

CHESSS Last Hurrah Race Notice of Race	
Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society Saturday, November 7, 2026	Sanction #26-330 Ver: 20260825

Entry Due:	Noon, Thursday, November 5, 2026; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$40.
Registration:	Submit entry electronically via electronic registration on https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/1221
Contact:	Douglas Ellmore via email revolution4515@gmail.com or 301-807-2193.
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:	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. Additional classes will be added if there are 3 or more boats expressing interest in entering. Those would include: 1) A shorthanded multihull start with class scored under the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings. 2) Short-handed One Design classes. 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 above
Rendezvous:	There is no skipper's meeting. Rendezvous will be at approximately 10:00 in the vicinity of West River Red 4. The Race Committee will display Code Flag Lima.
Radio:	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. Starting signals may be made verbally via VHF 68 instead of or in addition to flag signals at the discretion of the Race Committee.
Start:	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a temporary orange ball mark. If an onsite Race Committee is not available, two orange ball marks will be placed and a racing CHESSS board member will call the start sequence over the radio.
Signals:	RRS 26 (Starting Races) for the first race: <u>Signal:</u> Warning: 1055 Preparatory: 1056 One-minute: 1059 Start: 1100 The start signal will also be the warning signal for the following class. Starting order to be announced before 1900 Friday November 6, 2026. https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/1221

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Class Flags:	The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating boat: • 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.
Course:	There will be three possible courses starting from vicinity of West River R4. The longest course will be approximately 13 nm and the shortest course will be approximately 8 nm. All courses will honor all West River navigation marks out to the Chesapeake Bay and returning. Additional information will be provided in the sailing instructions.
Finish:	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a temporary orange ball mark. If no race committee is on site, finishers will finish between the two temporary orange ball marks described in the "Start" section above and report their finish time as the helm passes the finish line to Douglas Ellmore via email revolution4515@gmail.com or 301-807-2193.
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 + PHRF CR rating) If a multihull class is included, its scoring will be determined by the CMA rating system. A one design shorthanded 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 November 7, 2026. If needed, protest hearings will be scheduled on or after November 8, 2026 at a location to be announced.
Awards:	1 st for 3 Starters, 1 st and 2 nd for 5 Starters, 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd for 7 or more starters. Awards will be presented at a fall CHESSE 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 CHESSE 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 CHESSE 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 Friday November 6, 2026 in the Rhode River to the west of High Island. The hailing frequency will be VHF Channel 68.