

**STINGRAY POINT REGATTA**  
**AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**  
**Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Deltaville, VA**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020*.
- 1.2** If there are any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.3** US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.2, and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.4** For the J-70 fleet only, RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) as well as J-70 Class Rules I 1.1 (Spare Gennaker) and I.3 (Support Boats) are in effect.

**2. OFFICIAL NOTICES**

- 2.1** The Official Notice Board will be located on the north side of the clubhouse.
- 2.2** Notices affecting the day's races will be posted by 0815 on the day they take effect, except that notices regarding Friday's Distance Race will be posted before the end of the Distance Race Skippers Meeting. Notices affecting the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before they take effect.
- 2.3** If a notice is posted, Code Flag "L" will be displayed on the RC Signal Boat, *Mr Roberts*, at her berth on the center dock in Jackson Creek.
- 2.4** S.I.s will be available at Registration as well as posted on [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)

**3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 3.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from *Mr Roberts*.
- 3.2** Flag "AP" displayed with two sounds indicates "Racing is postponed" and that the Warning Signal will be made no earlier than 60 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered with one sound. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
- 3.3** Announcements regarding postponement ashore or relocation of racing will be made on Fleet Channel, **VHF-72**, approximately 90 minutes prior to scheduled Warning and repeated for as long as the RC feels is appropriate.

#### 4. RADIO USE

**4.1** The RC will make courtesy announcements via **VHF-72**. Such announcements may include such things as courses to be sailed, timing information, reasons for unexpected delays, etc. These broadcasts are made as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibility to monitor and respond to RC displays, flags and signals.

**4.2** The RC will only acknowledge transmissions regarding retirements, protests, or emergencies.

#### 5. SCHEDULE

##### Friday, September 1

**0900 – Check-In for Friday Distance Race (Main Clubhouse)**

**1100 – Skippers Meeting for Distance Race (Parking lot near *Mr Roberts*)**

**1300 – Warning Signal for Distance Race (Piankatank River Fl Gr “3”)**

**1600 – Begin registration for Stingray Point Regatta (Main Clubhouse)**

**1800 – Skippers Meeting for Saturday/Sunday racing (Main Clubhouse)**

**1830 – Awards/Welcome Party w/ food, drink, music, & fun**

**\*\*The Distance Race will be scored separately and not included in a boat’s Sat/Sun score**

##### Saturday, September 2

**0800-0900 Continental Breakfast**

**1100 Warning Signal**

**1700-1830 Cocktails @ Ric’s Place**

**1830-2230 Dinner & Awards**

##### Sunday, September 3

**0800-0900 Continental Breakfast**

**1100 Warning Signal**

**Approx 1500 Reception & Awards**

**Evening DIYBBQ @ Clubhouse**

**\*\* Multiple races will be attempted each day, wind & weather permitting.**

**\*\* No starting sequence will begin Sunday after 1400.**

**\*\* Flag “A” displayed w/ no sound while boats are finishing means “No more racing today”.**

#### 6. RACING AREA

**6.1** Racing will be conducted in the general area of Piankatank River Gr Fl “3”. (Green Dolphin)

**6.2** In the event of breezy conditions, at its own discretion, the RC may move racing inside Fishing Bay.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS

7.1 An official Scratch Sheet & Order of Starts will be posted prior to the 1800 Skippers Meeting, Friday.

7.2 The Preliminary Class Flags & Order of Starts are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag on RC</u>	<u>Backstay</u>	<u>Course Board</u>
A1	Code Flag 1	Code Flag 1	A1
A2	Code Flag 9	Code Flag 9	A2
J-70	Blue Flag/J-70 Logo	None	J
B	Code Flag 6	Code Flag 6	B
C	Code Flag 7	Code Flag 7	C
Non-Spin (2HS)	Code Flag 5	Code Flag 5	N
Cruising	White Flag	White Ribbon	W

**\*\* Class flags/streamers shall be displayed from a boat's backstay while racing.**

8. COURSES Courses to be sailed Saturday and Sunday will be as per **S.I. Appendix S.**

8.1 Two weather marks will be used. The short mark will be set approx. 0.25 nm below the long mark.

8.2 A Leeward Gate will be used.

- The gate will be approx. 600' to weather of the Start/Finish Line.
- The angle of the gate may be adjusted at any time without signal.
- Should only one leeward mark be in place, boats shall round it to PORT.

8.3 Courses to be sailed will be displayed from the RC Signal Boat prior to Warning.

- Top line = Fleets racing      - Second line = Course each fleet will race
- Third line = Bearing & distance to the long weather mark.
- The short weather mark will be approx. 0.25 nm below the long weather mark.

8.4 **Example:**

A1	A2	J / B	C / N	W
3L	3S	2L	2S	1S
300	1.1			

**\*\* Refer to Appendix S for descriptions and diagram of each course**

8.5 **For Friday's Distance Race**, the course will be as per **S.I. Appendix A.**

## **9. MARKS**

**9.1** The **long weather mark** will be an orange tetrahedron.

**9.2** The **short weather mark** will be a 3' orange tomato.

**9.3** The **long change mark** will be a yellow tetrahedron.

**9.4** The **short change mark** will be a 3' yellow tomato.

**9.5** The **gate marks** will be orange cylinders.

**9.6** The **starting mark** will be a yellow inflatable.

**9.7** The **finish mark** will be a red ball.

**10. CHECK-IN** Prior to the Warning Signal for her first race of each day, each boat shall pass by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hail her name and/or sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

## **11. THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 as modified in Instruction 11.2 below.

**11.2** Approximately one (1) minute prior to the beginning of a starting sequence, the RC will make an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds. This is not a timed signal.

