

<p><b>CHESSS Poplar Island Race</b> <b>Sailing Instructions</b></p>	
<p>Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society Saturday, April 26, 2025</p>	<p><b>Sanction #TBA</b> Vers: 1</p>

<b>Entry Due:</b>	Noon, Thursday April 24, 2025; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$40.
<b>Registration:</b>	<p>Submit entry electronically via electronic registration on:</p> <p><a href="https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/805">https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/805</a></p>
<b>Contact:</b>	Douglas Ellmore via email <a href="mailto:revolution4515@gmail.com">revolution4515@gmail.com</a> or 301-807-2193 or <a href="mailto:info@chbayssss.org">info@chbayssss.org</a> .
<b>Rules:</b>	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.
<b>Amendments to RRS:</b>	<p>Boats may communicate with each other via VHF radio VHF 68. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS 41.</p> <p>The rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot/windvane using power that is not provided by the crew. This modifies RRS 52.</p>
<b>Rendezvous:</b>	There is no skipper's meeting. 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.

<b>Check in:</b>	Upon reaching the starting area and prior to the race, boats shall check in with the Race Committee signal boat by coming close and hailing. Minimize radio usage for check in. Boats failing to check in may not be scored.
<b>Radio:</b>	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.
<b>Start:</b>	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z). Boats shall cross the starting line sailing from North to South.
<b>Signals:</b>	<p>RRS 26 (Starting Races) for the first race:  <u>Signal:</u>  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 to be announced 1900 Friday, April 25, 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/805">https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/805</a></p>

<p><b>Recalls:</b></p>	<p><u>Individual recall:</u> The Race Committee may call sail numbers or names of boats recorded OCS via hail of VHF 68. Failure to receive the hail or transmission will not relieve a boat of the responsibility of starting properly, and is not grounds for redress. This modifies RRS62.1(a).</p> <p><u>General recall:</u> Following a General Recall the warning signal for a new start of the recalled class shall be made one minute after the “First Substitute” Code Flag is lowered with one (1) sound of the horn, and the starts for any succeeding class shall follow the new start. The Race Committee will make its best effort to notify boats of the General Recall. Failure to observe the General Recall signal will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1(a). General recalls will start after the last class start in order if more than one class had a General Recall.</p>
<p><b>Class Flags:</b></p>	<p>The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHESSS single/double handed spinnaker: 3rd repeater</li> <li>• CHESSS single/double handed non-spinnaker: 3rd repeater with white square flag beneath</li> <li>• CMA single/double handed multihull: "W" flag</li> <li>• Any additional short-handed one design classes will display their class flag.</li> </ul> <p>Note: CHESSS club burgees may be substituted for 3<sup>rd</sup> repeater</p>
<p><b>Long Course:</b></p>	<p>Start by sailing between the RC signal boat and West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z) in a North to South direction. After crossing the starting line boats may elect to complete the course in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.</p> <p>Boats electing to go <b>counterclockwise</b> shall round Green Can 83A to port, round Red Bell 84A (CBYRA mark Q) to port, and finish at West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z).</p> <p>Boats electing to go <b>clockwise</b> shall round Red Bell 84A (CBYRA mark Q) to starboard, round Green Can 83A to starboard, and finish at West River Green 1(CBYRA mark Z).</p> <p>Approximate distance is 15.1 nmi.</p>

<p><b>Short Course:</b></p>	<p>If conditions warrant, a shorter course may be sailed. In such case the RC signal boat will fly the “S” flag prior to the warning signal for the first start.</p> <p>Boats electing to go <b>counterclockwise</b> shall round Green Can 85A to port, round Red Bell 84A (CBYRA mark Q) to port, and finish at West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z).</p> <p>Boats electing to go <b>clockwise</b> shall round Red Bell 84A (CBYRA mark Q) to starboard, round Green Can 85A to starboard, and finish at West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z).</p> <p>Approximate distance is 10.0 nmi.</p>
<p><b>Finish:</b></p>	<p>Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z) sailing in a South to North direction.</p>
<p><b>Time Qualifications:</b></p>	<p>In order for the race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish within six hours of the class start. The Race Committee will stay on station until at least 90 minutes after the last class qualifies. Boats finishing more than 90 minutes after their class qualifies shall email their finish time passing West River G1 astern to <a href="mailto:revolution4515@gmail.com">revolution4515@gmail.com</a> or text the CHESSE Commodore Douglas Ellmore at 301-807-2193 with name of boat and name of skipper. Boats finishing after 8PM EDT shall be scored TLE.</p> <p>Boats retiring from the race after starting should notify the Race Committee via VHF 68, or text the CHESSE Commodore Douglas Ellmore at 301-807-2193 with name of boat and name of skipper.</p>
<p><b>Scoring:</b></p>	<p>CHESSE classes scoring is Time-on-Time (ToT) using PHRF Circular Random (CR) ratings and the following formulae:</p> <p>Corrected time = (elapsed time) x (time correction factor, TCF)  TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF CR rating)</p> <p>If a multihull class is included, its scoring will be determined by the CMA rating system.</p> <p>A one design shorthanded division will be scored by order of finish.</p>

<b>Protests:</b>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:info@chbaysss.org">info@chbaysss.org</a> by 9pm EDT April 26, 2025. Protest hearings will be scheduled on or after April 27th at:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Halpern Architects 2238-A Bay Ridge Avenue Annapolis, MD 21403</p>
<b>Awards:</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> for 3 Starters, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for 5 Starters, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for 7 or more starters. Awards will be presented at a fall CHESSS Membership Meeting or at a future social event.</p>
<b>Other:</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Social:</b>	<p>Competitors are invited to raft up after the race in the Crescent anchorage of Rhode River.</p>