

**THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA
ESSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA 19029**

2012 SPRING CRUISE

**GENERAL ORDERS
NO. 1**

**FLAGSHIP
DARING**

ASSEMBLY

Yachts participating in the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia 2012 Spring Cruise will assemble Thursday evening, May 24, 2012, at Annapolis, Maryland.

Sailing Instructions for the Fun Race and Sailing Instructions, Ratings, and Class assignments for the scheduled races on Saturday and Sunday will be distributed at the reception to be held that evening at the Annapolis Yacht Club and at the Captains' Meeting to be held on Friday morning. Sailing Instructions and Course Sheets will be available at www.cycop.com under *Sailing-Yachting* two weeks prior to the start of the cruise.

Yachts arriving after the Captains' Meeting should pick up their instructions from the Race Committee Boat.

A Registration Form has been enclosed with these orders for your convenience. Information may be inserted directly in the form or in lieu of the form, the information required by the form may be sent to the Fleet Captain by email. Please complete the registration information carefully, as it will be used for preparing the Guest List and billing, as well as for assigning classes. The registration information should be sent to the Fleet Captain, Doug Rollow, by email (drollow@atlanticbb.net) or by surface mail to Box 623, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663. Do not send registration information directly to the Club.

A 2012 **Valid Certificate – PHRF of the Chesapeake** should be sent direct to the Race Committee, Richard Berlinger (rwb@berlingersmall.com) or may be faxed to 215-884-3803. Captains chartering yachts with no current PHRF Certificate are requested to furnish complete information on the make, dimensions, rig, draft and sail number so the Race Committee can determine a handicap.

Questions concerning the racing, ratings or class assignments should be directed to Richard Berlinger, Race Committee Chair for the cruise.

The 2012 Spring Cruise will begin with a Reception at the Annapolis Yacht Club in Annapolis, Maryland on Thursday evening, May 24, 2012, and conclude with a Dinner Reception on Sunday evening, May 27, 2012, at the Pirates Cove Inn in Galesville, Maryland.

Dockage is available in Annapolis for Thursday evening May 24 and at Pirates Cove Inn and Marina for Sunday evening May 29. Details are provided below.

SIGNALS

The warning signal for any race will be hoisted by the Race Committee Yacht at the location and the time indicated in the Sailing Instructions. When the following signals are hoisted on the Race Committee Yacht, they will be accompanied by one or more sound signals as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing:

L "Come within hail" or "Follow me" **AP** "Race Postponed" **N** "Race Abandoned"

JOINING OR LEAVING THE CRUISE

Yachts joining the Cruise after 0800 hours Friday, May 25th or leaving the Cruise before 0800 hours Monday, May 28, 2012 are requested to report to the Fleet Captain's yacht or to the Race Committee Yacht.

ITINERARY AND FESTIVITIES

THURSDAY, MAY 24, ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB, ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

A cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres for captains and their guests will commence at 1800 hours at the Annapolis Yacht Club and continue until 2100 to accommodate later arrivals. Dress for the affair is casual. An envelope containing instructions for the cruise will be distributed to each registered yacht during the reception.

Dock space is available at the Annapolis Yacht Basin, adjacent to the Annapolis Yacht Club, on a first-come basis. Please contact the Dockmaster or one of the Assistant Dockmasters at 410-263-3544. Captains desiring dockage at Annapolis Yacht Basin must make their own arrangements and are urged to do so promptly.

Dock space also is available at the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Annapolis Harbor on a first-come basis at a flat fee of \$50. The Club is a founding member of NSHOF and is entitled to use the two docks located at the site of the future headquarters of NSHOF. There are no amenities on site, but the head and shower facilities (\$1 token) are adjacent at the offices of the Annapolis Harbormaster. Captains desiring dockage at NSHOF are asked to so indicate on the Registration Form. Requests will be honored in the order received.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, WHITEHALL CREEK, WHITEHALL BAY

A Captains' Meeting will be held at 0900 hours at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

Yachts should be prepared to depart the harbor at 1000 hours.

There will be a “**Fun Race**” for the esteemed **Happy Hour Trophy** for sailing yachts at a time and place and under conditions set forth by the Race Committee and the Sailing Instructions.

At the conclusion of the race, yachts will proceed to the designated anchorage in Whitehall Bay at approximately 38°59’50”N, 076°25’40”W. The evening is set aside for entertaining aboard and visiting among the Fleet. Newer members of the Club are cordially invited to raft alongside the Commodore and Flag Officers’ yachts.

