



**St. Mary's College of Maryland Presents:
The 2024 Governor's Cup Yacht Races
Friday, Aug 2&3, 2024**

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**Hosted by St. Mary's College Sailing Association
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Special Sailing Instructions, All Courses

Entries:

- Entry fee \$120.00. Registration is not complete until payment is received. Online entry is via [NextSailor.com](https://www.nextsailor.com), the link will also be provided on <https://www.smcm.edu/events/GovCup/>. Entries will be sent an automated official confirmation by email. Competitors shall verify entry via the Governor's Cup page on NextSailor.com. It is the responsibility of each competitor to notify the Governor's Cup Office by 8/1/24 if verification of entry has not been accomplished.
- Changes to entry information will not be accepted after 1700 on 8/1/24.

Rules: The race will be governed by the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2024 Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (C.B.Y.R.A.) General Sailing Instructions, 2024 C.B.Y.R.A. Handicap and Cruising One Design Rules, and these Special Sailing Instructions.

Safety: Monohulls: The "Monohull SER Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> will apply as modified below.

(a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

(b) The following SER will also apply:

SER 2.4.1, Lifelines

SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion

SER 3.14, GPS Receiver

SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through hull fittings

SER 3.24.1, Lights

SER 3.26, Radar reflector

SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards

For all multihull boats competing, the "Multihull SER Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/> will apply as changed below.

(a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

(b) The following SER will also apply:

SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion

SER 3.14, GPS Receiver

SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through hull fittings

SER 3.24.1, Lights

SER 3.26, Radar reflector

SER 3.35 Rigging: Halyards

(c) RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors racing aboard any boat without lifelines or which is being double handed to wear personal flotation devices at all times when above deck.

(d) At least one VHF radio, whether fixed or handheld, shall have an MMSI number properly assigned to the yacht.

Ratings: All PHRF entries must have a valid 2024 PHRF Chesapeake Bay rating certificate. <http://www.phrfchesbay.org/>. All Multihull entries must have a valid 2024 Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) certificate. <https://chesapeakemultihulls.org/>. ORC entries must have a currently valid ORC certificate. <https://orcches.org/>. CRCA entrants must have a current ORRez certificate. <https://sailcrca.org/>

Flags: All competing yachts must display their proper class flag from the bow pulpit and at least six feet above the deck on the backstay. The 2024 PHRF Class Splits will be as per PHRF for 2024, shown here for reference.

Starting Note: Starts shown are simplified based on recent starts, in accordance with the NOR which states 'Starts will be given for the referenced classes if 3 or more are entered' we will add starts as required. Example: the Potomac will be registered PHRF Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker, Solomons will be registered CRCA Cruiser and CRCA Racer/Cruiser with one PHRF class. If 3 or more boats fit in other classes and desire a start, a start will be given, Email govcup@smcm.edu if your class wishes a start and 3 boats wish to enter. For this reason the course 'default' classes start first, this should require no modification if additional classes do not occur. Check for SI amendments before starting.

Changes: Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on Aug 3rd on the electronic "Official Notice Board"; <https://nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/694/notices>

Cruising Classes: For 2024 we will include all Cruising Classes for which 3 boats are entered. PHRF Cruising classes must have a current PHRF Cruising certificate, ORC Cruising classes an ORC Cruising certificate, Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association an ORR-Ez certificate. Refer to the appropriate organization for details.

GPS Tracking: GPS tracking will use Kattack using the device of your choice, see <http://wp.kattack.com/> for details. There is a free app for smart phones. Please load the most recent version (V3.4 for Android phones). It is strongly encouraged to be on board and activated. As per RRS 41 c) use and monitoring of GPS tracking by competitors while racing any leg of the 2024 Governor's Cup is approved.

Finishing Line: Between the orange flag on the committee boat and the cross on Church Point. Yachts finishing in darkness shall illuminate sail numbers for identification purposes. All yachts shall record the finishers immediately ahead and behind them.

