



Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station
and
Eastport Yacht Club
2015 Annapolis Fall Regatta
to support the Annapolis Match Race Center

Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Friday, Saturday, Sunday; October 23, 24 & 25, 2015

Notice of Race^{v6}

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is the Storm Trysail Club, Chesapeake Station, the Eastport Yacht Club and the Annapolis Match Race Center.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("RRS"); the prescriptions of US Sailing; the 2015 HPR Rule; 2015 IRC Rule; 2015 ORC Rule; One Design Class Rules for one design classes; the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (this changes RRS 63.7); IRC Rule 21.1.5 (d) will not apply.

2.2 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore.

2.3 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines. These guidelines are available on the website: www.stormtrysail.org. All crew members must carry their own PFD meeting the minimum standard EN 393 or ISO 12402-5 (Level 50), or USCG Type III, suitable for wearing when conditions require or the Race Committee displays Code Flag "Y".

2.4 On any Distance Race, all boats shall keep their VHF radio on at all times, on the designated VHF Channel.

3 ADVERTISING

There will be no restrictions on advertising.

4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

4.1 The regatta is open to boats with valid 2015 HPR, IRC or ORC Club Certificates and One Design Classes.

4.2 Information on ORC Club certificates can be found at www.orc.org/orcclub and certificates can be obtained free of charge for first-time users by applying online at this link: www.orc.org/clubapplication.

4.3 Rating certificates used for scoring must be online at the respective Rating Authorities, by October 15, 2015.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter on line via the link on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or via: www.yachtscoring.com

4.5 Entry fee will be \$10/foot LOA (rounded down to nearest whole foot) for entries received and paid for by October 1, 2015. After October 1, 2015, the Entry Fee will be \$12/foot

4.6 For all Classes, boats may carry one additional crewmember less than 14 years of age. This additional crew will not be a part of the maximum crew or crew weight calculation. Entrants intending to carry additional crewmembers less than 14 years of age shall so indicate on their Entry under "Notes".

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Rendezvous on each day will be at 0930 hours.

5.2 The first warning signal each Day will be at 1030 hours.

5.3 A distance race is scheduled for one day and up to six windward/leeward type races are scheduled for the remaining two days. See NOR 8.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta website approximately one week before the event.

7 VENUE

The Chesapeake Bay in the vicinity of Annapolis.

8 COURSES

8.1 The Distance Race Day and Course will be around government marks and will be posted on the regatta website and emailed to competitors prior to 2000 hours on the day before the race. If conditions permit, there will be a scoring gate at one of the turning marks in the distance race.

8.2 **Windward / Leeward courses:** 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. A course board will display the distance and magnetic bearing between the start line and windward mark. There may be 2 windward marks at different distances from the start line. Classes may sail to one or the other windward marks, as displayed on the course board. The Race Committee may set a leeward gate. If no gate is in place, boats should round the single leeward mark, leaving it to port. The leeward mark or gate will be to windward of the start/finish lines. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg.

8.3 On a Windward/Leeward race day, for the last race of the day, the Race Committee may signal Course "5" which will be a "Harry A" course as follows: start; windward mark to port; reach to a reach mark approximately 0.5nm from the start line, to be left to port; reach to the start/finish pin which will be left to starboard; downwind to a new leeward mark approximately 0.5nm to leeward of the start/finish line to be left to port; then windward to the finish at the start line.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

10 SCORING

10.1 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.

10.2 There will be no discard races in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A2.

10.3 One race shall be completed to constitute a series and championship.

10.4 The long portion of the Distance race score will be weighted as 1.5 times the scores for the drop mark races, and the scores taken at the scoring gate will be weighted 1.0.

11 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class, for classes with 6 boats or more.

12 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.

Further Information

Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to:

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