



## Charm City's Ya Gotta Regatta

September 30, 2023

The Downtown Sailing Center, Baltimore, MD

### PHRF Sailing Instructions

The notation "[NP]" in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Spinnakers shall only be flown by boats racing in the Spinnaker class.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

#### 2 COMMUNICATION

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at <https://downtownsailing.org/ygr> and at the PHRF registration page at <https://downtownsailing.org/event-5369557>.
- 2.1 All information to competitors on the course will be broadcast on VHF channel 68. All participants shall be responsible for complying with all instructions provided.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the DSC Ya Gotta Regatta page (see link above) and emailed to registered competitors not later than 12 hours prior to the scheduled first Warning Signal for which they will be in effect.
- 3.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water prior to the warning signal for each race by broadcasting via VHF channel 68.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 No visual signals will be displayed ashore

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The schedule will be as follows:

9:00 - 10:00 am	Registration and check-in at DSC
10:00 am	Skippers' Meeting and Q&A at DSC (optional)
11:00 am	Race committee on station at starting area
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Competitor check-in
11:30 am	Courtesy time check and watch sync via VHF 68
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Staggered start

- 6.2 Pursuit Start times for the course will be posted on the event website and emailed to competitors no later than 4:00 pm on September 29. Pursuit start times are based upon a theoretical scratch boat of 300 starting at 12:00 PM local time.

**7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 No class flags will be used. This changes RRS 26.

**8 RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area will be the Patapsco River and Northwest Harbor. See NOAA chart 12281 for details.

## **9 THE COURSE**

9.1 The course will be based on one of the four sample courses listed in Attachment A, depending on weather conditions.

9.2 The course selection will be posted on the event website and emailed to competitors no later than 4:00 pm on September 29.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Marks will consist of US Aids to Navigation (i.e. Government marks). Direction of rounding are listed in the Course Descriptions in Attachment A

10.2 The Starting Mark will be G "15" on the Fort McHenry Channel.

10.3 The Finish Mark will be R N "2" in the Northwest Harbor.

10.4 A "Keep Off" buoy may be tied astern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered an extension of the Race Committee Boat.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

11.1 [NP] [DP] The following area is designated as an obstruction: The area of the Patapsco River between Fort McHenry and the three (3) green channel markers off its East shore: G "7", G "5", and G "3". Boats shall not sail within the designated obstruction. See NOAA chart 12281 for details.

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started according to the posted start times. Each boat shall start no earlier than her designated start time, which is determined based on PHRF rating and the course length. This changes RRS 26.

12.2 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

12.3 Race committee shall sound one signal at each boat's start time.

12.4 Boats not starting shall avoid the starting area.

12.5 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall promptly hail her boat name, sail number, or other clear identifier. This changes RRS 29.1.

12.6 Failure to hear an adequate hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### **13 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**13.1** Race Committee shall not change the course on the day of racing. This changes RRS 33.

### **14 THE FINISH**

**14.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

**14.2** Race Committee shall not shorten the course. This changes RRS 32.1

**14.3** If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**15.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, shall not apply.

### **16 TIME LIMITS**

**16.1** The race time limit is 4 hours after the earliest theoretical start. If no boats have finished by 4:00pm local time, Race Committee may score boats in place according to distance from the finish line. This changes RRS 35, A3, A4, and A5.

### **17 PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS**

**17.1** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee docks.

**17.2** In addition to the requirements of RRS 61, a protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee via VHF ch 68 as soon as practical after the incident.

**17.3** Hearing Request Forms and Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Forms are available from the "Racing" dockbox at the DSC's main dock and at the DSC website:

(a) [Hearing Request Forms](#)

(b) [Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Forms](#)

**17.4** Notices will be posted no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Race Committee will post notices at the "Racing" dockbox, and attempt to notify parties by phone or email.

**17.5** RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

## **18 HEARINGS**

**18.1** As soon as practical after the protest time limit, hearings will be held at the end of DSC's "A" Dock, under the white awning, according to the following "3 Minute Justice" procedure:

- (a) The protest committee will determine if the protest is valid.
- (b) The protesting boat will have one minute to explain their position to the Protest Committee.
- (c) The protestee has one minute to defend their position.
- (d) The Protest Committee shall dismiss the two competitors and will deliberate and reach a decision in one minute.

## **19 SCORING**

**19.1** The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

**19.2** The order in which boats finish shall determine their finishing places (unless SI 16.1 applies).

## **20 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**20.1** [NP] [DP] All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing.

**20.2** [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**20.3** No racing will occur if a Gale Warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

## **21 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

**21.1** Official vessels shall display a blue or yellow flag with the RC insignia.

## **22 ADVERTISING**

**22.1** A boat and her crew shall not display any brand advertising on competitors clothing, the boat, or sails without prior approval from the organizing authority. Boats failing to comply with this rule will be scored DNE for all races started without a hearing by the organizing authority. This rule is not intended to exclude unique team images but to discourage corporate promotion or sponsorship that is not pre-approved by the organizing authority.

**22.2** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**23 PRIZES**

**23.1** Prizes will be given to the top three (3) finishing boats in each class.

**24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**24.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority or its agents 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.

**25 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

**25.1** By participating in the *Ya Gotta Regatta*, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

**Attachment A: Course Descriptions**

<b>A (Extra Short)</b>	<b>B (Short)</b>	<b>C (Medium)</b>	<b>D (Long)</b>
Start at G "15"	Start at G "15"	Start at G "15"	Start at G "15"
Leave FSK to Port	Leave FT CARROLL to Port	Leave FSK to Port	Leave FT CARROLL to Port
Leave GR "FM" to Starboard	Leave GR "FM" to Starboard	Leave G "15" to Port	Leave GR "FM" to Port
Leave RG "NH" to Port	Leave RG "NH" to Port	Leave FSK to Port	Leave FT CARROLL to Port
Finish at R N "2"	Finish at R N "2"	Leave GR "FM" to Starboard	Leave GR "FM" to Starboard
		Leave RG "NH" to Port	Leave RG "NH" to Port
		Finish at R N "2"	Finish at R N "2"
<b>6.7 NM</b>	<b>8.1 NM</b>	<b>10.8 NM</b>	<b>15.2 NM</b>

Note: FSK refers to FRANCIS SCOTT KEY Blue, Red & White (aka the Star Spangled Buoy)