**11.3** The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end of the line and an inflatable mark at the port end.

**11.4** A boat starting more than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **12. RECALLS**

**12.1** Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Additionally, the RC will attempt to hail premature starters via **VHF-72**.

**12.2** Failure of this transmission to be made or received, promptness of the notification, or the position of a boat in the sequence of notifications, will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

## **13. COURSE CHANGE AFTER START**

**13.1** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will set long and short change marks and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.

**13.2** The direction of the change will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33(a)(2), i.e. a red flag indicates the change is to PORT or a green flag indicates it is to STARBOARD.

**13.3 Friday's Distance Course** may not be changed but it may be shortened at any turning mark.

## **14. THE FINISH**

**14.1** The finish line will be located on the opposite side of the RC Signal Boat from the starting line. The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Boat at the starboard end of the line (looking downwind) and a red ball at the port end.

**14.2** Each boat is responsible for recording her own finish time and noting the boats immediately in front of and behind her and providing this information to the RC upon request.

## **15. PENALTIES**

**15.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply. No RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) is available.

**15.2** For J-70s only, RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) is in effect. This includes:

- RRS V1 – Penalty at the Time of an Incident
- RRS V2 – Penalty Taken After a Race

**15.3** If any boat collides with an RC boat and causes injury or serious damage on either vessel, her penalty is to retire immediately.

## **16. TIME LIMITS**

**16.1** The time limit for the first boat in each fleet to sail the course and finish is **2 ½ hours** from her starting signal.

**16.2** Boats still racing but not finished within **30 minutes** after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored one (1) point more than the number of boats who sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**16.3** To facilitate sailing additional races or to complete daily scoring in a timely manner, a boat still racing whose finishing position can be reasonably determined may be called in by the RC. Such boat will be scored as finished and placed in a finish position. If another race is to be run, such boat shall proceed to the starting area as expeditiously as possible.

**16.4** For Friday's Distance Race, any boat not finished by **1600** will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**17. RETIREMENTS** A boat that retires from a race or goes in between races shall immediately notify the RC and be acknowledged before leaving the racing area. This may be done via **VHF-72**.

## **18. PROTESTS**

**18.1** A boat intending to protest another boat or request redress for an incident occurring while racing shall so notify the RC Signal Boat immediately upon finishing or retiring. This notification must include the name and/or sail number of all boats being protested or the nature of the redress request and must be continued until acknowledged by the RC. This may be done via **VHF-72** or by passing close aboard the Signal Boat and hailing the information.

**18.2** Protests must be filed in writing with the Protest Committee within **60 minutes** of *Mr Roberts* docking at FBYC. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**18.3** If the RC posts a list of boats scored OCS or ZFP prior to the Protest Time Limit, a request for redress based on the posted list shall be made no more than **15 minutes** after Protest Time. This changes RRS 62.2.

**18.4** A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after the end of protest time. Such posting constitutes the notice for Race Committee or Protest Committee Protests required under RRS 61.1(b)

**18.5** No party may request re-opening of a hearing. This changes RRS 66.

**18.6** On Sunday, a request for redress from a jury decision must be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**18.7** US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

## **19. SCORING**

**19.1** The regatta will be scored as per the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A, except that there shall be no throw-outs. A boat's score shall be the total of all her scores on Saturday & Sunday. This changes RRS A2.

**19.2** The completion of at least one race in a class constitutes a regatta.

**19.3** Time on time scoring shall be used.

**20. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION** Boats shall remain in the water throughout the regatta, unless hauled with prior written approval from the PRO. This restriction does not apply to the J-70 fleet.

## **21. CREW LIMITS**

**21.1** Class crew limits are in effect. There will be no weigh-in.

**21.2** Crew substitutions are allowed in all classes.

## 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

## 22. CONTACTS:

- Event Chairman            Becca Doncaster            (804) 690-6473    [becca.wash@verizon.net](mailto:becca.wash@verizon.net)
- Principal Race Officer    John McCarthy            (757) 850-4225

## 23. AWARDS

**23.1** Daily awards will be given for first, second, and third in each fleet, based on cumulative results for that day.

**23.2** Overall results will be given for first, second, and third in each fleet, with all races considered separately.

**23.3** The Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy will be presented to the class winner based on the following:

- *Halsey Trophy Score* = (Class Score/Average Starters) times (Minimum Races/Class Races)

*Class Score* = total low point score of Class Winner as per S.I.s

*Average Starters* = average number of boats that started in that class

*Minimum Races* = number of races completed by class with fewest races completed

*Class Races* = number of races completed in class being scored

- \* Eligible class winners shall be the winners of classes that have been given a separate start and have had at least five (5) boats starting in every race.
- \* The intended purpose of the formula is to identify the class winner who has been most competitive as measured by the degree to which it has consistently been at the top of his class and the number of boats against which he has competed.

- The Potts Challenge

- Shall be conducted between three boat teams representing a yacht club or sailing association. The must be declared before the Skippers Meeting on Friday at 1800. For the 2016 Potts Challenge, each team shall be comprised of one boat from each from three of the available classes.

- The winning team shall have the lowest combined score for all three boats. In the event of a tie, the team whose boats placed higher in two of the classes, after any ties are broken, shall be the winner.

- Sportsmanship Award. This award shall be given to a boat, individual, or other entity whose crew exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship and spirit of Corinthian competition during the regatta.