


<p><b>CHESSS Last Hurrah Race</b></p> <p><b>Sailing Instructions</b></p>	
<p>Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society Saturday, November 1, 2025</p>	<p>Sanction #TBA Vers: 1</p>

<p><b>Entry Due:</b></p>	<p>Noon, Thursday, October 30, 2025 <b>Fee:</b> \$40</p>	<p><b>Entry</b></p>
<p><b>Registration:</b></p>	<p>Submit entry electronically and pay entry fee via electronic registration at <a href="https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/806">https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/806</a></p> <p>Registration deadline is 1700 PM Thursday, October 30, 2025; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$40</p>	
<p><b>Contact:</b></p>	<p>Douglas Ellmore, revolution4515@gmail.com or info@chbaysss.org</p>	
<p><b>Rules:</b></p>	<p>The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions (GSIs), the CHESSS Class Racing Rules (CHESSS entries), and the Chesapeake Multihull Association Rules (CMA entries).</p> <p>The CHESSS class rules are provided in sperate attachment on the regatta website at <a href="https://chesss.clubexpress.com/">https://chesss.clubexpress.com/</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Amendments to RRS:</b></p>	<p>Boats may communicate with each other via VHF radio channel 68. Conversation shall be limited to safety, safety advice, welfare checks, and communication with the Race Committee. 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 area is in the vicinity of West River R4 between 10:15 AM and 10:45 AM.
<b>Check in:</b>	Upon reaching the starting area prior to the race, boats shall check in with the Race Committee signal boat by coming close to the stern and hailing. Please no radio usage for check in. Boats failing to check in by 10:45 AM may not be scored.
<b>Radio:</b>	Boats should monitor VHF 68 for race course, race sequence, if there is to be a Shorten Course, and courtesy communications from the Race Committee.
<b>Start:</b>	The start will be near West River R4. The start line will be aligned to create an approximate north and south starting line. The start and finish pin float will be on the north side. On the south side of the line, the Race Committee will use an orange flag to designate the start and finish line mark. This modified RRS. Vessels are to pass the start line from the west side of the line to the east side of the line. Starting vessels must start within 20 minutes of their class or they will be scored as DNS.
<b>Signals:</b>	<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 to be announced before 1900 Friday October 31, 2025.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/806">https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/806</a></p>

<p><b>Recalls:</b></p>	<p><b><u>Individual recall:</u></b> Race Committee may call sail numbers or names of boats if OCS from passing the starting line early via hail or 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 RRS 62.1(a). Please listen for all clear after the start. A participating vessel who does not restart after being called OCS will be scored with a 30-minute penalty.</p> <p>A recalled vessel shall not interfere with vessels in the start sequence of the next class. If a recalled vessel interferes with a vessel in the next class start and is protested, the vessel could be scored DSQ.</p>
	<p><b><u>General recall:</u></b> If the Race Committee calls for a general recall, the recalled class will start after the last class starts. This modifies RRS.</p>
<p><b>Class Flags:</b></p>	<p>The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating vessel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHESSS shorthanded spinnaker: 3rd repeater</li> <li>• CHESSS shorthanded non-spinnaker: 3rd repeater with white square beneath</li> <li>• CMA single/double handed multihull: "W" flag</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> CHESSS club burgees may be substituted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> repeater.</p>

