

Charm City's Ya Gotta Regatta

September 16, 2017
Downtown Sailing Center
1425 Key Highway
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS PERFORMANCE HANDICAP RACING FLEET (PHRF) RACE

PART 1

1. Race Headquarters will be located at the Downtown Sailing Center and will be open from 0800-1600 on Saturday September 16, 2017.
2. Regatta webpage: www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta.com
3. Post-race dock parking space reservations may be made by calling the DSC Programs Director, Stuart Proctor, at 410-727-0722, prior to the regatta.
4. Schedule: Saturday September 16, 2017:

1100-1130 Race Check-In, VHF Channel 68
1130-1230 PHRF Pursuit Race Start
*Individual boat start times are listed on "Attachment B", on the DSC Regatta webpage, and will be announced by the DSC Race Management upon request beginning at 1120, Channel 68
Post-race party and awards at Little Havana to start at 1600.

PART 2

1. **RULES**
 - 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2 Where these Sailing Instructions (SI) differ from the RRS, these SI shall take precedence.
2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Official notices and numbered addenda to these Sailing Instructions will be posted online via the regatta webpage: www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be sent to the participants before the regatta and/or communicated via VHF Radio, Channel 68.
4. **RADIO USE**
 - 4.1 All competitors shall carry a working VHF radio aboard their boat.
 - 4.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with the PHRF Race Competitors. All Competitors are reminded that mariners are required by law to monitor VHF Channel 16.

- 4.3 Radio Check-In:** Race Committee will be on station at the head of the DSC Dock by 1120. After 1120 but prior to their start time, boats shall notify the Race Committee of their presence in the starting area.
- 4.4** The Race Committee will respond to transmissions to acknowledge retirements, protests or redress
- 4.5 *Coordinating Start Times*** – *The starting times will be based off UTC local time. There will be a time check at 1130:00 via VHF channel 68. Please sync your watch via the Naval Observatory number or other suitable method in advance. <http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/time/display-clocks/simpletime> - or call - +1 202 762-1401*
- 5. SAFETY**
- 5.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee, VHF 68, as soon as possible, or call Stuart Proctor, DSC Programs Director, by phone at 443-794-5060 in the event of poor VHF connectivity.
- 5.2** RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant. US Sailing prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations."
- 5.3** Boats shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a freighter, tug, or other commercial vessel.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 6.1** Racing is scheduled for the PHRF Fleet on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 1130.
- 6.2** It is the intention of the Race Committee to run a single PHRF Race in Pursuit format.
- 6.3** The scheduled time can be found on Attachment 2 of the SI's. There will be no formal warning signal.
- 7. RACING AREA**
- Races will be conducted on the waters of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the Patapsco River and the Middle Branch Patapsco River in the region south to southeast of the eastern tip of Whetstone Point (Fort McHenry.)
- 8. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**
- The area between the three (3) green buoys off the north/northeast shore of Fort McHenry and the shore itself shall be considered an obstruction. No sailboat shall enter this area. See Attachment A for additional information. For reference these buoys are:
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| "7" QG | N39°16.073' | W076°34.590' |
| "5" FL G 4s | N39°15.954' | W076°34.555' |
| "3"QG | N39°15.620' | W076°34.539' |
- 9. COURSES**
- 9.1** Courses for the PHRF Spinnaker Race is as follows:
1. Start at DSC Dock (39° 16.508'N 76° 36.000'W) between the orange flag on the dock and the spherical orange inflatable drop mark.
 2. Leave "NH" to Starboard (39° 16.213'N 76° 34.570'W)
 3. Leave "FM" to Port (39° 15.397'N 76° 34.305'W)
 4. Round "FSK buoy", leaving it to Port (39° 13.455'N 76° 31.711'W)
 5. Leave "FM" to Starboard (39° 16.213'N 76° 34.570'W)
 6. Leave "NH" to Port (39° 16.213'N 76° 34.570'W)
 7. Finish between the orange flag on the DSC dock and the spherical orange inflatable drop mark.
- Course length: 9.7 nm Start times are based upon a theoretical scratch boat with a PHRF rating of 300.
- 9.2** A course diagram is posted on "Attachment C". This image is for informational purposes only and is not intended for use as a navigation aid.

