



# Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series



Fridays: 10 May – 23 August 2019

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY  
Eastport Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

with Amendment Nos. 1, 2 & 3

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 One-design class rules will apply.
- 1.3 Double headsails are not permitted in the Non-Spinnaker classes.
- 1.4 The notation "***DPJ***" in a rule in this Sailing Instruction (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation "***INPJ***" in a rule in this SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at <http://eastportyc.org/beer-cans>. Courtesy information may be provided on the board near the ground floor rear entryway doors and "Sparky's Shed" on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment(s) to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 2000 hours on the day before they will take effect. In addition, code flag "L" will be flown from the EYC clubhouse flagpole on the day the amendment(s) take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole.
- 4.2 Race Committee (RC) will attempt to notify all competitors of a signal made ashore by hail on VHF channel 73, and/or email, and/or text message. Failure to hear a broadcast or receive a message, the RC's failure to broadcast or send a message, or the content of any broadcast or message shall not be grounds for redress.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Race dates:
  - SERIES 1: 10, 17 & 31 May; 07, 14, 21 June.
  - SERIES 2: 28 June; 19, & 26 July; 09, 16, & 23 August.
- 5.2 One (1) race is scheduled for each race date.
- 5.3 It is the intent of the RC that the Warning Signal for the first class will be at 1815 hours, in the vicinity of Severn River G9. An attention signal consisting of multiple horns may be made approximately one (1) minute ahead of the first start's Warning Signal.

*NOTE: This year's calendar allows us to provide six (6) races in each SERIES.*

















### 6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Each boat shall prominently display its class flag on the backstay, or near the stern at all times while racing. Boats in the V-Boats class are not required to display a class flag.

6.2 The order of starts, the classes within each start, the class splits, and the class flags are as follows:

Order of Start & Warning Flag	Class	PHRF Ratings	Class Flag (to be flown from backstay)
1. 	Spinnaker 1	< 143	"#1" 
	V-Boats		none
	J/80		"J" 
2. 	Spinnaker 2	≥ 144	"#2" 
	J/30		"D" 
	Harbor 20		"white" 
3. 	Non-Spinnaker 1	< 122	"#3" 
4. 	Non-Spinnaker 2	≥ 123	"#4" 
	Cal 25		"T" 

*Flying your class flag helps RC identify you each evening, allows them to ensure that you are in the proper start sequence, identifies you to your other competitors, and helps RC finish/score you in the correct class.*

6.3 A one-design class may be started with one of the defined PHRF class (spinnaker / non-spinnaker) starts.

### 7 RACING AREA

The races will take place on the Severn River and Annapolis Harbor.

### 8 CHECK-IN

**[DP] [NP]** All competitors shall check in with the RC Signal Vessel by hailing their sail number, or other distinguishing characteristic if no number is used, until receiving a confirmation hail from the RC Signal Vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

### 9 THE COURSES

9.1 Course will use government marks as designated below. The Horn Point Shoal mark "HP" and Severn River R4 shall be passed on the channel side for all courses. Course diagrams and distances are shown in Attachment A.

9.1.1 When starting toward the southeast (down the river):

- "A" G5 – G9 – Finish
- "B" G5 – G13 – Finish
- "C" G5 – R14 – Finish
- "D" G5 – G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
- "E" G5 – R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "F" R2 – G9 – Finish

9.1.2 When starting toward the northwest (up the river):

- "G" R14 – G9 – Finish
- "H" G13 – G5 – G13 – Finish
- "J" R14 – G5 – R14 – Finish
- "K" G13 – R2 – G9 – Finish

9.2 All marks shall be rounded to port, except G9, which shall be rounded on the channel side.

*Course letters will be prominently displayed on the Signal Vessel, usually on the side opposite the starting line, or wherever the RC can find a place to zip-tie them.*





# 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

The graphic immediately below presents the visual and audible cues during an RRS 26 start sequence.

Time til Start	5 Minutes	4 Minutes	3 Minutes	2 Minutes	1 Minute	START
Action	Upward arrow, four flags (Red, Blue, Red, Red)	Upward arrow, one flag (Blue square)			Downward arrow, one flag (Blue square)	Downward arrow, four flags (Red, Blue, Red, Red)
Audible	Whistle	Whistle			Whistle (long)	Whistle
Visual	Four flags (Red, Blue, Red, Red)	One flag (Blue square)	One flag (Blue square)	One flag (Blue square)	One flag (Blue square)	Four flags (Red, Blue, Red, Red)

10.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel and Severn River G9.

10.3 A boat that has not started within ten (10) minutes after the start signal of the last class shall not race and will be scored "DNS."

10.4 **[DP]** Once properly started, boats shall not sail through the starting line, in either direction, when the RC Signal Vessel is displaying an orange flag. For boats that have already started, the Start Line shall be considered an obstruction. This changes RRS 28.1.

This is a **SAFETY PRECAUTION** to ensure there is no conflict between boats getting ready to start and boats that are already racing.