<p><b>Long Course:</b></p>	<p>Announced over radio for each class on channel 68 prior to starting sequence. All West River navigation marks must be honored along the course except for noted exceptions.</p> <p>Start/Finish Line (Near R4)  West River G3 to Starboard  West River R2 to Port  West River G1A to Starboard  West River G1 To Port  Round Thomas Point SR To Port  South River R2 To Port  West River G1A to Port  West River R2 to Starboard  West River G3 to Port  Finish Line (near R4 unless shortened)</p> <p>The course can be shortened if RC requires between any established mark and Race Committee. Shorten Course will be announced on Channel 68 with notification of finish mark and location of Race Committee to the Finish Mark. Depending on depth, Race Committee could be port or starboard of revised Finish Mark.</p>
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<p><b>Medium Course:</b></p>	<p>Announced over radio for each class on channel 68 prior to starting sequence. All West River navigation marks must be honored along the course except for noted exceptions.</p> <p>Start/Finish Line (Near R4)  West River G3 to Starboard  West River R2 to Port  West River G1A to Starboard  Round West River G1 To Port  Round Thomas Point SR To Port  West River G1A to Port  West River R2 to Starboard  West River G3 to Port  Finish Line (near R4 unless shortened)</p> <p>The course can be shortened if RC requires between any established mark and Race Committee. Shorten Course will be announced on Channel 68 with notification of finish mark and location of Race Committee to the Finish Mark. Depending on depth, Race Committee could be port or starboard of revised Finish Mark.</p>
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<b>Short Course:</b>	<p>Announced over radio for each class on channel 68 prior to starting sequence. All West River navigation marks must be honored along the course except for noted exceptions.</p> <p>Start/Finish Line (Near R4) West River G3 to Starboard West River R2 to Port West River G1A to Starboard West River G1 To Port West River G1A to Port West River R2 to Starboard West River G3 to Port Finish Line (near R4 unless shortened)</p> <p>The course can be shortened if RC requires between any established mark and Race Committee. Shorten Course will be announced on Channel 68 with notification of finish mark and location of Race Committee to the Finish Mark. Depending on depth, Race Committee could be port or starboard of revised Finish Mark.</p>
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<p><b>Finish:</b></p>	<p>As noted with the Start Line, the finish line is designated as a line between RC with an orange flag on south side and a pin float on the north side. This modifies RRS. Vessels are to pass the finish line from the east side of the line to the west side of the line. Race Committee will record <b>time of day of finish</b> when any part of the hull crosses the finish line.</p> <p>The course may be shortened by RC to any established course mark by the Race Committee. Shortened Course will be announced on Channel 68 with notification of finish mark and location of Race Committee to the Finish Mark. Depending on depth, Race Committee could be port or starboard of revised Finish Mark. Location will be announced on Channel 68.</p>
<p><b>Time qualifications:</b></p>	<p>In order for the race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish by 03:30 PM. After the lead boat qualifies, the time limit is 05:00 PM for other finishers.</p> <p>Any vessel that retires, please email CHESSS Commodore: Douglas Ellmore at <a href="mailto:revolution4515@gmail.com">revolution4515@gmail.com</a> or text 301-807-2193 with name of boat and your status as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>Scoring:</b></p>	<p>CHESSS 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)</p> <p><math>TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF\ CR\ rating)</math></p> <p>If a multihull class is included, its scoring will be determined by the CM rating system. One design classes will be scored by order of finish.</p>
<p><b>Social Gathering</b></p>	<p>We will gather day before the race per the NOR.</p>

<p><b>Protests:</b></p>	<p>Any boat intending to file a protest shall inform the Race Committee before departing the race area. Protests must be submitted in writing using the US Sailing standard protest form. The protest must be emailed to <a href="mailto:info@chbaysss.org">info@chbaysss.org</a> and the CHESSS Commodore: Douglas Ellmore at <a href="mailto:revolution4515@gmail.com">revolution4515@gmail.com</a> by 10:00 PM EDT November 1, 2025. Protest hearings will be scheduled time and date to be determined virtually or at:  Halpern Architects  2238-A Bay Ridge Avenue  Annapolis, MD 21403  CHESSS may seek outside qualified judges to process the protest and will have to schedule appropriately.</p>
<p><b>Awards:</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Other:</b></p>	<p>By participation and 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, CHESSS Volunteers, Bacon Sails, and the individuals conducting the race from any and all claims of liability that are alleged to arise from alleged negligence on the part of CHESSS, CHESSS Volunteers, Bacon Sails, and the negligence of the individuals conducting the race.</p>