



Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Station
2016 Annapolis Fall Regatta
featuring the Farr 30 North American Championship

Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Friday, Saturday, Sunday; October 21, 22 & 23, 2016

Sailing Instructions_{v2}

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* ("rules"); the prescriptions of US Sailing; the 2016 ORC Rule; One-Design Class Rules for One-Design Classes; the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions (this changes RRS 63.7); the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, Category 5. These regulations are available on the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply. The US SAILING Prescriptions to the Offshore Special Regulations do not apply.

For the C&C30 Class only, the first sentence of rule 29.1 is changed to read: When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull or crew is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. This changes rule 29.1

2. ENTRIES

See NOR. Late entries may be accepted until 1700 hours, Thursday, October 20.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta website:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2920>

Any Notices or Amendments will be emailed to all competitors, to the email address on the entry form.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

A Distance Race, with a scoring gate, will constitute 2 races. Five windward/leeward races are scheduled. The Distance Race is planned for Friday.

DAILY SCHEDULE Friday, Saturday, Sunday
0930 Rendezvous
1030 First Warning Signal

RENDEZVOUS LOCATIONS:

Distance Race Day: In the vicinity of GC "1" South of Hackett Point.

Windward/Leeward Race days: In the vicinity of Buoy GRC C "SR" approximately 0.4nm Southeast of Thomas Point Light.

6. THE COURSES

Courses for the **Distance Race** are described in Appendix 1 attached to these Sailing Instructions. A course board displayed from the Signal Boat will identify the number of the course to be sailed. Different courses may be sailed for each class and the course board for each class will be displayed before the Warning signal for that class. The Race Committee will attempt to notify all competitors of the course to be sailed using **VHF Channel 74**. There will be a scoring gate at one of the turning marks in the distance race.

Windward / Leeward courses of 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. Course "4" displayed on a course board on the Signal Boat, indicates 4 legs: start, windward, leeward, windward, and finish to leeward at the Signal Boat. The approximate distance and magnetic bearing between the start line and windward mark will be displayed on the course board. The Race Committee may set a leeward gate. If no gate is in place, boats should round the single leeward mark, leaving it to port. The leeward mark or gate will be to windward of the start/finish lines. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for the first windward leg or a final downwind leg. A windward offset mark may be set. If no offset mark is in place, boats should round the single windward mark.

7. MARKS

Marks will be orange or yellow inflatables

8. THE START

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Warning Signals will be as follows. The starting order may be different than this order.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Warning Signal</u>
ORC/ORC Sportboats	Numeral pennant 1
C&C30	Numeral pennant 2
Farr 30	Numeral pennant 3

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of an inflatable starting mark at the port end of the line.

9. RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.1, with the following addition: "The Race Committee may attempt to announce sail numbers of OCS boats on **VHF Channel 74**. Failure to make such transmissions, the order or timeliness of the sail number announcements or failure of a competitor to receive or hear such transmissions shall not be grounds for redress."

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee may change a windward mark of the course in accordance with rule 33. For a changed weather mark, the first changed mark will be a yellow inflatable. Subsequent changes will be alternated between yellow and orange inflatables. There will be no offset mark for a change mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, rule 31 or 42 while *racing*. However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 within the zone of a mark, other than the starting mark, she may take a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.

12. FINISH

For the distance race: See Appendix attached.

For windward/leeward races, the finish line will be on the opposite side of the Signal Boat and will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

For the Distance Race the time limit will be 5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 2.0 hours of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes rule 35.

For the windward/leeward races the time limit for the first yacht to finish is 1 hour. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class will be scored TLE, as described below. This changes rule 35.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Boats intending to protest another boat for an incident on the water shall notify the Race Committee, and receive acknowledgement, as soon as possible after finishing. Protest forms will be available on the regatta website. Completed protest forms must be submitted to the Protest Committee within 90 minutes from the time that the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Protests shall be submitted to and the protest hearings will be heard at, the Eastport Yacht Club. Protest hearings for Friday's distance race, may be held on Saturday.