Time Limit: Each yacht finishing before 1530 on Saturday 3 Aug 2024 will be recorded by the finish boat. Boats finishing after 1530 on Saturday 3 Aug 2024 shall self-note the finishing time and record it on the official notice board located at the Sailors information table at the James P. Muldoon River Center. Finishing time shall be taken as the cross on Church Point passes 90 degrees magnetic off the starboard bow.

VHF Radio: Race committees will communicate on **VHF channel 68**.

Non-Finishers: Yachts withdrawing after the starting signal shall notify the Race Committee by calling 240-895-4291 and leaving a message.

Refunds: Requests for refunds of entry fees will be honored for boats withdrawing before the start.

Protests: Protests shall be written on standard US Sailing protest forms and lodged at the Sailors Information Table within ninety minutes of the protesting yacht's finish. Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Information Table. Protests will be heard at 1900 on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 at the James P. Muldoon River Center at St.

Mary's College of Maryland. Note: It is every competitor's responsibility to check the [Official Notice Board](#).

Awards: Trophies will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony for the classes in which impending protests do not influence trophy results. Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registered boats in each class: 1st place (3 boats); 2nd place (5 boats); 3rd place (9 boats); 4th place (15 boats); 5th place (20 or more boats).

Annapolis Course:

Classes & Flags:

All competing yachts must display their proper class flag from the bow pulpit and at least six feet above the deck on the backstay. The 2024 Class Splits will be as per PHRF for 2024, shown here for reference, with additional Cruising and ORC classes and starts. ORC may split into several classes with a single start for 2024. (Classes for which no entrants exist will be lined out as registration progresses.)

Class	Rating	Class Flag
Multihull A	>=1.0	W
Multihull B	<1.0	F
ORC 1	ORC	1
ORC 2	ORC	2
ORC Racer/Cruiser	ORC	Green
ORC Cruiser	ORC	White
PHRF A	026-070	9
PHRF B	110-148	6
PHRF C	149 and up	7
PHRF N	All non-spinnaker	5
PHRF Cruising	All	
CRCA Racer	Racer/Cruiser	Green
CRCA Cruiser	Cruiser	White
CHESSS	All	3 rd Repeater

The Start:

RRS 26 ("Starting Races") is modified as shown below:

Class	Time (Aug 2, 2024)	Signal
	1439	Warning
Pride of Baltimore II	1445	Start
	1455	Warning
CRCA Cruiser	1500	Start
CRCA Racer	1505	Start
PHRF C	1510	Start
PHRF N & Cruising	1515	Start
PHRF B	1520	Start
Multihull A&B	1525	Start
CHESSS	1530	Start
Class	Time (Aug 2, 2024)	Signal
	1655	Warning
ORC 1	1700	Start
ORC 2	1705	Start
PHRF A	1710	Start

Course: Leave to starboard: Thomas Point Light, Point No Point Light, Point Lookout Light, and St. Mary's River Junction Red and Green Buoy (FL (2+1) R6s). In addition, St. Mary's River Lighted Day markers 1, 2, and 3 shall be passed on the channel side. No other marks need to be honored.

Distance: 68.6 nautical miles.

Check-in: The Annapolis race committee will employ a vessel used solely for check-in of contestants, others check in with the RC start boat, Yachts must check in with the check in boat prior to starting. The Annapolis check in boat will be positioned approximately 100 yards northwest of the committee boat and will be flying a race committee flag. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

Starting Line: Between the orange flag on the committee boat and Annapolis Area Mark "X" (R-2). (Note: 'keep away' buoy, if present, is a part of the committee boat)

Special Awards, Annapolis race only

Classes: All Special awards will be scored to include the entire fleet using dual Fleet Overall Scoring, assuring all yachts in all rating systems are compared appropriately.

Alumni Trophy: Yachts racing in all classes are eligible to compete for the Alumni Trophy if two or more members of the yacht's crew are graduates or current students with 24 credits or more of St. Mary's College of Maryland. The winner will be the eligible yacht that qualifies for the trophy and finishes with the fastest corrected time based on Fleet Overall Scoring. Skipper must indicate intention to compete for the trophy to be eligible with the names of the alumni racing.