# 11 RECALLS

In the event of a General Recall, classes that have not been recalled and have not started shall continue as though no recall had been made. Recalled classes will start in the order that they were recalled. The Warning signal for the first class to restart will be made after the start signal for the last scheduled start. The Warning signal for each succeeding recalled class will be made after the starting signal of the previous recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

<p><i>Right after your start, if you see this and hear this</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"X"</b></p> <p><i>someone (or ones) started early. RC will attempt to identify on VHF channel 73 boats who started early, but a radio hail is a courtesy. If you know or think that you started early, go back and start again. The rules assume that it is your responsibility to start correctly.</i></p>	<p><i>Right after the start, if you see this and hear this,</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>st</sup> Substitute</b></p> <p><i>too many boats to identify started early. Your class shall return to the start area and will have a new start sequence after the remaining classes go through their sequences. Refer to the details provided in SI 11.</i></p>
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## 12 THE FINISH

**[DP]** The finish line shall be between an orange flag displayed on the deck of the EYC clubhouse and Spa Creek 1SC. Upon finishing, a boat shall completely clear the finish line, and may use a motor to do so. After finishing, boats shall not pass back through the finish line. This changes RRS 28.1 and 42.

This is a **SAFETY PRECAUTION** to ensure there is no conflict between boats trying to finish and boats that have already finished. **THIS SI WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of An Incident, will apply.

13.2 RRS Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After A Race, will apply, and is changed to: "After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office or sending an email to [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org) that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. However, RRS 44.1(a) and 44.1(b) apply, and the penalty shall be taken at least fifteen (15) minutes before the protest time limit."

## 14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for all classes is 2030 hours.

14.2 RRS 35 (Time Limit) is replaced by: "If no boats in a class have finished by 2030 hours, the race shall be abandoned for that class. A boat still racing at the time limit, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring)."

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests and/or Requests for Redress for an incident that occurred in the racing area shall be submitted to the EYC RC office, located on the clubhouse ground floor, prior to 2130 hours on the day of the race.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 RRS A4, the Low Point scoring system will apply.

16.2 Handicap scoring will be in accordance with the PHRF Time-on-Time Circular Random rating.

16.3 Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two (2) points by the RC without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

## 17 SAFETY

17.1 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73 or by phone on the, or via the EYC cell phone, (410) 271-7193, or via email at [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org). A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, sail number, and class.

17.2 **[DP] [NP]** A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

17.3 **[NP]** A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:

- (a) the boat does not gain an advantage;
- (b) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,
- (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest filing deadline that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

## 18 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

**[DP]** This is a Clean Series; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.



## 19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 **[DP] [NP]** Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.

19.2 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73.

19.3 Failure to hear a broadcast, the RC's failure to broadcast, or the content of any broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.





**20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 A first place prize will be awarded for each Friday night race in each class with three or more finishers. Race Committee may award miscellaneous door prizes, at their own discretion, to attendees at the post-race social at EYC.
- 20.2 Prizes for SERIES 1 and SERIES 2 will be awarded per the following:
  - a 1<sup>st</sup> Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least three (3) boats scored;
  - a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least five (5) boats scored; and,
  - a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place prize will be awarded in each class that has at least seven (7) boats scored.
- 20.3 For SERIES 1 and SERIES 2 results, a boat's worst score will be discarded if five (5) or more races are sailed.
- 20.4 For the Overall Season results, a boat's worst score will be discarded if five (5) or more races are sailed. A boat's worst two (2) scores will be discarded if nine (9) or more races are sailed.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans Series entirely at their own risk, per RRS 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 any race in this series.

**22 INSURANCE**


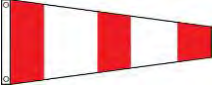
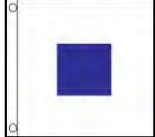
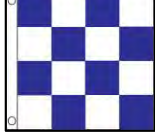

**[DP] [NP]** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (US) per incident, or the equivalent.

**23 SOCIAL**

- 23.1 A post-race social will be held at EYC each week immediately following after the conclusion of racing. Prizes/awards will be distributed to the winning boat in each scored class.
- 23.2 An end of season party will be held at EYC on Friday, 06 September 2019, beginning at 1800 hours. Awards for the SERIES 1, SERIES 2, and Overall results will be presented.

**24 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Information contained in text boxes in this set of SIs is provided as a courtesy to racers. Nothing contained in a text box shall be construed as a part of these sailing instructions.

Other Useful Flags and Their Meaning		
Notification	 "L"	<u>WHEN FLOWN ON SHORE:</u> A change has been made to the SIs. Check the Official Notice Board and/or the EYC website for more details. <u>WHEN FLOWN ON THE WATER:</u> The RC requests that you come within hailing distance of the Signal Vessel.
Postponement	 "AP"	Races not yet started are postponed. Remain in the start area for further signals. The Warning signal for the next class to start will be made one (1) minute after this signal is taken down.
Shorten	 "S"	Racing will be shortened at the rounding mark at which this signal is made. Finish between the "S" flag and the adjacent mark.
Abandonment	 "N" over  "A"	All races, regardless of whether or not they have started, are abandoned (cancelled) for the night. Food will be available and the bar will be open at EYC, unless inclement weather prevents it. Listen for announcements from RC on VHF channel 73.







# Attachment A

## Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans Courses





