

CHESS Solo Cup

Notice of Race



Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society
Saturday, May 30, 2026

Sanction #26-308
Ver: 20260205

Entry Due:	Noon, Thursday, May 28, 2026; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: \$25
Registration:	Submit entry electronically via electronic registration on https://nextsailor.com/regatta/1220
Contact:	Douglas Ellmore via email revolution4515@gmail.com or 301-807-2193 or info@chbaysss.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 CHESS Solo Cup Class Racing Rules (CHESS 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>This race is open to boats sailed by one individual only. One additional occupant may be onboard but only as an observer and may not participate in the sailing/racing of the boat, including navigation, tactical advice, checking Sailing Instructions, etc **.</p> <p>Boats sailing in the CHESSS non-spin and spinnaker classes shall have a current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. If multihull sailboats choose to compete, the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings will be used for scoring.</p> <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 above</p> <p>** These Eligibility requirements supersede the CHESSS Class Rules which are posted online at: www.chesss.clubexpress.com; Documents/Club Business/Class Rules/Racing Rules Current</p>
Rendezvous:	<p>There is no skipper's meeting. Rendezvous will be at approximately 10:00 in the vicinity of West River Green "1" (CBYRA Mark Z). The Race Committee will be on one of the competing boats and 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 a temporary orange ball mark set approximately 50 yards South of West River Green "1". There will be one start for all classes.</p>
Signals:	<p>There will be no flags displayed for the starting sequence. The five-minute countdown of RRS 26 (Starting Races) will be announced on VHF Channel 68 and with horn signals as follows:</p> <p>Warning: 1055 Preparatory: 1056 One-minute: 1059 Start: 1100</p> <p>https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/xxx</p>

Class Flags:	<p>The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHESSS single handed spinnaker: 3rd repeater (valid PHRF Rating required) • CHESSS single 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:	<p>The general course will be from the start at West River G "1", Round mark R "84A" to port, finish by rounding Tilghman Point mark "R4" to starboard</p> <p>Additional information will be provided in the sailing instructions.</p>
Finish:	<p>Finish by rounding Tilghman Point mark "R4" to starboard within one boat length of the mark. The first boat to finish will record their own finish time and remain on station to record finish times of following boats.</p>
Scoring:	<p>CHESSS classes scoring is Time-on-Time (ToT) using PHRF Circular Random (CR) ratings and the following formulae: $\text{Corrected time} = (\text{elapsed time}) \times (\text{time correction factor, TCF})$ $\text{TCF} = 650 / (550 + \text{PHRF CR rating})$</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>
Protests:	<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 revolution4515@gmail.com and info@chbaysss.org by 9pm EDT May 30, 2026. If needed, protest hearings will be scheduled on or after May 31, 2026 at a location to be announced.</p>

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 after the race on Saturday May 30, 2026 in Shaw Bay near Wye Island. The hailing frequency will be VHF Channel 68. The Race Committee can help skippers of boats without overnight accommodations to find another boat on which to spend the night.