

Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) Ya Gotta Regatta One-Design Regatta

September 16, 2017

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1. RULES

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020.

1.2 All prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

1.3 RRS 32, 33, 35, 62.1(a), 90.3(b), A4 and A5 are changed by these instructions.

1.4 SI 10.4 changes rule A5.

1.5 SI 10.4 changes rule 62.1(a).

1.6 SI 11 changes rule 33.

1.7 SI 12.2 changes rule 32.

1.8 SI 14.2 changes rules 35 and A4.

1.9 Appendix T applies.

1.10 A competing boat's mainsail and jib shall consist of the DSC supplied sails rigged on each boat. Neither the mainsail nor the jib may be replaced with another sail.

1.11 A competing boat's spinnaker shall conform to the one-design class rules for that boat. Sail number requirements shall not apply.

1.12 All participating boats shall be crewed by a minimum of 3 persons. Boats not meeting this requirement shall be scored did not start; did not come to the starting area (DNC).

1.13 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at

<http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta> and at the Event Link:

<http://www.downtownsailing.org/event-2590448>

2.2 All information to competitors on the course will be broadcast on VHF channel 71. All participants shall be responsible for complying with all instructions provided.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the DSC Ya Gotta Regatta page (see link above) not later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled first Warning Signal for which they will be in effect.

3.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made orally on the water prior to the warning signal for each race as specified in RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 0800-0900 - Registration (Late registrants only)

0900 - Boat Orientation for Non-DSC skippers

0930 - Skippers' Meeting (T-head of DSC dock)

1030 - First Warning Signal; no races to be started after 1530

1600 - *Little Havana* opens for post-race party

1700 - Awards Ceremony

5.2 The warning signal for subsequent races on each evening will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat in the previous race finishes or the expiration of the time limit defined below.

5.3 The race committee will notify the competitors of the completion of racing.

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6 VENUE

A. Alpha - Patapsco River North of Fort McHenry

B. Patapsco River SE of Fort McHenry, near 'FM'.

See attachment A for course Diagram

For more information concerning these venues, please consult NOAA Chart 12281.

6.2 RC will inform the competitors of the rendezvous to be used for racing at the skippers' meeting and all course changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 71.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 All courses shall be windward-leeward courses, as illustrated in Attachment B. The number of legs will be signaled by the Race Committee boat displaying a course board with the letter "L" and a numeral representing the number of legs of the course. For example, a two-leg windward-leeward course (Start - Mark 1 - Finish) will be signaled as "L2."

8 MARKS

8.1 All marks will be drop marks.

8.2 All rounding marks are to be rounded to port.

8.3 A "Keep Off" buoy may be tied astern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: The area of the Patapsco River between Fort McHenry and the three (3) green buoys off its northeast shore: "7" Q G; "5" Fl G 4s; "3" Q G.

10 THE START

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10.1 Races will be started by using the Sound-Signal Starting System, Appendix S of the RRS.

10.2 A series of five (5) short sounds will be made approximately five (5) seconds before the sequence begins in order to attract competitors' attention in conformance with rule S5.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

10.4 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

10.5 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her boat name or number on VHF channel 71. Failure to make or hear a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.6 An X Flag will be flown, to communicate an Individual Recall, for boats on course side prior to the starting signal. (White with Blue +)

10.7 A First Substitute Flag will be flown in the case of a General Recall. (Yellow triangle with Blue trim)

11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time. This changes rule 33.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

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12.2 The race committee may signal a shortened course with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. The finishing line shall be between the mark and the yellow flag on the Race Committee Boat. This changes rule 32.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix T applies. The Race Committee Bag maintains copies of the “protest form” and “Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Form” and the bag is available from the Race Committee between and after races.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

- A. Mark 1 time limit is 35 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- B. The race time limit is 60 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall follow the provisions of RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 When there is contact involving a DSC assigned race boat, the DSC assigned race boat shall protest the other boat or shall accept the penalty, which may be to retire.

15.3 For the purposes of interpreting rule 44.1(b), "serious damage" shall consist of any damage or contact that results in visible or structural damage, for which the DSC may initiate an email to the Race Council or rules committee.

15.4 Promptly following the completion of each race, a boat that intends to protest an incident in that race shall notify the Race Committee of the name of the boat(s) that she

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intends to protest. For the final race of the day, the race committee shall be notified of the intent before the protesting boat leaves the racing area.

15.5 Directly following the close of the protest time limit, Arbitration shall be held for each protest according to the prescriptions in Appendix T.

15.5.a Arbitration will be held near the DSC docks in the order of protest forms received.

15.6 Protest hearings will be heard in compliance with the rules of Part 5, including the requirement in rule 61.2 that the protest be submitted in writing within the protest time limit.

15.7 Protest hearings will be held immediately following arbitration at the Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21230, in the order in which they are received.

15.8 Protests may be withdrawn in writing and attached to the Protest Form, per Rule T4.

15.9 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat in the same fleet finishes the last race of the day the day or one-half-hour after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. The race office consists of the Race Committee and the Race Committee Bag. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

15.10 Protest forms and Penalty forms are available from the Race Committee and extra copies are located in the Race Committee bag. The Protest form may also be downloaded at: http://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/DARoot/Race%20Admin/Links%20and%20Docs/2013-2016_protest_form.pdf and will be made available to all skippers at the skippers' meeting.

