



**Charm City Ya Gotta Regatta - PHRF PURSUIT RACE**

**October 2nd, 2021**

**The Downtown Sailing Center (DSC)**

**Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.**

**PHRF PURSUIT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Posted August 12, 2021

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 series 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, 32.1, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 61.1, 62.1(a), A4, A5, Part 5 Section B & Appendix M are changed by these instructions.

**1.4** SI 11.1 changes RRS 26.

**1.5** SI 11.3 changes RRS 62.1(a).

**1.6** SI 12.1 changes RRS 33.

**1.7** SI 13.2 changes RRS 32.1 & 35.

**1.8** SI 15.1 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

**1.9** SI 16.2 changes RRS 61.1

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

**1.11** SI 17.1 Changes 32.1, 35, A4 & A5

**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**

**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 68**. 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. Registered competitors will be emailed when changes go into 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 68.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

## **5 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1** October 2, 2021

Propr to 10:00 AM - any final information about the race will be sent via email from race management.

10:00 AM	PHRF Q&A at the DSC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	DSC Cruising Skippers and Crew may access docks and boats
11:00 AM	Race committee on Station in the vicinity of "G3"
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Competitor check-in via verbal hail or VHF 68
11:30 AM	Courtesy time check and watch sync via VHF 68
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	PHRF Pursuit Start

**5.2** Pursuit Start times for the course will be posted on the event website, [www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta](http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta). Pursuit start times are based upon a theoretical scratch boat of 300 starting at 12:00 PM local time.

## **6 FLEETS**

**6.1** The PHRF Pursuit Regatta will consist of up-to three fleets:

- a. Spinnaker Fleet - for boats flying spinnaker

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- b. Non-spinnaker Fleet - for boats with a valid PHRF rating or portsmouth yardstick rating
- c. Cruising Fleet - for boats with cruising accommodations, such as a head, galley sink, and sleeping berths, that lack a valid PHRF rating.
  - i. Cruising Fleet boats are strictly “non-spinnaker” boats

**6.2** Competing boats that lack a valid PHRF rating shall contact the organizing authority and shall be assigned a PHRF rating for the regatta.

## 7 RACING AREA

**7.1** The racing area includes the Patapsco River, Patapsco River East & West Channels, and the Patapsco River Northwest Harbor

## 8 THE COURSE

**8.1** The Course is a distance **Pursuit race of 9.7 nm**. All classes will sail the same course, will be governed as one fleet, and are subject to the same rules.

**8.2** A Course diagram is posted in .pdf form on the regatta website:

[www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta](http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta)

## 9 MARKS

**9.1** Marks of the course are as follows:

1. Starting Mark: **G “3” Q G** in the vicinity of Fort McHenry
  - a. Leave “G3” to port, starting between Mark “G3” and the committee boat
2. **Fort Carroll**
  - a. Round Ft Carroll in either direction, leaving on either side
3. **GR “FM” FI (2 + 1) G 6s** split channel buoy in the vicinity of Fort McHenry
  - a. Leave “FM” to starboard
4. **RG “NH” (2 + 1) R 6s** split channel buoy in the vicinity of Canton Waterfront Park
  - a. Leave “NH” to port
5. **R N “2”** in the vicinity of Fells Point
  - a. Leave “R2” to port
6. Finishing Mark: **R N “4”** in the vicinity of the “Sandlot”
  - a. Leave “R4” to port, finishing between “R4” and the finish boat

**9.2** A “Keep Off” buoy may be tied astern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

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#### **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 two (2) green buoys off its northeast shore: "G7"; "G5".

**Boats shall not sail through the designated obstruction, which is marked by a highly visible 6mph speed limit sign.**

**10.2** Please consult NOAA chart 12281 for depths near Fort McHenry prior to the start of the race. There are shallow areas in the vicinity of Fort McHenry near the starting area.

#### **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started according to the start times posted on the regatta website: [www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta](http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta). Start times are based upon a course length of 9.7 nm; the theoretical scratch boat has a PHRF rating of 300 with a theoretical start time of 12:00 PM local time. This changes RRS 26.

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark, "G3."

**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 68. Failure to make or hear a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### **12 CHANGES TO THE COURSE**

**12.1** See SI 13.2. The course will not be altered or changed. This changes RRS 33.

#### **13 THE FINISH**

**13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark, "R4."

**13.2** The Pursuit Race format does not lend to shortening or altering the course. Boats not finishing within the time limit may elect to be scored in order according to distance to the finish in order to receive a score. This changes RRS 32.1 and 35.

#### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** Appendix T applies.

#### **15 TIME LIMITS**

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**15.1** The time limit for the PHRF Pursuit race is 5:00 PM Local time. If no boats have finished within the time limit, boats *may* be scored in place by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **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 and Race Committee Bag. Protests and requests 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 involving any DSC boat(s): each DSC boat **shall** protest or accept 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.

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- 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.

**16.9** The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat in the same fleet finishes the last race of the day or one-half-hour after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later.

### **17 SCORING**

**17.1** Boats will be scored according to actual time crossing the finish line. Corrected times will have already been incorporated into the Pursuit Start times. Boats not finishing within the time limit may elect to be scored in place according to their distance to the finish. This changes RRS 32.1, 35, and sections A4 & A5.

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** [NP] All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing by verbal hail to the signal boat.

**18.2** [NP] Failure to check-in shall preclude a boat from being scored until she does so. 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.

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

**18.6** No racing will occur if a Gale Warning is currently issued by the National Weather Service.

### **19 Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority**

**19.1** Boats that are provided for competitors in DSC boats shall not be modified by competitors in any way except that:

- A. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;

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- 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, Downtown Sailing Center.
- D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

**19.2** The Penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from the race.

**19.3** Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**20.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **21 ADVERTISING**

**21.1** A boat and her crew shall not display any brand advertising on competitors' clothing, the boat, or sails without prior approval from the organizing authority. Boats failing to comply with this rule will be scored DNE for all races started without a hearing by the organizing authority. This rule is not intended to exclude unique team images but to discourage corporate promotion or sponsorship that is not pre-approved by the organizing authority.

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

## **22 PRIZES**

**22.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

- A. Prizes will be given to the first three (3) finishing boats in each fleet.

## **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

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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.