SATURDAY, MAY 26, WHITEHALL BAY TO SHAW BAY, WYE RIVER

Captains should be prepared to depart the anchorage at 0900 hours.

There will be a **First Race** for sailing yachts at a time and place and under conditions set forth by the Race Committee and the Sailing Instructions.

After finishing the race, yachts will proceed to Shaw Bay off the Wye River where an anchorage will be established at approximately 38°51’20”N, 076°11’10”W. The evening is set aside for entertaining aboard and visiting among the Fleet.

SUNDAY, MAY 27, SHAW BAY TO GALESVILLE, WEST RIVER

Captains should be prepared to depart the anchorage at 0900 hours.

There will be a **Second Race** for sailing yachts at a time and place and under conditions set forth by the Race Committee and the Sailing Instructions.

At the conclusion of the race, yachts will proceed to Galesville, Maryland. A reception commencing at 1830 hours will be held at the Pirates Cove Inn, which is located in Galesville on the West River. The reception will be followed by dinner at approximately 2000 hours. Trophies and awards will be presented. Members and guests are requested to dress in appropriate yachting attire.

A limited number of slips are available at Pirates Cove Inn and Marina. While every effort will be made to accommodate all vessels, some rafting may be necessary. Captains desiring dockage at Pirates Cove Inn and Marina should so indicate on the Registration Form. The Fleet Captain will coordinate requests with Pirates Cove.

MONDAY, MAY 28

The fleet will disband after Morning Colors.

COMMUNICATIONS

A yacht of the Corinthian Fleet, usually the Race Committee Yacht, will be designated to serve as Fleet Communications and Safety Yacht, and it may be assisted by other yachts in the fleet. The Communications and Safety Yacht will monitor the VHF calling channel and will assist insofar as possible and relay messages as required. The cruising area is well served by the cellular telephone network. It is anticipated that those Captains who have special communications requirements will make their own arrangements. There are also several VHF Marine Operators in the area including Baltimore.

Channel 16 VHF/FM should be monitored by all yachts during the daylight hours after morning colors. Channel 16 is the international VHF calling and safety channel. **Channel 72 VHF/FM will be the designated primary working channel for the Cruise**, although another channel may be selected to avoid local interference. The Race Committee Boat, the safety yachts and Fleet Captain will monitor Channels 16 and 72 VHF/FM. All large commercial traffic in the Bay will be using Channel 13 for bridge-to-bridge communication. Communications regarding yachts starting early or retiring from the race are covered in the Sailing Instructions.

When at anchor, results of the day's race will be announced by the Race Committee at 1900 hours on VHF Channel 72.

PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race Committee Yacht will be under the command of R/C Richard Berlinger.

Classes A, B and C will race without spinnakers. All classes will race under PHRF of the Chesapeake rules and ratings as they may be modified by the Sailing Instructions. Anyone wishing to race, other than a member on a chartered boat, who does not have a 2012 Valid Certificate will automatically be assessed a penalty as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions. Race results will be scored using the low point system as described in Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing. Additional information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions to be posted on the Club website and distributed at the Thursday evening reception. In the event of a discrepancy between these General Orders and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will control.

AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded for each daily race. The **Happy Hour** trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Fun Race. These awards will be presented following dinner Sunday evening. Season trophies for the combined performance in both Spring and Fall Cruises will be awarded at the **Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner** at the Club in January of 2013. Only Corinthian Yacht Club registered yachts are eligible for the season trophies. Yachts in Class A will compete for the **COMMODORE'S TROPHY**; Class B will race for the **BOSUNBIRD TROPHY**; and Class C will compete for the **MINOT'S LIGHT TROPHY**. The **THACHER TROPHY** will be awarded to the yacht which wins her class by the greatest number of points. The **THOMAS POINT LIGHT TROPHY** will be awarded to the yacht that scores best under the High Point Percentage System.

CRUISE REGISTRATION

Send the completed **Registration Form** (attached) or an email with the required information to the Fleet Captain (Doug Rollow, Box 623, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663, (drollow@atlanticbb.net) as soon as possible and in no event later than Wednesday, May 16. Please send your **Valid 2012 PHRF Certificate** to the Race Committee (Richard Berlinger, rwb@berlingersmall.com or by fax to 215-884-3803) as soon as possible. PHRF Rating application forms may be downloaded from PHRF of the Chesapeake's web site: www.phrfchesbay.com. Please allow three to four weeks to obtain a certificate.

