



**Annual YRYC Moonlight Race Saturday, August 12, 2022
(with rain date of Saturday, August 13, 2022, if needed)**

Sailing Instructions RULES This event will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017-2020 and these Sailing Instructions.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all boats that meet PHRF of the Chesapeake, Inc. Fleet Safety Requirements for Chesapeake Bay (**Category 4P**).

ENTRIES: All entries must be received by noon on August 12 by the York River Yacht Club Race Captain. Registration may be done online at <https://forms.gle/s4vi6YPCbEjno55D6> or by sending an email to racecaptain@yryc.org. Entry Fee is \$10 for boats not already registered and paid for the season with YRYC Racing.

CHECK-IN: Before the race, each boat must pass close to the race committee boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

CHECK-OUT/WITHDRAWAL: A boat withdrawing from the race must inform the race committee as soon as possible via VHF Channel 72, or by passing close to the committee boat and hailing the race committee until acknowledged.

RACING CLASSES: There will be one non-spinnaker class (all PHRF ratings, single headsail only) and one spinnaker class (all PHRF ratings).

START: The starting line will be between the committee boat and York River R24. The starting sequence shall be in accordance with RRS Rule 26, with times as follows:

Class	Time (EDT)	Signal	Class Flag
Spinnaker	1800 (approx.)	AP Flag	
	1820	warning	Yellow
	1825	start	
Non-Spinnaker	1825	warning	Blue
	1830 start		

RACECOURSES

NON-SPINNAKER Course

- Start at R24.
- Round York River GR "P" [*Fl (2+1) G 6s @ 37 degrees 13.52 minutes N, 076 degrees - - 19.50 minutes W*] leaving it to port.
- York River G19 and G17 are marks of the course and must be honored correctly. Recommend racers stay north of G17/G19 to avoid shallow water.
- Finish between committee boat and R24.
- Distance 13.9 nautical miles.

SPINNAKER Course:

- Start at R24.
- Round York Spit Light (*Fl 6s @ 37 degrees 12.58 minutes N, 076 degrees 15.25 minutes W*) leaving it to port (caution: riprap).
- York River G19 and G17 are marks of the course and must be honored correctly. Recommend racers stay north of G17/G19 to avoid shallow water.
- Finish between the committee boat and R24.
- Distance 21 nautical miles.

FINISH: It is anticipated that the committee boat will remain on station until all racers are finished. When a competitor is within one mile of the finish, they must hail the race committee on VHF 72 and identify themselves by sail number or name. Additionally, when finishing, each boat must illuminate her mainsail in such a manner that sail numbers are visible to the race committee, so that the committee can accurately record finish times.

However, if the committee boat is not on station at the finish, vessels are considered finished when they are abeam and within 25 yards of York River R"24" (i.e., close abeam). Competitors will be required to take their own finish times (record GPS finish time as HH:MM: SS). Finish times should be provided to the Race Captain as soon as practical.

TIME LIMIT: 0700 hours, August 2

AWARDS: Awards will be presented at the YRYC Racing Awards Dinner to the first-place finishers in each class. Additional fleet trophies may be awarded based on the number of starters in each class.

The John Dworak Memorial trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of this event. The overall winner will be the boat with the lowest score based on the following

formula: Time Delta (between boat & second place finisher) / number of finishers.

SAFETY: RRS Rule 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is augmented by: "All participants shall wear personal flotation devices between sunset and sunrise while racing."

COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY TRAFFIC: Competitors shall not exercise right of way, cross near, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by any commercial or military vessel. Competitors must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. A boat protested under this rule will have the burden of proof that she complied with this rule. RRS Rule 60.2 is augmented by: "If the race committee receives a report of an incident in which a competing boat may have interfered with commercial or military traffic, the race committee may protest any boat involved."

INDEMNITY By participating in this race, a sailor acknowledges that he or she is solely responsible for his or her own safety and that of the crew and boat; that he or she represents that the boat and equipment are in sound condition and that all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race or to withdraw after starting is solely his or hers; and he or she hereby releases to the fullest extent permitted by law the organizing authority, its officers, trustees and all members of the race committee, whether or not members of the organizing authority, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage or death resulting from participation in this event.