

CHESSS Poplar Island Race

Notice of Race



Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society
Sunday, April 26, 2026

Sanction #26-307
Ver: 20260205

Entry Due:	Noon, Thursday, April 24, 2026; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$50.
Registration:	Submit entry electronically via electronic registration on: https://nextsailor.com/regatta/1219
Contact:	Douglas Ellmore via email revolution4515@gmail.com or 301-807-2193 or info@chbayssss.org
Rules:	The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions (GSIs), the CHESSS Class Racing Rules (CHESSS entries), the Chesapeake Multihull Association Rules (CMA entries), as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
Amendments to RRS:	Boats may communicate with each other via VHF radio channel 68. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS 41. The rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot/windvane using power that is not provided by the crew. This modifies RRS 52.

Eligibility:	<p>The race is open to boats crewed by one or two individuals. Boats sailing in any of the CHESSS non-spin and spinnaker classes shall have a current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. If a multihull start and class is included, the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings will be used for scoring.</p> <p>Additional classes will be added if there are 3 or more boats expressing interest in entering. Those would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A shorthanded multihull start with class scored under the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings. 2) Short-handed One Design classes. <p>Note: Only CHESSS spinnaker and non-spinnaker races may be eligible for end of year CBYRA High Points for CHESSS Divisions. To add either category, please contact Douglas Ellmore via email revolution4515@gmail.com or 301-807-2193 or info@chbayssss.org</p>
Rendezvous:	<p>There is no skipper's meeting. The rendezvous will be at approximately 1000 in the vicinity of West River Green 1 (CBYRA Mark Z). The Race Committee will display Code Flag Lima.</p>
Radio:	<p>Boats should monitor VHF 68 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee and VHF 16 during the race. Additionally, VHF 13 for shipping traffic as needed.</p>
Start:	<p>Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1.</p>
Signals:	<p>RRS 26 (Starting Races) for the first race:</p> <p><u>Signal:</u></p> <p>Warning: 1055 Preparatory: 1056 One-minute: 1059 Start: 1100</p> <p>The start signal will also be the warning signal for the following class. Starting order will be 1. Spinnaker, 2. Non-Spinnaker, then 3. Multihull.</p> <p>https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/xxx</p>

Class Flags:	The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating boat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHESSS single/double handed spinnaker: 3rd repeater (valid PHRF Rating required) • CHESSS single/double handed non-spinnaker: 3rd repeater with white square beneath (valid PHRF Rating required) • Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) single/double handed multihull: "W" flag (valid CMA rating required) • Any additional short-handed one design classes will display their class flag.
Courses:	There will be two possible courses starting from the vicinity of West River Green 1 (CBYRA Mark Z). The long course will be approximately 15.1 nm while the short course will be approximately 10.0 nm. Each course may be sailed clockwise or counterclockwise. Additional information will be provided in the sailing instructions.
Finish:	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1, sailing in a South to North direction.
Scoring:	CHESSS classes scoring is Time-on-Time (ToT) using PHRF Circular Random (CR) ratings and the following formulae: Corrected time = (elapsed time) x (time correction factor, TCF) TCF = $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF CR rating})$ If a multihull class is included, its scoring will be determined by the CMA rating system. A one design division will be scored by order of finish.
Protests:	Any boat intending to file a protest shall inform the Race Committee before departing the race area. Protests must be submitted in writing (CBYRA standard protest form or equivalent). The protest must be emailed to revolution4515@gmail.com and info@chbaysss.org by 9pm EDT April 26, 2026. If needed, protest hearings will be scheduled on or after April 27, 2026 at a location to be announced.

Awards:	1 st for 3 Starters, 1st and 2 nd for 5 Starters, 1st, 2nd, and 3 rd for 7 or more starters. Awards will be presented at a fall CHESSS Membership Meeting or at a future social event.
Other:	By participation or entry into the race each boat owner/skipper agrees to abide by the RRS and the CHESSS Sailing Instructions for the race. In consideration of being permitted to enter the race, being knowledgeable of the risks of competition sailing, and knowing that it is their sole responsibility to decide whether to enter and continue the race, each boat owner/skipper voluntarily assumes the risks of participation in the race and releases CHESSS and the people conducting the race from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.
Social:	Competitors are invited to raft up the evening before the race Saturday, April 25 in the Rhode River to the west of High Island. The hailing frequency will be VHF Channel 68.