15. SCORING

A maximum of seven races are scheduled of which one windward/leeward race sailed on Saturday or Sunday shall be completed to constitute a series and championship. No score will be excluded (this changes rule A2). The Distance Race will constitute two races, and will have a "scoring gate" at one of the rounding marks, with a points value of 1.0. The completed Distance Race will be scored with a value of 1.5 points.

The Low Point Scoring System, rule A4.1 will apply with the following addition:

"Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored points equal to the number of finishers in that race plus two, but in no case will be scored more than the number of starters".

ORC Sportboats will start with ORC boats and be scored separately. ORC Offshore Time-on-Time ratings will be used to score the Distance race(s), and Inshore triple number Time-on-Time ratings will be used to score the Windward / Leeward races.

For more information on ORC scoring, visit www.orc.org/scoring.

16. SAFETY

All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance, available at www.stormtrysail.org.

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF 74 or by phone to 410.353.0477.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast on **VHF Channel 74** information such as location of Race Committee Signal Boat, sail numbers of yachts OCS, course type, range and bearing to the windward mark, change of course, etc. Failure to broadcast this information, or failure to receive or hear these broadcasts, will not be grounds for redress.

18. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three boats in each class. The winner of the Farr 30 Class will be the 2016 North American Champion.

19. AWARDS/SOCIAL

Saturday after racing there will be complimentary rum drinks on the dock at Jabin's Yacht Yard courtesy of **SpinSheet magazine and the Storm Trysail Club.**

Sunday following racing and any protest hearings, awards will be presented with complimentary beverages at Jabin's Yacht Yard.

APPENDIX 1 to Sailing Instructions

Description of Distance Race Courses

For all courses, marker 1AH off Tolly Point, Thomas Point Shoal lighthouse and Bloody Point Bar light must be left on the channel side.

Course 1 Approximately 22nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" off Hackett Point; to Buoy "WR 87" to starboard; to Buoy R "86" to starboard; to Buoy GRC "SR", near Thomas Point Light; to port; to Buoy G "1" FI G 4s, off West River; to port; to Buoy R "86" to port (Scoring Gate*); to Buoy "WR "87" to port; to Severn River Buoy R "2" to starboard; to Finish line located between Severn River Buoy G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at R "86" on the return rounding. ***Boats should take their GPS time when this rounding mark bears 270°magnetic.*** This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.

Course 2 Approximately 16nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" off Hackett Point; to Buoy "WR 87" to starboard; to Buoy GRC "SR", near Thomas Point Light; to port; to Buoy R "86" to port (Scoring Gate*); to Buoy "WR "87" to port; to Severn River Buoy R "2" to starboard; to Finish line located between Severn River Buoy G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at R "86" on the return rounding. ***Boats should take their GPS time when this rounding mark bears 270°magnetic.*** This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.

Course 3 Approximately 23nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" off Hackett Point; to Buoy R "88" to Port; to Buoy RW "LP" Mo (A) to port, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges; to Craighill Channel Entrance buoy R "6" to port (Scoring Gate*); to Craighill Channel Entrance buoy R "2" to starboard; to Buoy R "88" to starboard, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges; to Severn River Buoy R "2" to starboard; to Finish Line located between Severn River G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at Craighill Channel Entrance Buoy R "6". ***Boats should take their GPS time when this rounding mark bears 090°magnetic.*** This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.

Course 4 Approximately 21nm: From the Start Line in the vicinity of GC "1" off Hackett Point; to Buoy R "88" to Port; to Buoy RW "LP" Mo (A) to port, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges; to Craighill Channel Entrance Buoy R "2" to port (Scoring Gate*); to Buoy R "88" to starboard, via any of the three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges; to Severn River Buoy R "2" to starboard; to Finish Line located between Severn River Buoy G "5" FI G 4s and a nearby race committee boat.

*There will be a Scoring Gate at Craighill Channel Entrance Buoy R "2". ***Boats should take their GPS time when this rounding mark bears 090°magnetic.*** This will constitute one race. The complete Distance Race will constitute a second race.