

**2017 Turkey Shoot Regatta, A Hospice Regatta**  
**Organizing Authority: Rappahannock River Yacht Club**  
**Hosted by: Rappahannock River Yacht Club and Rappahannock Yachts**  
**September 29,30, October 1, 2017**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1. Rules** – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing** and these Sailing Instructions.

**2. Notices to Competitors** – Notices and official information for competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the event tent.

**3. Changes to Sailing Instructions** –

Notices affecting competition will be posted Official Notice Board each day prior to the end of the mandatory Skippers Meeting.

**4. Signals Made Ashore** –

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the event tent.

4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes Race Signals.

**5. Schedule** –

**Friday**

1600-1900	Check In, late registration and pick up Skippers packet
1700-1900	Welcome Cocktail Party (event tent, \$15/person)
1900-2000	Racing Rules Simplified Briefing, for infrequent racers at Rappahannock River Yacht Club.

**Saturday**

0700-0830	Competitors Breakfast
0800-1000	Check In, late registration and pick up Skippers packet
0900	<u>Mandatory</u> Skippers Meeting
1100	Warning Signal
1600	Time Limit
1800	Regatta Dinner in event tent @ \$20 person, Raffle and Band after dinner

**Sunday**

0700-0815	Competitors Breakfast
0830	<u>Mandatory</u> Skippers Meeting
1030	Warning Signal
1430	Time Limit
	Awards Ceremony in event tent as soon as results are available.
1400	Lite Lunch provided –hotdogs, chips etc.

## 6. Class Flags –

The class flags, flown from the Signal Boat, will be the colored flags that correspond to each division's assigned backstay ribbon with one exception. The Typhoon division will use the Typhoon class flag.

## 7. Racing Area –

Racing will be held in the Rappahannock River between the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Towles Point.

## 8. The Courses -

**8.1 Saturday:** A Triangle (either once or twice around depending on Fleet with a finish to Windward will be sailed with dropped marks. The exact course will be announced and distributed at the mandatory Skippers Meeting Saturday morning. The approximate bearing and distance to the first mark will be announced prior to the warning signal by the RC Signal Boat. All marks shall be left to PORT. Fleet B will race a shorter course than Fleet A. The Leeward Mark will be offset and to windward of the Start line.

**8.2. Sunday:** A Pursuit Race will be sailed around inflatable marks and possibly government marks. The exact course and starting time for each boat will be announced and distributed at the mandatory Skippers Meeting Sunday morning. The course length will be between 4 and 10 miles. Both fleets will race the same course.

## 9. Marks –

9.1 Dropped course marks will be orange and green inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.2 Start and finish lines will be between the staff of the orange flag on the Signal boat and an orange cylinder.

9.3 Government marks may or may not be used in combination with dropped marks for the Pursuit Race.

## 10. Ribbons and Pennants –

10.1 Each Division will fly a distinctive colored ribbon (included in the skipper's bag) from its backstay. Each boat without a sail number will be provided a numbered ID pennant that shall be **clearly displayed to the Race Committee by a crew member on the side closest to the RC boat as the boat starts and finishes each day**. Please return the pennants (costing roughly \$25 each) and ribbons to the Flag Box in the event tent promptly following the regatta or alternatively VIA the stamped, self-addressed envelope contained in the skippers packet.

10.2 Division Ribbons and Starting Order:

### Fleet A

Division 1 & 2: Dark Green & Grey

Division 3 & 4: Neon Green & Yellow

### Fleet B

Division 5 & 6: Black & Pink

Division 7 & 8: Orange & Red

Division 9: White

Division 10:

10 Typhoon: Blue

Preliminary Division breakdowns will be posted on Yachtscoring.com by September 30, final Division breakdowns for Saturday's racing will be done by the RC and a notice placed on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skipper's meeting Saturday morning.

**11. Check-In** – Prior to Saturday's race, boats are strongly encouraged to check-in with the Race Committee by passing by the RC Signal Boat's transom on starboard tack and showing/hailing their boat's Sail Number or ID number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Alternately, boats may check-in by hailing the Signal Boat on Channel 72.

**12. The Start** –

12.1 Races will be started using rule 26. (RRS rule 26 diagram attached as courtesy.)

Rolling starts will be will attempted. With rolling starts, when starting Division ribbons come down next Division ribbons will go up.

Fleet starting order will be per paragraph 10.2 unless modified by the RC.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Divisions. The starting area is defined as 100 yards in all directions from the starting line.

12.4 More than one Division will likely be started at a time. (Applies to Saturday only)

12.5 For the Pursuit Race, boats will start in reverse order of handicaps, i.e. slowest rating starts first. Handicaps are pre-applied to the boats based on the course and distance and each boat is given a starting time. The starting time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> slowest boat will be 10:35. The slowest boat will start at an assigned time prior to the 10:30 am warning signal. A boat's finish place will be the finish order within her Division. A printed list of starting times will be supplied to all boats at the Skippers Meeting Sunday. For the Pursuit Race a boat meets the definition of Racing 4 min prior to it's scheduled start time.