Steve Bickell Memorial Trophy:

The Steve Bickell "Most Improved" Memorial Trophy will be presented to the skipper/boat with the largest numerical increase of finish position based on Fleet Overall Scoring when results of the 2024 race are compared to the 2023 race results. (Skipper/boat must be the same as 2023)

Overall Winner Trophy:

The Joseph Waldschmitt Memorial "Best in Fleet" trophy will be presented to the winner of the class (of all classes regardless of rating system) having the smallest corrected time interval between the first- and fifth-place finishers.

Fishing Bay Course:

Classes & Flags:

Class	Region IV Rating	Class Flag
PHRF A	Up to 99	Q above 0
PHRF B	100-160	Q above 6
PHRF C	161 and up	Q above 7
PHRF N	All non-spinnaker	Q above 5
PHRF Cruising	All	Green

The Start:

RRS 26 ("Starting Races") is modified as shown below:

Class	Time (Aug 2, 2024)	Signal
	1755	Warning
PHRF Spinnaker	1800	Start
PHRF N & Cruising	1805	Start

Course:

Pass to port: "Piankatank 2", Windmill Point Light, Smith Point Light, Potomac Mo(a) "A", then St. Mary's "SM" to starboard. In addition, St. Mary's River Mark G"1" (FI G2.5s) shall be left to port, R"2" (FL R4s) left to starboard, G"3" (FI G6s) shall be left to port.

Distance: 48.6 nautical miles

Check-in: Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to starting. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

Starting Line: Between the orange flag on Race Committee boat and Piankatank "5". (Note: 'keep away' buoy, if present, is a part of the committee boat)

Potomac Course:

Classes & Flags:

All competing yachts must display their proper class flag from the bow pulpit and at least six feet above the deck on the backstay.

Class	Rating	Class Flag
PHRF Spinnaker	All	Q
PHRF N	All	Q above "5"

The Start:

RRS 26 ("Starting Races") is modified as shown below:

Class	Time (Aug 2, 2024)	Signal
	1755	Warning
PHRF Spinnaker	1800	Start
PHRF N	1805	Start

Course: East (down river) keeping Ragged Point to Starboard, rounding Moa "A" to Port then St. Mary's "SM" to Starboard. In addition, St. Mary's River Mark G"1" (FI G2.5s) shall be left to port, R"2" (FL R4s) left to starboard, G"3" (FI G6s) shall be left to port.

Distance: 46.7 nautical miles

Check-in: Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to starting. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

Starting Line: Between the orange flag on the committee boat and Dahlgren line of fire buoy "P". (Note: 'keep away' buoy, if present, is a part of the committee boat)

Solomons Course:

Classes & Flags:

All competing yachts must display their proper class flag from the bow pulpit and at least six feet above the deck on the backstay.

Class	Rating	Class Flag
PHRF N	All	Q above "5"
CRCA Racer/Cruiser	All	Green
CRCA Cruiser	All	White
PHRF C	149 & up	Q above 7
PHRF B	110 to 148	Q above 6
PHRF A	Up to 109	Q above 9

The Start:

RRS 26 ("Starting Races") is modified as shown below:

Class	Time (Aug 2, 2024)	Signal
	1755	Warning
CRCA Cruiser	1800	Start
CRCA Racer	1805	Start
PHRF	1810	Start

Course: Leave to starboard: 1PR, Point No Point Light, Point Lookout Light, and St. Mary's River Junction Red and Green Buoy (FL (2+1) R6s). In addition, St. Mary's River Lighted Day markers 1, 2, and 3 shall be passed on the channel side. No other marks need to be honored.

Distance: 36.2 nautical miles

Check-in: Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to starting. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNC.

Starting Line: Between the orange flag on Race Committee boat and SMSA mark 'S' off the Gazebo. (Note: 'keep away' buoy, if present, is a part of the committee boat)