

**Charm City Ya Gotta Regatta  
October 2nd, 2021  
The Downtown Sailing Center (DSC)  
Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.**

**CCYGR Sonar and Freedom Independence 20 Regatta Sailing Instructions**

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The notation “[NP]” in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024.

**1.2** All prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

**1.3** RRS 26, 32.2, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61.1, 62.1(a), Part 5 Section B & Appendix M are changed by these instructions.

**1.4** SI 11.1 changes RRS 26 to Appendix U (Audible Signal Racing System)

**1.5** SI 11.4 changes RRS 62.1(a).

**1.6** SI 12.1 changes RRS 33.

**1.7** SI 13.2 changes RRS 32.2.

**1.9** SI 14.2 changes RRS 44.1

**1.10** SI 16.2 changes RRS 61.1

**1.11** SI 16.7 changes Part 5 Section B & Appendix M

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

**2 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

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**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at <http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta> and at the Event Link on the DSC website.

**2.2** All information to competitors on the course will be broadcast on VHF channel 69. 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 12 hours prior to the scheduled first Warning Signal for which they will be in effect.

**3.2** Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water prior to the warning signal for each race by broadcasting via VHF channel 69.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** No visual signals will be displayed ashore

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** The schedule will be as follows:

10:30 AM - 11:30 PM Registration

11:30 AM Sonar & Freedom Skipper's Meeting @ Compass Rose or Pavilion

1:00 PM Freedom Class Start; Sonar Class to directly follow

3:00 PM No Freedom Races to start after 3:00 PM

3:30 PM No Sonar Races to start after 3:30 PM

**5.2** The Race Committee intends to run 3 races for each class. A minimum of 1 race will be required to constitute a regatta.

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

### **6 Class Flags**

**6.1.** The Freedom Independence 20 class flag will be numeral pennant two (2), a blue pennant with a white circle inset into the blue field. The Sonar Class flag will be a flag with a red Sonar Class insignia on a white field.

### **7 Racing Areas**

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**7.1** The racing area will be the Northwest Branch of the Patapsco River and the greater Patapsco River, including the West Channel, East Channel, Ferry Bar Channel, and Fort McHenry Channel.

*See Attachment A for Racing Area & Courses Diagram.*

*Consult NOAA Chart 12281 for detailed chart information.*

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** The Courses are as follows:

- A. Course A: Start between the signal boat and R4; leave R2 to starboard; round NH, leaving NH to starboard; leave R2 to port; finish between the signal boat and R4.
- B. Course B: Start between the signal boat and R4; leave R2 to starboard; leave NH to starboard; round FM, leaving FM to port; leave NH to port; leave R2 to port; finish between the signal boat and R4.

Unless posted differently, the Freedom Class will sail course 'A' and the Sonar class will sail course 'B'.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** All marks will be government marks.

- A. Starting/Finishing Mark: **R N "4"** in the vicinity of the "Sandlot"
- B. **R N "2"** in the vicinity of Fells Point
- C. **RG "NH" (2 + 1) R 6s** split channel buoy in the vicinity of Canton Waterfront Park
- D. **GR "FM" Fl (2 + 1) G 6s** split channel buoy in the vicinity of Fort McHenry

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

**10.1** 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. Boats shall not sail through the designated obstruction.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using Appendix U (the Audible Signal Racing System). This changes RRS 26. *See Attachment 'B' for starting information.*

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and the course side of the starting mark. The Signal boat may be set on the North or South side of 'R4'.

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**11.3** 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 69. Failure to make or hear a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**12.1** The race committee may change a leg of the course by shortening the course and signaling all boats at a mark of the course before they begin the next leg with any of the following methods:

- a. Repetitive sounds
- b. Verbal hail
- c. Broadcast via VHF channel 69.

This changes RRS 33.

**13 THE FINISH**

**13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

**13.2** The race committee may signal a shortened course with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. The finishing line for a shortened course shall be between the course side of the mark and a staff displaying flag S. This changes RRS 32.2

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** Appendix T applies.

**14.2** Rule 44.1, "Taking a Penalty": "Two-Turns Penalty" is replaced with "One-Turn Penalty." This changes rule 44.1.

**15 TIME LIMITS**

**15.1** Time limits are as follows:

- A. The race time limit is 1 hour, 30 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned.

**16 PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS**

**16.1** Hearing Request Forms and Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Forms are available from the race office, which consists of the Race Committee. Protests and requests

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for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Forms can also be downloaded from <https://downtownsailing.org/tnofficialnoticeboard>.

**16.2** A boat intending to protest need not display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1.

**16.3** When there is contact resulting in damage: each DSC boat shall protest or accept a penalty, as appropriate.

**16.3.a** If the fouling boat exonerates herself on the water and there is no damage, the protest need not be in writing.

**16.4** For the purposes of interpreting RRS 44.1(b), "serious damage" shall consist of any damage or contact that results in visible or structural damage.

**16.5** Promptly following the completion of each race, a boat that intends to protest an incident in that race shall notify the Race Committee.

