



2008 IRC East Coast Championship

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Sailing Instructions^{v3}

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (2005 – 2008)* ("RRS"); the prescriptions of US Sailing; the 2008 IRC Rules, Part 3; the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (this changes RRS 63.7); the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 4. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the Offshore Special Regulations do not apply.

IRC Rule 26.1.5 (d) will not apply.

Number of crew allowed will be the crew number on the IRC Certificate plus one.

The Beneteau 36.7 Class Rules will be in effect, except that the weight limit will be the number of crew listed on the IRC Certificate plus one.

2. ENTRIES

Approximately 45 eligible boats may enter on line via the link on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or via: www.yachtscoring.com and pay the applicable

Entry Fee no later than October 15, 2008. Late entries may be accepted until 1700 hours, Thursday, October 30, 2008 with a late payment penalty of \$100.

3. REGATTA HEADQUARTERS/ NOTICES TO COMPETITORS / CHECK-IN

Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center (AYC) "Butler Building" and will open at 1600 hours, Thursday, October 30, 2008. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board outside the AYC Sailing Center "Butler Building". A representative of each boat is requested to check-in at Headquarters on Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 1600 – 1800 hours to receive Sailing Instructions, Class Assignments, Order of Starts, and related items. Race packets will be distributed only to boats that have completed entries, have submitted the required entry fee and have a valid IRC rating for 2008.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

5. SAFETY

RRS/US 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant." RRS/US prescribes that life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations shall be carried. All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance, available at www.stormtrysail.org.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A distance race on Friday and six windward/leeward races are scheduled. Races not completed on Saturday may be sailed on Sunday. Races not completed on Friday or Sunday will not be sailed.

Friday, October 31

0930 Rendezvous in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W
1000 Warning signal for distance race.

Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2

0930 Rendezvous in the vicinity of GR C "SR" located near Thomas Point Shoal light at approximately 38-53.6N, 76-25.8W
1030 Warning signal for first race.

7. VHF RADIO

The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast on **VHF Channel 74** information such as location of Race Committee Signal Boat, sail numbers of yachts OCS, course type, range and bearing to the windward mark, change of course, etc. Failure to broadcast this information, or failure to receive or hear these broadcasts, will not be grounds for redress.

8. COURSES

Courses for the distance race are described in an Appendix attached to these Sailing Instructions. A course board displayed from the Signal Boat will identify the number of the course to be sailed. Different courses may be sailed for each class and the course board for each class will be displayed before the warning signal for that class. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all competitors of the course to be sailed using **VHF Channel 74**.

Windward / Leeward courses will be sailed with marks to be left to port. A course board will display the identifying number of the course by indicating the number of legs to be sailed.

As an example: Course "4" indicates 4 legs: windward, leeward, windward, and finish to leeward at the Race Committee Signal Boat. The approximate distance and magnetic bearing between the start line and windward mark will also be displayed on the course board.

The Race Committee may set two windward marks at different distances from the start line. The distance for each class will be posted on the Signal Boat before the warning signal for that class. In addition, the Race Committee will attempt to announce on **VHF Channel 74** the course for any class that will have a new distance.

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 a final downwind leg.

9. MARKS

Marks will be orange or yellow inflatables. If two weather marks at different distances are used, the weather mark closest to the start line will be a tetrahedron and the weather mark furthest from the start line will be a "tomato" shape.

10. STARTING SIGNALS

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for the second and subsequent starts may be the starting signal for the previous start. The final class splits will be available no later than the Thursday evening check-in. The order of starts and class flags will be as follows:

For the distance race:

<u>Start</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
First	IRC Class 4	Numeral pennant 4
Second	IRC Class 3	Numeral pennant 3
Third	IRC Class 2	Numeral pennant 2
Fourth	IRC Class 1	Numeral pennant 1

For the windward / leeward races:

<u>Start</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
First	IRC Class 1	Numeral pennant 1
Second	IRC Class 2	Numeral pennant 2
Third	IRC Class 3	Numeral pennant 3
Fourth	IRC Class 4	Numeral pennant 4

11. START LINE

The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and a starting mark at the port end of the line.

The Race Committee Signal Boat may be protected by a nearby inflatable limit mark, which shall rank as a starting mark. Boats shall not pass between a limit mark and the nearby committee boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the committee boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18 or 19.

12. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1, with the following addition: *“The Race Committee may attempt to announce sail numbers of OCS boats on **VHF Channel 74**. Failure to make such transmissions, the order or timeliness of the sail number announcements or failure of a competitor to receive or hear such transmissions shall not be grounds for redress.”*

13. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

The Race Committee may change a mark of the course in accordance with RRS 33. For a changed weather mark, the first changed mark will be a yellow inflatable. Subsequent changes will be alternated between yellow and orange inflatables.

14. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 and 44.3 shall apply. A boat must choose the penalty with which she will comply and perform all tasks promptly. RRS 44.1 is changed by adding: *“A boat breaking a rule of part 2 of RRS may take a penalty after the incident and prior to the start of the protest hearing by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty as calculated in RRS 44.3 (c)”*.

15. FINISH

For the distance race: See Appendix attached.

For windward/leeward races: For downwind finishes, the finish line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a nearby mark on the opposite side of the Signal Boat from the starting line. For upwind finishes the mark will be left to port and the Signal Boat to starboard. For upwind finishes the finish line will be to windward of the windward mark furthest from the starting line.

16. TIME LIMIT

For the distance race the time limit will be 6 hours. Boats failing to finish within 2 hours of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below.

For the windward/leeward races the time limit for the first yacht to finish is 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat in her start will be scored TLE, as described below.

17. PROTESTS

Boats intending to protest another boat for an incident on the water shall notify the Race Committee, and receive acknowledgement, as soon as possible after finishing. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee within 90 minutes from the time that the last boat finished the last race of the day. Protest hearings will be heard at Race Headquarters, as soon as possible after receiving written protests. Protest hearings for Friday's long distance race, may be held on Saturday.

18. ARBITRATION

An arbitration meeting will be scheduled for each protest involving a rule of Part 2 unless the arbitrator deems the protest inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. After taking testimony from each representative, the arbitrator will render one of the following opinions:

- a. The protest is invalid or no boat broke a rule. If the protestor agrees, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If the protestor disagrees, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.
- b. One or both boats broke a rule. The boat(s) breaking a rule may accept a 40% Scoring Penalty and the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. If not, the protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.
- c. The arbitrator decides a protest hearing is required. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing.

RRS 63.1 is changed by adding "*The arbitrator may allow a protest to be withdrawn without the approval of the protest committee.*"

19. SCORING

Seven races are scheduled of which one windward/leeward race sailed on Saturday or Sunday shall be completed to constitute a series and championship. No races shall be excluded (this changes RRS A2).

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4.1 will apply with the following additions:

"Yachts 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".

"The score for the Friday distance race will count 1.5 times the score of a windward/leeward race."

20 PRIZES

The IRC East Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance. A keeper trophy will be awarded to that boat. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

21 SOCIAL

The Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) Main Clubhouse will provide the venue for the owners and their onboard crews as follows:

Saturday evening, November 1: 1800 – 2000 Beverages and light fare.

Sunday afternoon, November 2: Immediately following racing and any protest hearings, Awards Presentation with beverages and light fare.

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APPENDIX to Sailing Instructions

Description of Distance Race Courses

For all courses, marker 1AH off Tolly Point, Thomas Point Shoal lighthouse and Bloody Point Bar light must be left on the channel side.

- Course 1** From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to starboard, to buoy G C "85A" to port, to buoy R "82" FI R 4s to starboard, to buoy GC "83A" to starboard, to buoy R "84A" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy GC "85A" to starboard, to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to port, to R"88" FI R 2.5s to port, to Finish Line located between Severn River G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.
- Course 2** From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to starboard, to buoy GC "85A" to port, to buoy R "84A" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy GC "85A" to starboard, to buoy R"86" FI R 4s to port, to buoy R"88" FI R 2.5s to port, to Finish line located between Severn River buoy G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.
- Course 3** From the Start Line in the vicinity of G C "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy RW "LP" Mo (A) to port, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to Craighill Channel buoy R "10" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to buoy R "86" FI R 4s to starboard, to buoy R "84A" FI R 2.5s to starboard, to buoy G "85A" to starboard, buoy R "86" FI R 4s to port, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to port, to Finish Line located between Severn River G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.
- Course 4** From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" located at approximately 38-58.3N, 76-24.8W, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to Port, to buoy RW "LP" Mo (A) to port, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to Craighill Channel buoy R "10" FI R 2.5s to port, to buoy R "88" FI R 2.5s to starboard, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges, to Finish Line located between Severn River G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.