

## **Chester River Yacht and Country Club Invitational Regatta**

### **Notice of Race (NOR) to be held on September 23, 2017**

**Rules:** Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, except for starting procedures, and procedures to absolve penalties as set forth below.

**Registration:** The race is open to members of the Corsica River Yacht Club, Rock Hall Yacht Club, and the Chester River Yacht & Country Club. All competitors must register at the entry desk located at the CRY&CC waterfront prior to the skippers meeting to be held at 11:30 a.m. giving the Race Committee (RC) secretary name of boat, skipper's name, sail number (or other distinguishing sail color), class of boat (or if not a one-design type its Portsmouth handicap number). Each entrant will be assigned a group number and given a specific starting time depending upon its handicap. The entrance fee is \$25 and includes lunch to be served at noon. The slowest class will start first, the fastest class will start last. In theory, all boats should finish at the same moment.

**Notices to Competitors:** Notices will be posted on the bulletin board at the registration desk, such as times of high and low tide, weather and wind predictions, time of the first warning signal, and the complete list of starting times for each group.

**Racing Area and Course:** Racing area will be upstream and downstream of the CRY&CC docks. The course showing starting line and turning buoys to be sailed by all entrants will be displayed on a bulletin board shown to all at the skippers meeting. The length of the course will depend upon estimated wind speeds to make the elapsed time between one and two hours.

**Starting and Finishing Line and Starting System:** The start and finish line will be between the RC boat and a buoy. **Boats must finish between the buoy and the RC boat regardless of which side the previous mark was passed. Boats will start in groups in ascending order starting with group 1. Boats with other group numbers must stand clear of the starting line until it is their turn to start.** The starting system will be by sound horn as follows: 13:30 warning; 13:33 preparatory. The RC Boat will display #1 indicating that boats assigned to group 1 will start at 13:36. At 30 seconds before that start time the RC will give 3 short blasts, then 1 long blast for group 1 start. The RC will then display #2 for group 2 and the time of start. **Please note that subsequent start times are at specific intervals after the previous start time.** Likewise, at 30 seconds before that start time the RC will give 3 short blasts, then to mark the start, 1 long blast. The starting sequence will continue in a like manner for subsequent groups until the highest group number starts. Every skipper is responsible for starting with his/her assigned group. Boats that start before their proper group start time will be disqualified.

**Time Limit:** The Time limit will be 2 hours.

**Safety:** All boats with 2 or more crew must have life jackets equal to the number of crew aboard, anchor and line, bailing bucket, and at least 1 paddle. Sun tan lotion, and plenty of fresh water is highly recommended. Skippers of single handed boats must wear life jackets.

**Protests and Penalty Turns:** A boat that is at fault for hitting a mark or fouling another boat may absolve its infraction of the rules by making a 360 degree turn immediately after the occurrence, or as soon as such turn will not interfere with another competitor. Protests shall be delivered to the RC within one hour after the last boat finishes. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after the race.

**Prizes:** There will be awarded for the first three boats to finish. Also, if there are more than 2 boats in a class, there will be an award for the winning boat.