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

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

**16.7** Protest Hearings

As soon as practical after arbitration, and before either involved team leaves the dockage area, the jury will hold a "3 minute justice" hearing, comprised solely of a protest committee and a single representative from each party to the protest hearing:

- A. Once the hearing has begun, the Protestor has one minute to explain the reason for his/her party's protest to the Protest Committee.
- B. The Protestee has one minute to explain his/her party's position.
- C. The Protest Committee shall dismiss the two competitors and will deliberate and reach a decision in 1 minute.

This sailing Instruction changes the proceedings outlined in Part 5 Section B and Appendix M.

**16.8** Protest hearings will be held immediately following arbitration near the entrance to 'A' Dock (or another suitable, nearby, announced location) at The Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21230, in the order in which they are received.

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**16.9** The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or one-half-hour after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later. The protest time limit may be extended by the Race Committee for any reasonable requests.

**17 SCORING**

**17.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

**17.2**

- A. When fewer than three (3) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- B. When three (3) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** Races started in winds exceeding 15 knots sustained shall be raced with reefed mainsails. The race committee shall notify competitors via VHF 69 prior to the start of any race in which this restriction applies.

**18.2** [NP] All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing by verbal hail to the signal boat. A boat shall not consider herself checked in until she receives confirmation from the race committee of her check-in.

**18.3** [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**18.4** [NP] A boat that leaves the racing area prior to finishing the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

**18.6** No racing will occur if a Gale Warning is currently issued by the National Weather Service. No racing will occur if the sustained winds exceed 20 kts.

**19 Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority**

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

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- 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 not be cleaned except at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, The Downtown Sailing Center.
- D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

**19.2** The Penalty for not complying with the above instruction will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

**19.3** A competing boat's sails shall consist of DSC supplied mainsail and jib only. Neither the mainsail nor the jib may be replaced with another sail.

**21 ADVERTISING**

**21.1** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**22 PRIZES**

**22.1** Prizes will be given to the top three (3) finishing boats.

**23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**23.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

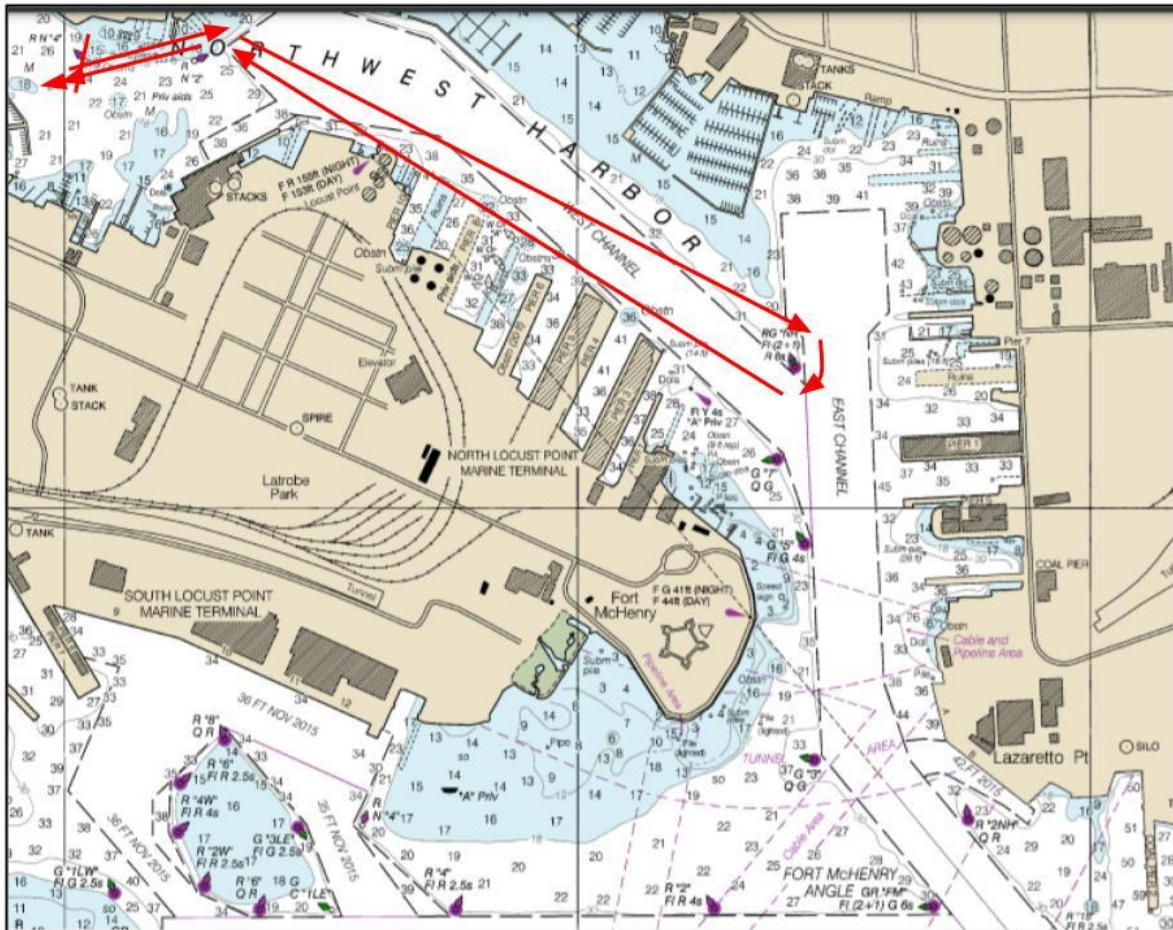
**24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