More information about Distances from and Bearings to Marks can be found via BCYA's webpage at <http://www.bcya.com/marks/BCYAMarks.pdf>

10. MARKS

The starting and finishing mark will be an spherical orange inflatable drop mark. All other marks are posted above and can be found on NOAA Chart 12881.

11. THE START

11.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the NW head of the DSC Dock DSC and the spherical orange inflatable drop mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the head of the DSC Dock and an spherical orange inflatable drop mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the PHRF Race will be 5 hours. The time limit may be changed prior to the race by Race Management.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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

14.3 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.

14.4 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 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.

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

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

14.6 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.

14.7 Protest hearings will be held two Wednesdays after the date of the protest at the Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21230, at 1800 hours local time.

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

14.9 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.

14.10 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.

15. SCORING

15.1 Boats will be scored according to actual time crossing the finish line. Corrected times will have already been incorporated into the Pursuit Start times. (Refer to regatta website for posted start times).

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be given as follow:

Spinnaker Division: 1st, 2nd place

Non-Spinnaker Division: 1st, 2nd place

Awards will be presented at the post-race party Saturday, September 16 at Little Havana.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

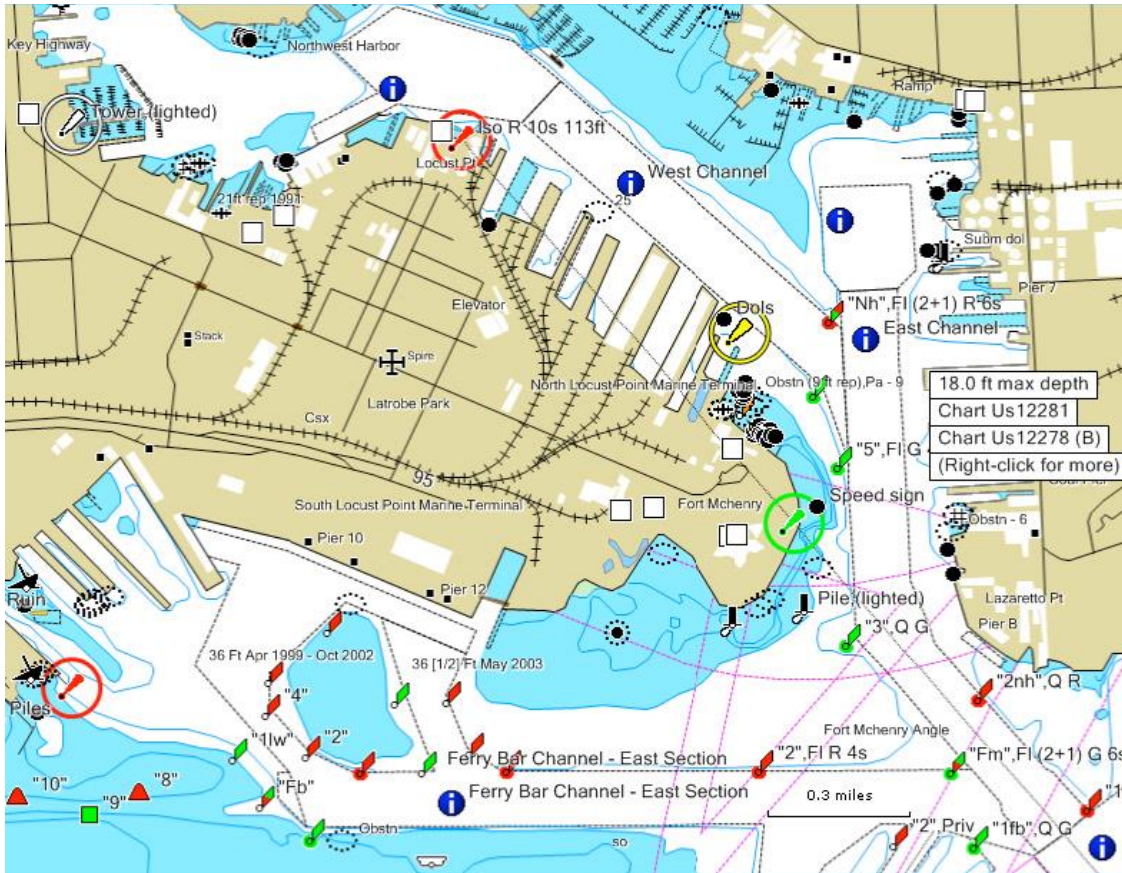
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