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

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16.2

- A. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- B. When from six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- C. When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing and identify the race skipper aboard. This check-in may be performed on VHF Channel 71 or by sailing within hail of the committee boat.

17.2 Failure to check-in shall preclude a boat from being scored for all races until she does so. A boat shall not consider herself checked in until she receives confirmation from the race committee of her check-in.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4 A boat that leaves the racing area prior to finishing the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.5 No check-out is required after completion of the last race.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

18.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- A. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- B. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- C. hulls, keels, and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water and a soft bristle brush or cloth; and

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D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

19.2 Race committee communication shall be on VHF channel 71. All VHF radios should be set on "Dual" function to monitor VHF channel 16, in accordance with USCG regulations.

20 PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- A. Prizes will be given to the first three (3) finishing boats in the regatta.
- B. These prizes will be presented at the Awards Ceremony scheduled for 1700 on September 16 at *Little Havana Restaurant and Cantina*.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

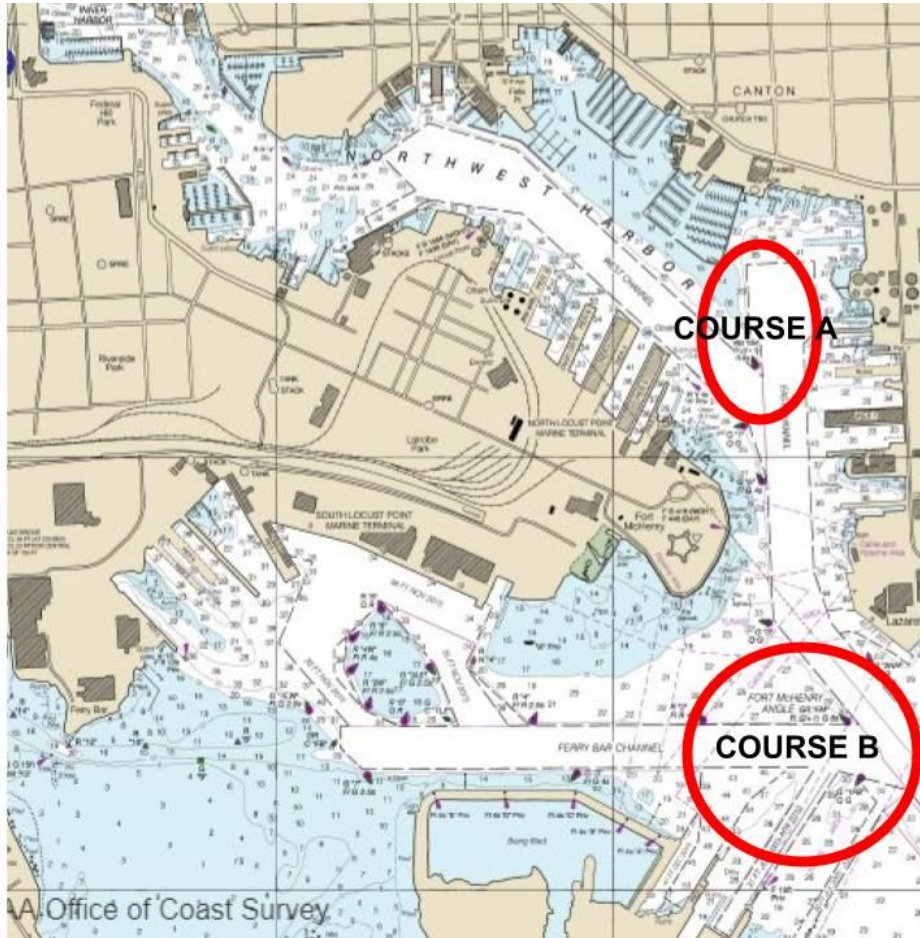
21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

22 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

22.1 By participating in the *Ya Gotta Regatta*, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

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For detailed chart information, consult NOAA Chart 12281
Attachment A



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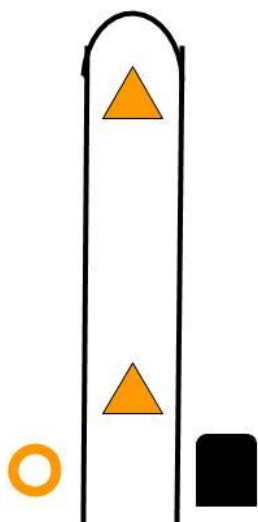
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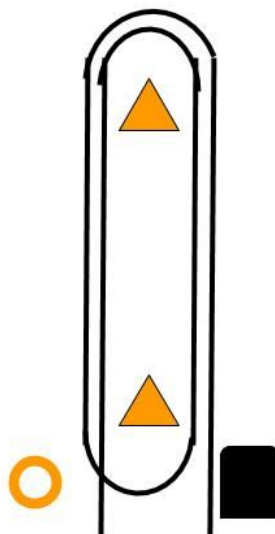
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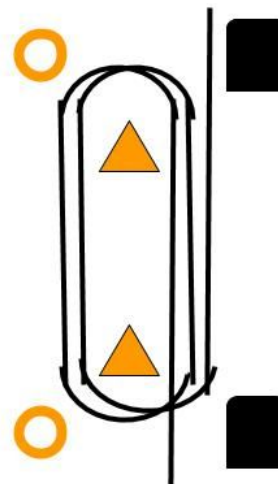
Attachment B



Course "L2"



Course "L4"



Course "L5"