



## Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

**NOTICE of RACE** CBYRA Sanction #'s 320, 321, 322

The Organizing Authority of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2023 (Screwpile) is the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc. (SMSA). Event & Race management will be conducted by the Screwpile Regatta Executive Committee. Racing will be held at the mouth of the Patuxent River.

**1. RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024* except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** Screwpile is open to boats racing under PHRF, CRCA, and One-Design class rules (minimum boat length 22 ft.) Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2023 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating. One-Design competitors must be members of their respective class associations. Boats participating in CRCA that do not already have an assigned ORA rating should obtain one by contacting the CRCA Executive Committee at (410) 474-8198. Those wishing to be eligible for CRCA High Point will need an ORREz certificate. All boats must meet the Nearshore category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (See Documents & Forms this site), except One-Design class boats which must meet their class safety standards. Boats may not be sailed single-handed. Entries will only be accepted from an Owner or Skipper who is a current member of US Sailing; to join call 1-800-877-2451.

**3. CLASSES:** The regatta is open to boats in the following handicap divisions or one-design classes: PHRF 1 (Under 50), PHRF 2 (50-109), PHRF 3 (110-148); One Design; CRCA Spinnaker, and CRCA Non-Spinnaker. PHRF boats rated higher than 148 are encouraged to register and race in the CRCA Cruising Division. Handicap divisions or class splits will be assigned at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. One Design classes require a minimum of five boats. More than one class may start at the same time.

**4. ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Boats wishing to enter the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge regatta shall register on-line at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617>. To be considered a valid entry in Screwpile, complete all registration steps, and pay all fees. Deadline for entries is 2400, Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Entries received after that must include a late fee of \$35.00. No late entries will be accepted after Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The entry fee for PHRF/OD classes is \$170.00 and for the CRCA Cruising Classes is \$135.00. CBYRA members deduct \$10.00 from entry fee.

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 on the official web page <http://www.screwpile.net> and Yacht Scoring, <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617>. The official printed hard copy will be available at registration.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS:** The Official Notice Board will be located at the Zahniser's Marina Pool Bar near the party tent. Courtesy notices will also be available on the SPLC event site hosted on [yachtscoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617) at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15617>. On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs. All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.

**7. EVENT HEADQUARTERS:** Event headquarters will be located at Safe Harbor Zahniser's Marina, 245 C Street, Solomons, MD. Post-race parties and awards ceremonies will be held under the regatta tent located at



Safe Harbor Zahnisers. All skippers/boats must check in to receive skipper's packet and sailing instructions. Check-in will be Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the regatta tent located at Safe Harbor Zahnisers 1600-1900 hours. Late packet pick-up can be accomplished at the same location on Friday morning between 0730 and 0845.

**8. RACING AND COURSES:** Racing will be conducted for all classes on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For PHRF, and One-Design classes, racing will consist of multiple windward / leeward races. The CRCA Cruising Classes will sail one (or more) longer courses per day using government marks. The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled for 1030.

**9. PENALTY SYSTEM:** Boats may take either a Two-Turn Penalty or the Scoring Penalty. The minimum will be 2 places. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.3.

**10. SCORING:**

**10.1** The Low point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, as modified. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There shall be no throw outs. One race constitutes a series.

**10.2** Boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes (1 hour for Cruising Classes) of the first boat finishing in their class will be scored "Time Limit Expired (TLE)" which is the number of finishers plus two. Others will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

**11. ARBITRATION:** For protests involving the rules of Part 2 an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing. Protest hearings will be held in the Skippers' Lounge adjacent to the Zahnisers Marina office.

**12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS:** All boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta.

**13. AWARDS:** Daily awards will be presented in each class for each day of racing. For days with multiple races, class awards will be presented on the combined scores for the day. Overall class series awards, as well as Best Overall Boat of the Regatta, will be presented on the last day of the regatta. For the purposes of ordering trophies, classes will be determined based upon entries received as of 13 June 2023, and any class qualifying for a separate class after that date will receive their trophies after the event has been concluded. Post-race awards parties will be held at Safe Harbor Zahniser's under the tent next to the Pool Bar.

**14. MEDIA RIGHTS:** Competitors give permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media. Commercial video or photographs must be licensed and approved by the Screwpile Committee 2023.

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All participants shall abide by all local, state of Maryland, and federal health and safety guidelines in effect the day of the race(s).

**16. Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information please contact:

James Keen, Regatta Chairman at 240 925-1173 or e-mail [chairman@screwpile.net](mailto:chairman@screwpile.net)

Don Behrens, Principal Race Officer at 301 481-8665 or e-mail [dabehrens@gmail.com](mailto:dabehrens@gmail.com)

Information is also available online at <http://www.screwpile.net>