The Skipper/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guest. The legal drinking age in Maryland is 21. Minors will not be served and proof of age will be required. In the event of serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, underage drinking, or failure to comply with the request of any DSC Employee or DSC Volunteer, the Skipper/Owner will be held responsible and the boat or competitor may be subject to expulsion from the regatta by the DSC Executive Director.

IMPORTANT NOTE - COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC, LARGE SHIPS, TUG BOATS, WATER TAXIS, ETC., HAVE RIGHT OF WAY AS THE "STAND-ON" VESSELS AT ALL TIMES AND RACE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE THE "GIVEWAY" VESSELS. RACE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD KEEP A LOOKOUT POSTED AT ALL TIMES AND STAY WELL CLEAR OF ANY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC.

BALTIMORE'S HARBOR IS AN ACTIVE COMMERCIAL PORT. SHIPS UNDERWAY MAY NOT LOOK LIKE THEY ARE MOVING, BUT IN FACT, THEY ARE MOVING QUITE QUICKLY, ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED IN THEIR MANEUVERABILITY AND THEIR ABILITY TO SEE YOU OVER THEIR HIGH BOWS. FOR YOUR SAFETY, STAY WELL CLEAR OF ALL COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND STAY OUT OF THE SHIPPING CHANNEL! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR POSITION RELATIVE TO A COMMERCIAL VESSEL AND ITS MOVEMENTS, THEY CAN BE HAILED ON VHF CHANNEL 13 USING PROPER RADIO PROTOCOLS.

ATTACHMENT A – RENDEZVOUS AND OBSTRUCTION AREAS



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Attachment B

Boat	Rating	Start Time
Scratch Boat	300	11:30:00
Turk Garth	240	11:39:42
Project Mayhem Deux (Flying Scot Spin) 210		11:44:33
J/22 Non-Spin	189	11:47:57
Sonar Non-Spin	189	11:47:57
Sprite Pearson 30 Non-Spin	189	11:47:57
Sonar Spin	180	11:49:24
J/24 Non-Spin	180	11:49:24
J/22 Spin	180	11:49:24
Sprite Pearson 30 Spin	180	11:49:24
Evening Star	175	11:50:13
Island Girl	175	11:50:13
PEARSON 33-2 WK FP RFA	174	11:50:22
J/24 Spin	171	11:50:51
Horizon	160	11:52:38
Madi Noelle	160	11:52:38
ISLANDER 36 FP	156	11:53:17
Project Mayhem	138	11:56:11
Sizzle (pearson flyer)	138	11:56:11
Dark Crystal Non-Spin	132	11:57:10
J/27 Calculated Risk	129	11:57:39
Dark Crystal	129	11:57:39
Artemis II Tartan 10	126	11:58:08
FogDog	123	11:58:37
Infrared (Baltic 35)	120	11:59:06
Olson 30	108	12:01:02
Vulture	96	12:02:59
Toxic Catfish	96	12:02:59
J/105	90	12:03:57
Bad Medicine	84	12:04:55
Intrigue	84	12:04:55
Blue Smoke	75	12:06:23
Legacy	72	12:06:52
The Fish	72	12:06:52
AfterSchock	72	12:06:52
Incorrigible 42424 j/35	72	12:06:52
Silverback	69	12:07:21
Farr 30 Non Spin	63	12:08:19
Farr 30 Spin	54	12:09:46
J/111	39	12:12:12

"Attachment C"

