

Francis Scott Key Classic *(race back from Baltimore)*

Notice of Race/GSI Amendment



ROCK CREEK RACING ASSOCIATION

Sunday 18 October 2026

Sanction #: 26-114

Entry Due: Thursday 15 October 2026

Entry Fee: \$40 (\$5 CBYRA Discount)

Online Entry: Available at <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/1433>

SI's: This NOR along with the *CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions* shall constitute the Sailing Instructions for this event.

Eligibility: This regatta is open to all boats of the following Classes: PHRF (A,B,C), CRCA, and Multihull (A&B). Class splits will be assigned based on regatta registration with a minimum of three boats in each class. Classes with at least three participants will be added upon request to the Race Committee Chairperson. Requests shall be made by email by 20:00 October 15, 2026.

Notice Board: Race announcements, changes to SI's and Amendments will be posted on RCRA's website by 2200 the day preceding the event. **RRS 90.2 (c)** is in effect: Oral changes to the SI's may occur on the water prior to the Warning Signal.

Radio: Boats shall monitor VHF 72 for communications from the Race Committee, including on water changes to the SI's.

Rendezvous: At 1030 in the vicinity of **CBYRA Mark "FF"**

Start: Between orange flag on Race Committee boat and CBYRA Mark "FF" or nearby government mark, or as amended in posted addendum.

Signals: RRS26 (Starting times) will be announced by 22:00 October 17, 2026

Course/Rules: Designated by letters displayed on Race Committee boat, as further described in the *CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions* and NORTH CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AREA and BALTIMORE HARBOR & PATAPSCO RIVER AREA, with additional RCRA Yellow Marks as follows.

RCRA "A" N39° 10.902, W076 29.291'

RCRA "B" N39° 10.117, W076 29.706'

RCRA "C" N39° 10.500, W076 28.500'

Rule 32.2 is modified as follows: Each boat shall pass sufficiently close to each course mark to ascertain whether the course has been shortened at any of the course marks.

GSI Rule 17.1 is modified as follows: For penalties while racing, RRS 44.1, One-Turn Penalties ONLY will apply.

Finish: **GSI Rule 16.2** is modified: The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard containing an ORANGE flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of the designated finish mark. Course may be shortened at any designated course mark. Boats not finishing are requested to notify Race Committee boat on VHF Channel 72.

Time Limit: 4 hours.

Scoring: Assignment to a specific class division will be based on participation and is not grounds for redress

PHRF - Scoring, class rules and boat ratings as per PHRF of the Chesapeake Class Rules. Random Leg rating, Time-on-Distance. PHRF CCNS fleet shall be limited to one headsail flown at a time except for cutter rigs as noted.

CRCA – Scoring and ratings will be in conformance with class rules, Time-on-Time. Entrants using ORR-Ez ratings shall comply with the ORR-Ez Rulebook and CRCA Class Rules. CRCA class sail configuration, Spin vs Non-Spin, shall be made by Friday October

17 23:59.

Multihull – Scoring, class rules and boat ratings as per The Chesapeake Multi-Hull Association, Time-on-Time.

Protests: Protester should immediately notify Race Committee boat upon finishing. Written protest forms must be postmarked by Tuesday 20 October 2026 to the contact listed above. Protester and protested will be notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.

Safety: **Safety Equipment Requirements:** US Sailing Monohull SER Nearshore is in effect for this race. <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Monohull-SER-2023.0-Nearshore.pdf>

Weather: If a gale warning or higher issued by the national Weather Service is in effect for the racing area on the day of the race by 2000 on Saturday October 17, 2026, the race will be cancelled and notification posted on www.rockcreekracing.org.

Awards: 1st/3, 2nd/5 & 3rd/7+ Starters. Awards will be presented at RCRA's Annual Awards Dinner.

Other: Additional information may be found at www.rockcreekracing.org. Race back from the BCYA *Baltimore Harbor Cup* www.bcya.com.

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