIHULL A	Flag W
MULTIHULL B	Flag F

5.2 [DP] All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern (approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay).

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1** For Saturday:
CBYRA 2020 Regions 1 Standard Racing Marks designated by letters and/or numbers displayed on the RC signal boat. This race is anticipated to be a CBYRA long distance qualifying race.
- 6.2** For Sunday:
CBYRA 2019 Drop Mark type courses. The selected course will be displayed on the RC signal boat.
- 6.3** The Race Committee may shorten the course at any rounding mark. Boats shall sail near marks that are to be rounded.

7 MARKS

- 7.1** The starting marks will be an adjacent government mark (most likely for Saturday) or an orange or yellow cylinder (Sunday) and the yellow flag on the RC starting vessel.
- 7.2** The finishing marks will be the yellow flag on the RC finishing vessel and an adjacent government mark or orange tetrahedron.
- 7.3** The RC starting or finishing vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the RC vessel, and the RC vessel are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

8 THE START

- 8.1** The starting line will be between the staff of halyard with a yellow flag displayed on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 8.2** *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.3** A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1** The race committee will announce on VHF radio channel 72 boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 SHORTENING COURSE

- 10.1** After the start, the race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at any rounding mark.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a yellow flag on the RC finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1** Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turn Penalties will apply.
- 12.2** Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After The Race, will apply.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1** For Saturday: In each class, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 1700. The time limit for all other boats will be 1800. Boats failing to finish by then, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 13.2** For Sunday: 3 hours for each race. No race will be started after 1500.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1** Competitors shall verbally notify the RC finishing boat of a protest prior to leaving the finish area.

14.2 Completed protest forms shall be mailed, postmarked no later than Tuesday 13 October 2020, to David Kozera, 1408 Bare Hills Road, Baltimore, MD 21209. Parties involved in protests will be notified of date, time and place of hearing.

15 SCORING

15.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

15.2 Corrected times for the PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. PHRF handicaps from the latest Valid List will be used for scoring.

15.3 Corrected times for the MULTIHULL classes will be calculated using CMA Time-on-Distance scoring. The CMA class administration shall provide the latest handicaps to the race committee and scorer.

15.4 Boats given a TLE will be scored with points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 *[DP]* A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.2 *[NP] [DP]* A boat shall not exercise right-of-way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. 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.

16.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a written report to the race committee by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.

16.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 16.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

17 AWARDS

17.1 Awards will be given in each class for each race as follows:

1st / 3 boats

2nd / 5 boats

3rd / 7 boats

4th / 10+ boats

17.2 Awards will be mailed.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.