

BROAD BAY SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP
for the BOLD MARINER CUP
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
October 14, 2023

Rules:

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

Classes – Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker (single-headsail only); classes may be split based on participation.

Boats shall meet the safety requirements of the US Sailing Near Shore category with the addition of 2.4.6, 2.4.7, 2.5.1, and 2.7.2. These requirements can be viewed at <https://broadbaysailing.org/resources/Documents/Racing/Monohull-SER-2023.0.pdf>. No crew limits apply.

Skippers' Meeting

None. All information including fleet splits, sailing instructions (and any changes) with course information will be available on the BBSA website: www.broadbaysailing.org. Non-spinnaker fleet split will be finalized by 1230 hours on October 13.

Registration:

Online at the BBSA website. Entry fee: FREE. Deadline is 1200 hours on October 13. Open to all members-in-good-standing (as of October 1) of BBSA, Willoughby Racers, or Little Creek Sailing Association. If a boat is co-owned by more than 1 person and only one of the owners is a BBSA/WR/LCSA member, that boat could be raced by one of the other non-member/owners for that team, as long as the member/owner does not use another boat to race for the same or another team as well. Similarly, a member of BBSA/WR/LCSA cannot loan his boat to a nonmember to be raced on the team for which it is normally raced and then use another boat to race for the same or another team.

Written Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted online as an update to the Sailing Instructions by 1300 on October 13.

The Start:

All starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The first Warning Signal will be 1000. It is anticipated (but not required) that except for the first fleet to start, subsequent Warning Signals will be made simultaneously with the previous class Start Signal (aka rolling starts).

Starting Sequence Order and Class Flags:

Non-Spinnaker II (1HS) – Black Fleet Flag

Non-Spinnaker I (1HS) – White Fleet Flag

Spinnaker – Yellow Fleet Flag (boats may fly code flags 9, 6, or 7 or a yellow ribbon)

Class splits will be finalized by 1230 on October 13th and will be posted on the BBSA website. It is the responsibility of each skipper to check the website after 1230 to see the final split (splits may change throughout the final week as more boats are registered). Competitors shall fly a class flag/ribbon from their backstay or starboard shroud if the boat does not have a backstay; only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this rule.

Racing Area:

The race will be held in the Southern Bay in the vicinity of Ocean View around a combination of government and drop marks.

Start/Finish Line:

The Start/Finish (S/F) Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and an Orange Ball drop mark. The S/F line will be within 1 NM of 36° 59' N, 76° 14' W.

Line Restriction:

After starting, boats shall not cross the Start / Finish line except to finish. The restricted line is considered an obstruction.

Check In:

All boats shall check-in with the Race Committee before the race by passing by the stern of the Signal Boat with their mainsail hoisted and hailing their boat name and sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Check-in by VHF radio is **not** acceptable and will not be acknowledged.

Marks: [latitude and longitude coordinates refer to the marks' approximate location]

“G17” – G “17” Fl G 2.5s (37° 00.35' N, 76° 14.39' W) on south side of Thimble Shoal Channel

“G15” – G “15” Fl G 4s (36° 59.94' N, 76° 12.79' W) on south side of Thimble Shoal Channel

“1LC” – G “1LC” Q G (36° 58.08' N, 76° 10.06' W) at Little Creek Entrance Channel

“D” – Orange Ball Drop Mark (36° 58.00' N, 76° 15.30' W) located just northeast of Ocean View Fishing Pier

“J” – Yellow Drop Mark (36° 56.54' N, 76° 12.18' W) off East Ocean View Beach

Courses:

The course to be raced will be designated by a board displayed on the Race Committee boat. Only one course number will be shown and all fleets will sail the same course.

Course 1 – “G17” to PORT – “D” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 2 – “G15” to PORT – “D” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 3 – “G15” to STARBOARD – “J” to STARBOARD – Finish Line

Course 4 – “1LC” to PORT – “D” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 5 – “1LC” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 6 – “D” to PORT – “G17” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 7 – “D” to PORT – “J” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 8 – “J” to PORT – “G15” to PORT – Finish Line

Course 9 – “D” to PORT – “G15” to PORT – Finish Line

Recalls:

The R/C will attempt to hail boats that are OCS on VHF-72. Failure to transmit or receive this hail, promptness of the hail or a boat's position in the sequence of hails shall not be grounds for redress.

Shortening Course:

The R/C may shorten the race at any mark of the course by anchoring at that mark and displaying Code Flag “S”. Finish between the mark and the boat from the course side of the finish line.

Keeping Clear of Starting Area:

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and boats whose warning signal has been made.

Compliance with government restrictions:

Boats shall comply with government-restricted areas, whether marked by buoys, defined by law (keeping clear of war ships), or instructed by personnel. No redress will be given for compliance with government restrictions.

Penalty System:

Except when she is required to retire by RRS 44.1, a boat infringing a rule of RRS Part 2 may take a penalty in accordance with either RRS 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!) or Rule 44.3 (20% Scoring Penalty). If a boat contacts a Race Committee vessel, her penalty shall be to immediately retire from the race.

Time Limit:

No boat will be scored later than 3 hours after the first start (1305 if the race starts on time). This modifies Rule 35. Boats still racing at the time limit will be scored TLE (1 + the number of boats finished in their fleet).

Safety:

Boats retiring from the race are requested to notify the Race Committee immediately via VHF-72; please wait for an acknowledgement or text or call Claude Speed at 703-244-2906 (leave voice mail if requested). This is vital to enable the RC to account for all competitors at the conclusion of the race. Weather Cancellations – Force 6 conditions or greater, as stated in the Beaufort Wind Scale, shall be grounds for cancelling the race. The RC may cancel or postpone for lightening depending upon the location and direction of the storm or for any other conditions deemed unsafe. Delays or cancellations before racing shall be by VHF-72 and announced 30 minutes prior to the first warning. Updates will be provided every 15 minutes until it is determined to cancel or proceed. Cancellations while racing due to weather shall be by VHF-72; competitors shall respond with acknowledgement. Any decision to cancel or postpone is based on the judgement of the Race Committee and is not subject to redress.

Protests and Requests for Redress:

Protests or Requests for Redress shall be delivered (in writing) to a representative of the race committee at Bay Point Marina or by email to racings@broadbaysailing.com or by text to 703-244-2906 within 1 hour of the time the committee boat reaches the dock or 3pm (whichever is later). In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1, anyone intending to file a protest shall so notify the race committee and be acknowledged by the race committee immediately after finishing or retiring. This changes RRS 61.1. Protest hearings shall be held on Sunday evening or Monday evening at a location TBD.

Scoring:

Team Scoring: a minimum of 4 boats spanning 2 fleets must start for a club to qualify for the team competition (low point scoring). One bonus point (deduction) awarded for each boat that starts up to a maximum of 6. Scores for the best 4 finishers from each team will be used. Score for DNF/RET= 1+ the number of boats entered in the fleet and DNC=2+ the number of boats entered in the fleet. If there is a tie between two or more teams, each team's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the team(s) with the best score(s). If there is still a tie, it shall then be broken in favor of the team that has more participation.

Prizes:

Trophies for each class, plus the Bold Mariner Cup for the winning team, will be awarded at the BBSA meeting to be held at Bold Mariner Brewing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Bold Mariner Brewery.

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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 the regatta.

Insurance:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.