

2020 Turkey Shoot Regatta, A Hospice Regatta

Rappahannock River Yacht Club Organizing Authority,
In partnership with Yankee Point Racing and Cruising Club

Hosted by: Rappahannock River Yacht Club and Rappahannock Yachts
October 3, 2020

Sailing Instructions Revision 1

1. Rules – The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing**, NOR and these Sailing Instructions. Note from the NOR that spinnakers are not permitted.

2. Notices to Competitors – Notices and official information for competitors will be posted on the Notice Board on Yachtscoring.com.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions –

Notices affecting competition will be communicated electronically through Yachtscoring by 0900 hours.

4. Signals Made Ashore –

4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

5. Schedule –

All on-shore events have been eliminated for 2020 in recognition of social distancing guidelines. Water taxi service has also been eliminated.

Friday, October 2

- **1600 to 1900:** Check In, pick up Skipper's Packet and late Registration at tent in front of RRYC.
- **Turkey Shoot Skipper's Meeting**
 - Time: Oct 2, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 - Join Zoom Meeting by clicking here:
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81508473930>
 - OR Dial in by calling this number:
 - +1 646 558 8656
 - Meeting ID: 815 0847 3930

Saturday, October 3

- **0800 to 1000:** Check In, Skipper's Packet and late Registration, at tent at RRYC.
- **Warning Signal for Typhoons (likely the highest rated boats) will be 1100 hours.**

6. Division Flags –

Division Flags will not be used this year as there are no Division breakdowns.

7. Racing Area –

Racing will be held in the Rappahannock River between the Robert O. Norris Bridge and Towles Point.

8. The Course –

The Pursuit Race will be sailed around inflatable marks and possibly government marks. The course length will be between 8 and 12 miles depending on wind strength. The course will be communicated at the Skippers Meeting and on the water Saturday morning.

9. Marks –

9.1 Dropped course marks will be orange and/or green inflatable tetrahedrons.

9.2 Start and finish lines will be between the staff of the orange flag on the Signal boat and an orange cylinder.

9.3 Government marks may or may not be used in combination with dropped marks for the Pursuit Race.

11. Check-In –

Prior to Saturday's race, boats are strongly encouraged to check-in with the Race Committee by passing by the RC Signal Boat's transom on starboard tack and showing/hailing their boat's Sail Number or ID number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Alternately, boats may check-in by hailing the **Signal Boat on Channel 71**.

12. The Start –

12.1 Races will be started using rule 26 (RRS rule 26 diagram attached as courtesy) for the Typhoons PHRF Rating 315.

12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the starting mark.

12.3 For the Pursuit Race, boats will start in reverse order of handicaps, i.e. slowest rating starts first. Handicaps are pre-applied to the boats based on the course and distance and each boat is given a starting time. **The Warning Signal for the Typhoons will be 1100.** For the Pursuit Race a boat meets the definition of Racing 4 min prior to its scheduled start time.

12.4 The skipper's packet will include individual starting times for each boat for 3 different course distances. They will be designated A,B and C. Saturday morning before the first warning signal the Signal Boat will broadcast via Channel 71 which starting time sheet will be used.

12.5 The Race Committee will use GPS as an accurate time source for all starts and finishes.

13. Recalls –

13.1 Boats who start before their assigned starting time **may not re-start**. Rather, the Race Committee will assign a time penalty to each boat equal to the number of seconds they started

ahead of their starting time plus two minutes. The Race Committee will make no signals to indicate which (if any) boats have started early. This changes rule A4.

13.2 Failure of the RC to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. The Finish – The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the finishing mark. A boat finishes when crossing the finish line from the course side.

15. Time Limits –The time limit is 1430. Boats not finished at the time limit will be scored DNF. The RC will continue to record finishes, until about 1500, for boats not making the time limit so their order of finish can be posted.

16. Radio Communication – **The RC will broadcast on VHF channel 71. The RC will make liberal use of the radio on VHF 71 to help keep boats aware of the progress of the starting sequence. All boats are requested to stay off VHF 71 to allow the RC to communicate vital information to the fleet.**

17. Scoring and Trophies – Results will be posted on Yachtscoring immediately after the race.

Top 10 Finishers: Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 finishers. All awards will be mailed.

First Typhoon: The first Typhoon to finish will get an award.

First Wooden Boat: The first Wooden boat to finish will get an award.

Overall Winner: The overall winner(first to finish) will have their name engraved on the Virginia Spirit Cup, and also receive a keeper trophy from **AGA Correa Marine Jewelers**. The overall winner will also receive a room and slip for the 2021 Turkey Shoot compliments of **The Tides Inn**. In the fun for all spirit of the Turkey Shoot, the 2019 winner will receive a penalty of 20 seconds for the 2020 regatta and the 2018 winner will receive a 10 second penalty. These penalties apply to the next time the boat and skipper race in the event they skip a year or so.

Wooden Boat: –To be eligible, the wooden boat must be built to a 1965 or earlier design. The Wooden Boat Division winner will receive the Doug Power Wobbly Compass Trophy.

Most Beautiful Boat – Observers aboard the Photography boat and others will be voting to select the finest looking vessel in the regatta. The winner will be awarded the Most Beautiful Boat Trophy.

John and Carole Jean McConnico Trophy – This trophy will be awarded to the Yacht Club or Marina based on the combined finishes of their top three boats, with the lowest total winning.

18. Protests –

18.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the RC (signal boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the RC its sail number (or ID #) and the sail number (or ID #) of the protested boats(s). This changes RRS 61.18.2

18.2 Protest forms will be available at Yachtscoring.com. Completed forms can be delivered by email to Tom Chapman (see # 24.)

18.3 Protest filing time window: Will begin when the RC finish boat docks and ends 60 minutes later.

18.4 Protests if filed will be arranged by Zoom conference. **Hopefully protests will be avoided in this time of COVID.**

18.5 Boats who break a rule of Part 2 (When boats meet) should take a Two Turns Penalty as per RRS 44.1 and 44.2. **Take your turns!**

19. Retirements – Boats retiring from a race are requested to make every effort to notify the Race Committee that they are leaving the course.

20. Double headsails will not be allowed.

20. Safety –

Each owner/skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat, crew, and guests. By entering and participating in this event, they warrant that their sailboat is seaworthy, including, but not limited to, soundness of hull, spars, rigging, and all gear and equipment, and that the crew is sufficiently experienced and in good physical condition to safely and properly participate in the event in the weather conditions present.

21. Lifejackets – Participants are encouraged to wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) if they feel conditions warrant. Those sailing Single-handed boats and boats without lifelines are required to wear PFDs from the start to the finish of all races.

22. Disclaimer of Liability – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race, which says, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels may be patrolling in the vicinity of the racecourse. The primary responsibility of these vessels is to keep non-participating craft from intruding into the racing area. They are not there to assist with race administration. In the event of an emergency, the Auxiliary’s primary mission is to save lives and they are precluded by law from engaging in salvage or other actions to rescue property unless life is endangered.

24. Regatta Contacts:

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- Tom Chapman, Jury Chair