**24.1** 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*

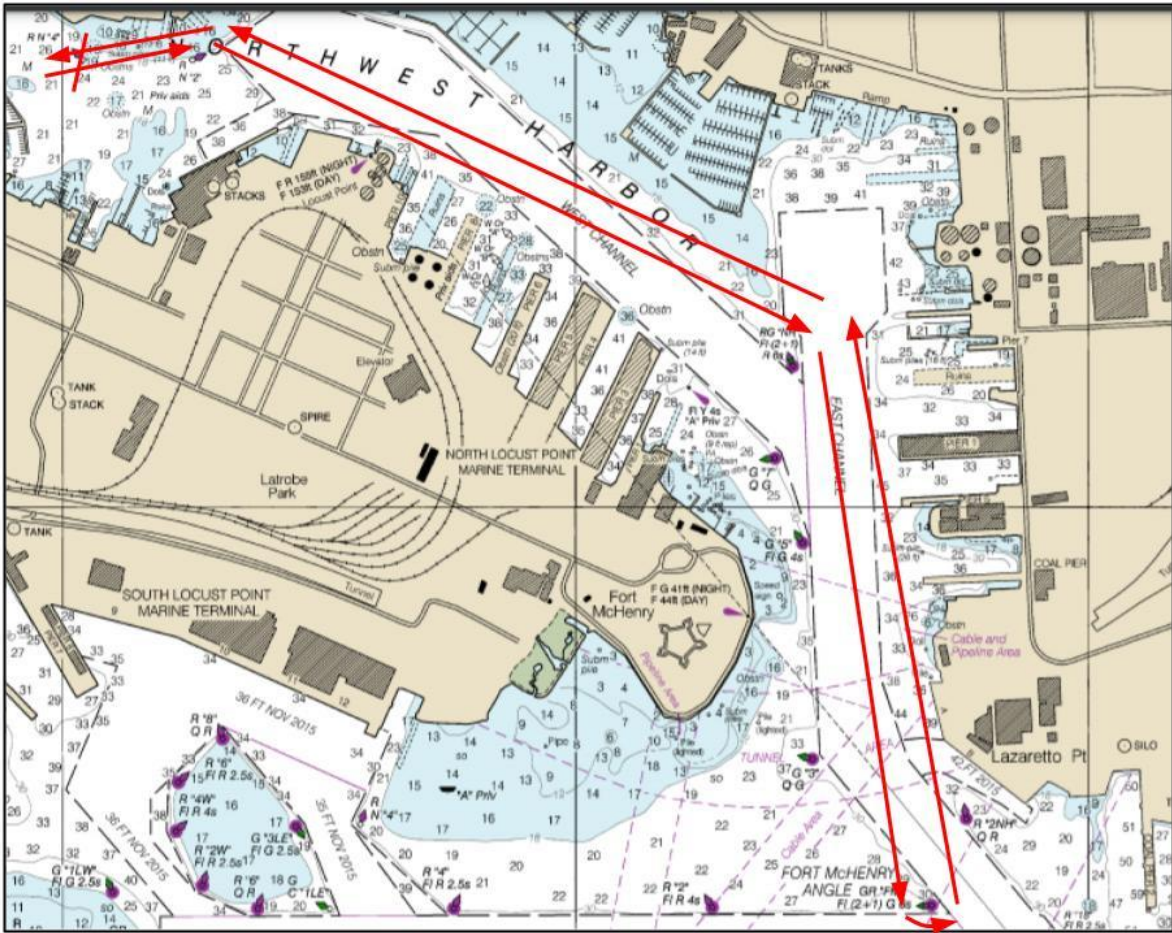
**Attachment 'A' (pages 8 & 9)**  
**Sonar & Freedom Course 'A' (likely used for Freedom Class)**






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**Sonar & Freedom Course 'B' (likely used for Sonar Class)**




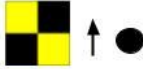

**Attachment 'B'**







Orange Flag and Staff up & on station

"L" Flag Up "Come within hail" (1 short)

"L" Flag Down (no sound)

### Audible Signal Racing System (US Sailing Appendix U)

5 warning blasts (WONK, etc.)	● ● ● ● ●
3 Minutes - Class Flag UP - 3 Long	 ↑ ——— ——— ———
2 Minutes - P Flag UP - 2 Long	 ↑ ——— ———
1 Min 30 sec - 1 Long, 3 short	————— ● ● ●
1 Minute - P Flag DOWN	 ↓ ———
30, 20, 10 sec - 3 short, 2 short, etc.	● ● ●    ● ●    ●
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO! - Class Flag <u>DOWN</u>	● ● ● ● ●  ↓ ———