If you are awaiting word from your crew and guests, it would be helpful if you submit a registration form to the Fleet Captain and indicate that a final guest list will be forthcoming **no later than Wednesday, May 16**. Please take special care in completing the registration form, especially with regard to the legibility of first and last names of guests. It is also helpful to specify relationships and titles; i.e., Mr. and Mrs., Miss, Dr., etc. The accuracy of the Guest List depends upon you.

Members desiring to invite guest yachts should notify the Fleet Captain so that a letter of invitation may be sent from the Commodore. Sponsoring members are reminded that they are responsible for completing an additional registration form for their guest yachts.

Please observe the May 16 registration deadline. Our caterers require a binding commitment regarding the number of people at least one week in advance. Therefore, **all yachts and crew registered as of Thursday, May 17 will be responsible for their share of the cost of the cruise**. To avoid any confusion regarding billing, please read the attached letter on "Billing Policy." Please indicate on the registration form if any of your crew, who are members, are to be billed directly for their share of the expenses; otherwise they will be charged to the account of the owner/captain. Please indicate if any of the crew are unable to attend the reception or dinner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Time used will be Eastern Daylight Time. A copy of the most recent Corinthian Yacht Club Supplement should be aboard each member's yacht.

The Flag Officers and the Race Committee Yacht shall precede the Fleet when getting underway in the mornings. While entering and leaving harbors, yachts should proceed in single file so far as possible in order of seniority. Since the starting line for the races may be located a distance from the harbor/anchorage, please be prepared to depart at the appointed time so that you will not be late for your class's start. Any necessary change in harbor start times will be announced at the Captains' Meeting or over VHF Channel 72.

Yachts are requested to use proper flag etiquette in so far as possible. On a sailing yacht, the yacht club burgee is correctly flown at the main truck (masthead) on a pigstick, not attached to a halyard and not from a spreader. In lieu of the burgee, the Club's swallowtail pennant may be flown from the starboard spreader. In accordance with the Rules of Racing, no flags (including the ensign) should be displayed while racing (except special fleet/class identification flags, when specified).

The officers ask all members' assistance in supporting Maryland's minimum drinking age of 21. Our hosts and caterers are at risk if we do not self-enforce this law. The law also prohibits minors from ordering a drink for an elder.

While dress for the cruise will generally be informal, captains and their guests are requested to wear appropriate yachting attire for the Sunday evening reception and dinner.

By order of:

ARCHIBALD W. McMICHAEL
COMMODORE

J. DOUGLAS ROLLOW, III
FLEET CAPTAIN

THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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Billing Procedure:

The per-person cost for participation in all the events of the 2012 Spring Cruise, will be determined by dividing the total cost of cruise (exclusive of dockage or marine items for individual participating yachts) by the number of participants, but is expected to be between \$200 and \$225 per person for adults. Dockage at NHSOF and Pirates Cove will be computed separately. There will be a charge of \$100 for persons under the age of 21 and \$50 for persons under the age of 12. The charge for all members and guests on each yacht will be made to the club account of the Captain of each participating yacht at the conclusion of the Cruise. In the case of a guest yacht the charge will be made to the account of the Club Member who sponsors the Guest Captain.

A member who is a guest on another member's yacht who wishes to be billed directly for his or her share of the cruise expenses may so indicate on the registration form or may notify the Fleet Captain within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the Cruise.

Commitment to the caterers as to the number of persons to be served must be made one week before each event. In some cases it may be possible to accommodate changes in crew or yachts attending if the Fleet Captain is notified in writing or by telephone no later than the **Thursday** preceding the commencement of the Cruise (May 17, 2012). In the absence of such timely notification of changes, a Captain will be billed for his entire crew, as registered, *even if some or all of them are unable to attend*. Once the Thursday deadline has passed it is the policy of the Club not to give a full or partial credit for any crew member or yacht that misses a particular day, event or portion of the Cruise except under the most unusual circumstances.

Since the Fleet Captain prepares the billing information, questions concerning billing should be directed to the Fleet Captain and not to the Club's accounting department.

Please be sure to complete the attached Registration form and send it to the Fleet Captain by e-mail (drollow@atlanticbb.net) or by mail to PO Box 623, St. Michaels, Maryland 21663. Upon receipt of your Registration form your House Account will be charged the sum of \$100 as a deposit for your yacht and any guest yacht you may be sponsoring.

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