



Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station

2008 IRC East Coast Championship

Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
October 31 - November 2, 2008

Notice of Regatta

The 2008 Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station IRC East Coast Championship will be sailed on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, Maryland, USA on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 31, November 1 and 2, 2008. The Organizing Authority is the Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station.

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 this Notice of Regatta, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instruction (this changes RRS 63.7); the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. 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 these regulations do not apply.

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

All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Rendering Assistance. These guidelines are available on the website: www.stormtrysail.org.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to any IRC boat that meets the requirements of the IRC Rules and has an IRC Certificate with a rating for 2008. Unendorsed certificates will be accepted. To obtain an IRC Certificate: www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC. IRC Ratings for US entries will be obtained from the US Sailing web site. Any entry without an IRC Rating on the US Sailing website, must provide a valid certificate at registration.

Fleet Limitations

The fleet size will be limited to approximately the first 45 boats with a completed entry and payment of their entry fee. Any one-design class with a minimum of 10 boats with valid IRC certificates will be given a separate start.

Entry and Registration

Eligible boats may enter on-line via the link on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or via: www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=168 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. A representative of each boat is REQUIRED to check-in at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center between 1600 and 1800 hours, Thursday, October 30, 2008. Scratch sheets and Sailing Instructions will be distributed along with any social event information.

Fees

The entry fee for entries received and paid by October 15, 2008 will be as follows: \$300 for boats less than 40 feet LOA; \$350 for boats 40 but less than 50 feet LOA, and \$450 for boats 50 feet LOA or more.

Racing Schedule

Rendezvous on each day will be at 0930 hours.

The first warning signal on Friday will be at 1000 hours.

The first warning signal on Saturday and Sunday will be at 1030 hours.

Up to six races are scheduled: One distance race on Friday, up to three windward-leeward races on Saturday, and two windward-leeward races on Sunday.

Any race not completed on Saturday may be sailed on Sunday.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Storm Trysail Club website: www.stormtrysail.org or www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=168 on or about October 22, 2008 and will be available at Registration.

Courses

Friday: A distance race. For the classes of smaller boats, the course will be approximately 30 miles. For the classes of larger boats, the course will be approximately 45 miles.

Saturday and Sunday: Courses will be windward-leeward 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 legs, with legs between 0.50 and 2.0 nautical miles in length. A windward offset mark may be used; a leeward gate may be used.

Scoring

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.

There will be no Throw-out race in the series. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.

Six races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a series and championship. **The distance race will be weighted at 1.5 times the windward-leeward races.**

Social

The Annapolis Yacht Club will provide the venue for owners and their crews for this event, as follows:

Thursday, October 30: Registration 1600 to 1800 hours at the AYC Sailing Center

Friday, October 31: 1800 hours: Beverages and light fare.

Sunday, November 2: Awards presentation with beverages and light fare immediately following racing.

Prizes

The IRC East Coast Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the Best Overall Performance. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class.

Dockage

Transient commercial slips are available at nearby marinas.

Further Information

Questions regarding the regatta may be directed to:

Regatta Chairman: Bill Kardash: bkardash@columbiadirect.net

Principal Race Officer: Wayne Bretsch: wayne.bretsch@verizon.net