



**71st DOWN THE BAY RACE
(For the Virginia Cruising Cup)**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Starts: Friday, May 28, 2021

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 See NOR 1.1
- 1.2 See NOR 1.2
- 1.3 See NOR 1.3
- 1.4 See NOR 1.4

2.0 Eligibility, Entry, Classes and Class Specific Rules

- 2.1 See NOR 2.1
- 2.2 NOR 2.2 is changed to: Boats may not compete in multiple classes.
- 2.3 See NOR 2.3
- 2.4 See NOR 2.4
- 2.5 See NOR 2.5

3.0 Schedule

3.1 NOR 3.1 is changed to: A remote Skippers Meeting will be held via Zoom call on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 18:30. The details of the call will be found in the Sailing Instructions to be published on or before May 7, 2021.

<https://zoom.us/j/95076276074?pwd=a1pjNFFUWUI5WFIKQytCMWJQU3ZWdz09>

Meeting ID: 950 7627 6074; Passcode: 177536. Moderators will be Dick Neville and Rich Wilcox
These Zoom instructions will be updated and emailed to all competitors on May 21, 2021

3.2 See NOR 3.2

3.3 NOR 3.3 is changed to: A Post Race Awards Ceremony will be held at Hampton Yacht Club on Saturday, May 29, 2021, at 20:00. The ceremony will be held outdoors (tent). Food and Beverages are likely to be available for purchase, unless COVID related restrictions change.

4.0 Sailing Instructions

4.1 See NOR 4.1

4.2 NOR 4.2 I changed to Printed Sailing Instructions will not be available. Please print from Yachtscoring.

4.3 NOR 4.3 is changed to: Notices to Competitors and any changes to Sailing Instructions will be available on the Yachtscoring website by Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 18:30, and will be discussed during the Skippers Meeting. See 3.1

5.0 The Course

5.1 See NOR 5.1

5.2 See NOR 5.2

6.0 The Start

6.1 NOR 6.1 is changed to: All boats are required to check-in before the start by passing close behind the RC Signal Boats stern, on starboard tack, hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee. All boats, except multihulls, are required to fly their class flag for the duration of the race. (See SI 6.4)

6.2 NOR 6.2 is changed to: The RRS 26 Starting system will be used, with horns and VHF only. No signal flags will be displayed. Boats observed as OCS will be hailed on VHF 72. No X flag will be flown.

6.3 See NOR 6.3

6.4 NOR 6.4 is changed to: Order of Starts on Friday May 28, 2021

		<u>Class Flags</u>
1	ORC	Numeral Pennant 1
2	PHRF	Numeral Pennant 2
3	CRCA ORR-EZ	Numeral Pennant 3
4	CHESS DOUBLEHANDED	Numeral Pennant 4
5	CMA (MULTIHULL) (none registered as of 5/7/21) –	Numeral Pennant 5

The Race Committee may, at its own discretion, consolidate starts.

6.5 See NOR 6.5

6.6 See NOR 6.6.

7.0 Special Limitations

7.1 See NOR 7.1

7.2 See NOR 7.2.

8.0 Withdrawal from the Race

8.1 NOR 8.1 is changed to: A boat withdrawing before the start shall notify the Annapolis Race Committee Signal Boat either by hail, or by cell phone (410) 353-0477. Please do not leave a message but, rather, continue to attempt to speak with the Race Committee until successful.

8.2 NOR 8.2 is changed to: A boat withdrawing after she has started shall notify the Hampton Race Committee by calling 757-592-1650 first, and then 757-773-6292. Please do not leave a message but, rather, continue to attempt to speak with the Race Committee until successful. If you are unable to connect by phone, please text 757-773-6292 and/or e-mail rjwilcox@cox.net and seek acknowledgement of your withdrawal. Boats not complying with this instruction will be assumed to be in distress, and by 22:00 Saturday May 23, 2021, or earlier – the USCG will be contacted to begin search.

9.0 Commercial Traffic

9.1 See NOR 9.1

9.2 See NOR 9.2

10.0 Penalties

10.1 See NOR 10.1

11.0 The Finish

11.1 See NOR 11.1

11.2 See NOR 11.2

11.3 Extra **CAUTION is REQUIRED** (2021): After the finish, but before entering the Hampton River, it is likely you will encounter anchored construction vessels (tugs, barges, cranes) as you cross over the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and enter the Hampton River Channel. The following changes are very recent and may not be shown on your charts and/or navigation electronics. Red buoy 1 is no longer visible. (Its old location is now encompassed by the construction site.) Green buoy/light HR1 is now the most visible limit marker. It has a quick green (1 second) flashing light. Go between HR1 and the HRBT construction site, to enter the Hampton River.

12.0 Time Limit

12.1 See NOR 12.1

13.0 Scoring

13.1 See NOR 13.1

13.2 NOR 13.2 is changed to ORC will be calculated and scored using All-Purpose Time-on-Time ratings.

13.3 See NOR 13.3

13.4 See NOR 13.4

13.5 See NOR 13.5

14.0 Awards

14.1 See NOR 14.1

14.2 See NOR 14.2

14.3 See NOR 14.3

14.4 See NOR 14.4

15.0 Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 NOR 15.1 is changed to: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 3, 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.

16.0 Media Rights

16.1 See NOR 16.1

17.0 Further information:

For further information please contact:

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

18.0 Dockage Assistance

For Dockage Information at Hampton Yacht Club please contact

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