



2nd Annual
Beats & Bow-Ties Regatta
July 30, 2015

Greater Richmond Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013 – 2016, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by completing the registration form and paying the fee at www.tylerpatnaude.com/shop before 1100 on the day of the regatta. Registration will be available on site in accordance with the NOR.

3. Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted by 1100 on the day they will take effect.
- 3.2 These changes will be also be addressed at the Competitors Meeting.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the GRSA Committee Boat flagpole.
- 4.2 The display of Flag “AP” accompanied by two sound signals means the start of racing is postponed. The lowering of Flag “AP” with one sound means the Warning Signal for the next race shall be made in not less than 30 minutes. **This changes RRS Race Signal “AP” relative to signals made ashore only.**
- 4.3 Any postponement ashore, and/or the intentions of the Race Committee regarding the start of racing, will be announced on shore by the ringing of the bell.

5. Severe Weather

Severe weather may force cancellation of a race. In this case, the Race Committee will make an announcement regarding such cancellation by announcement either on land or from the Committee Boat by flying Flag “N” and three sound signals indicating all boats are to return to shore.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 Racing is scheduled per the GRSA Race Committee Schedule of Races posted on the GRSA website, or on the sailing site bulletin board.
- 6.2 The Race Committee will signal its intention to start another race by changing the class board on the Committee Boat.
- 6.3 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal is 1200.
- 6.4 No starting sequence will begin after 1530.

7. Schedule and Class Flags

- 7.1 A competitors’ meeting will be held on race days at Greater Richmond Sailing Association’s pavilion at 1100. The warning signal for the first race will be 1200. Subsequent races will be held as soon as

possible after the end of the previous race. The class flags are each designated by the fleet insignia with the exception of the Handicapped Fleet which will be represented by a flag determined by the Race committee at the Competitor's meeting prior to the regatta.

7.2 Classes and Order of Starts will be announced and posted at the skippers meeting.

8. Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be beyond the point on the Swift Creek Reservoir, or as determined by the Race Committee.

9. Courses and Marks

9.1 The courses may be Olympic or windward/leeward courses. The course will be designated by display on the side of the Committee Boat. On the display board will be the class insignia representing that classes course, followed by either an "O" (an Olympic course), or a "W" (windward/leeward course) followed by a red or green board representing which side to round the marks, and a number representing how many times the course should be sailed.

9.2 Courses and course designators to be sailed in this regatta will be presented at Competitors Meeting.

9.3 All marks shall be rounded at the discretion of the Race Committee as displayed on a green or red board posted on the Committee Boat before each start. The green board designates all marks shall be rounded to starboard. The red board designates all marks shall be rounded to port.

9.4 A stand-off mark may be used at the weather mark at the discretion of the Race Committee.

10. Starting and Finishing

10.1 A five minute starting sequence will be used:

Attention - multiple blasts of the starting horn.

5 minute warning – One starting horn blast and class flag raised

4 minute warning – One starting horn blast and "P" flag raised

1 minute warning – One starting horn blast and "P" flag lowered

Start – One starting horn blast and class flag lowered

10.2 The attention signal consisting of a series of short sounds will be made approximately one minute before the Warning Signal for each race. This is not a timed signal.

10.3 The starting line will be between the starting mark with the flag and the Race Committee flag displayed on the Committee Boat.

10.4 The Starting Area is defined as the area extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the line and its extensions. After the first warning signal for each race, boats shall keep clear of this area until the warning signal for their fleet.

10.5 Both auditory and flag signals will be used by the RC. The flag signal takes precedent over the auditory signal.

10.6 The starting and finishing line is considered an obstacle during the course of racing if, and only if, the starting and finishing line is positioned between the windward and leeward marks (i.e., part way up the windward leg).

10.7 No race will be started in less than 4 knots of wind or as determined by the RC.

11. Time Limit

11.1 A race in which no boat in a fleet has finished within 90 minutes of that fleet's start shall be abandoned for that fleet.

11.2 A boat finishing within the time limit for its fleet makes the race valid for all boats in that fleet.

11.3 Any boat still racing but not finished within 30 minutes after the first boat in her fleet finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and scored one point more than the number of boats in her fleet that finished within the time limit. **This changes RRS 35.**

12. Protests

- 12.1 In addition to notifying the boat to be protested, a boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee immediately after finishing or retiring. This notification must include the boat name and/or sail number of the boat being protested and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- 12.2 The time limit for filing written protests is 30 minutes after the RC Boar has signaled onshore after the arrival of the last racing boat to the dock.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 The regatta will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A except in the case of the Handicapped Fleet which shall be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick Corrected Time System. There will be no throw out races.
- 13.2 The completion of one race will constitute a regatta.
- 13.3 Trophies will be computed by combining all races sailed into a single score.

14. Awards

Awards will be given to the top finishers in each class determined by the number of boats sailing in that class at the discretion of the Race Chair for any individual regatta.