12.6 The Race Committee will use GPS as an accurate time source for all starts and finishes.

**13. Recalls** –

13.1 Saturday: The RC will attempt to broadcast on the designated channel the ID#/sail numbers or boat name, of all boats observed to be OCS at the start twice

13.2 Sunday (Pursuit Race): Boats who start before their assigned starting time on Sunday may not re-start. Rather, the Race Committee will assign a time penalty to each boat equal to the number of seconds they started ahead of their starting time plus two minutes. The Race Committee will make no signals on Sunday to indicate which (if any) boats have started early. This changes rule A4.

13.3 Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**14. The Finish** – The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark. A boat finishes when crossing the finish line from the course side.

**15. Time Limits** – Saturday’s time limit is 1600 for all boats. If not finished, come in and party. Sunday’s time limit is 1430. Boats not finished at the time limit will be scored DNF. For Sunday’s race the RC will continue to record finishes, until about 1500, for boats not making the time limit so their order of finish can be posted but not included in Division awards.

**16. Radio Communication** – The RC will broadcast on VHF channel 72. The RC will make liberal use of the radio on VHF 72 to help keep boats aware of the progress of the starting sequence. All boats are requested to stay off VHF 72 so as to allow the RC to communicate vital information to the fleet.

**17. Scoring and Trophies** –

**On Saturday**, scores within each Division will be determined by corrected time. The winner of each Division will be given one point; the second place boat will be given two points, etc. per RRS Appendix A.4.

**On Sunday**, scores within each Division will be determined by the order of finish within that Division. The boat finishing first within her Division shall be declared the winner of that Division and given one point, the boat finishing second shall be given two points, etc.

**Overall Division Winners:** The boat with the lowest score for both days combined within each Division will be declared winner of that Division, the second lowest score will be second, etc. At least three overall trophies will be awarded within each Division.

**Overall Winner:** The overall winner will be calculated by adding the Saturday Division Score and the Sunday Pursuit race absolute finish position. Three overall places will be announced. In the event the Sunday race is canceled, the tiebreak for the overall winner(s) will be determined by best corrected speed. The overall winner will have their name engraved on the Virginia Spirit Cup, and also receive a keeper trophy from AGA Correa Marine Jewelers. The overall winner will also receive a room and slip for the 2018 Turkey Shoot compliments of the Tides Inn. In the fun for all spirit of the Turkey Shoot, the 2017 winner will receive a penalty of 20 seconds for the 2018 regatta.

**Wooden Boat Division** – To be eligible, the wooden boat must be built to a 1965 or earlier design. The Wooden Boat Division winner will receive the Doug Power Wobbly Compass Trophy.

**Most Beautiful Boat** – Observers aboard Faded Glory and Claud W. Somers will be voting to select the finest looking vessel in the regatta. The winner will be awarded the Most Beautiful Boat Trophy at the awards ceremony on Sunday. Boats without sail numbers must display their ID number clearly to the observers.

**John and Carole Jean McConnico Trophy** – This trophy will be awarded to the Yacht Club or Marina based on the combined finishes of their top three boats, with the lowest total winning. The Pursuit race finish will break a tie.

**18. Protests** –

18.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the RC (signal boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the RC its sail number (or ID #) and the sail number (or ID #) of

the protested boats(s). This changes RRS 61.18.2

18.2 Protest forms will be available at the event tent desk. Completed forms must be delivered to the event tent desk.

18.3 Protest filing time window: Will begin when the RC finish boat docks and ends 60 minutes later.

18.4 Saturday protests will be heard, time permitting, on Saturday. Sunday protests will be heard, time permitting, on Sunday. Otherwise, awards will be provisional, pending results of any unheard protests.

18.5 Boats who break a rule of Part 2 (When boats meet) may, if they chose, take a Two Turns Penalty as per RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

**19. Retirements** – Boats retiring from a race are requested to make every effort to notify the Race Committee that they are leaving the course.

**20. Double headsails will not be allowed.**

**20. Safety** –

Each owner/skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat, crew, and guests. By entering and participating in this event, they warrant that their sailboat is seaworthy, including, but not limited to, soundness of hull, spars, rigging, and all gear and equipment, and that the crew is sufficiently experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in the weather conditions present.

**21. Lifejackets** – Participants are encouraged to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) if they feel conditions warrant. Those sailing Single-handed boats and boats without lifelines are required to wear PFDs from the start to the finish of all races.

**22. Disclaimer of Liability** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, which says, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” 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.

**23. Coast Guard Auxiliary** – Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels may be patrolling in the vicinity of the racecourse. The primary responsibility of these vessels is to keep non-participating craft from intruding into the racing area. They are not there to assist with race administration. In the event of an emergency, the Auxiliary’s primary mission is to save lives and they are precluded by law from engaging in salvage or other actions to rescue property unless life is endangered.

**24. Regatta Contacts:**

- Tom Chapman, Co-PRO & Race Chairman, [tdchapman@verizon.net](mailto:tdchapman@verizon.net) or (804)-577-3202
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