Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) Ya Gotta Regatta One-Design Regatta
September 21, 2019
Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
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Replaces all prior editions

1. RULES

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020.

1.2 All prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

1.3 RRS 32, 33, 35, 61.1, 62.1(a), 90.3(b), A4, A5, and Part 5 Section B are changed by these instructions.

1.4 SI 10.4 changes RRS A4 and A5.

1.5 SI 10.5 changes RRS 62.1(a).

1.6 SI 11 changes RRS 33.

1.7 SI 12.2 changes RRS 32.

1.8 SI 14.2 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

1.9 SI 15.1a changes RRS 61.1

1.10 SI 15.2 changes RRS 60.1

1.11 SI 15.7 changes Part 5 Section B

1.12 For DSC Classes: A competing boat's mainsail and jib shall consist of the DSC supplied sails. Neither the mainsail nor the jib may be replaced with another sail. All other classes shall abide by class rules.

1.13 A competing boat's spinnaker shall conform to the one-design class rules for that boat. Sail number requirements shall not apply.

1.14 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will govern.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta and at the Event Link on the DSC website.

2.2 All information to competitors on the course will be broadcast on VHF channel 71. 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) not later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled first Warning Signal for which they will be in effect.

3.2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made orally on the water prior to the warning signal for each race as specified in RRS 90.2(c).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No signals will be made ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 0800-0900 - Registration (Late registrants only)
0900 - Skippers' Meeting (in front of 'A' Dock)
1030 - First Warning Signal; no races to be started after 1530
1600 - *Little Havana* opens for post-race party
1700 - Awards Ceremony

5.2 The warning signal for subsequent races will be made as soon as practicable after the last boat in the previous race finishes or the expiration of the time limit defined below.

5.3 The race committee will notify the competitors of the completion of racing.

6 VENUE

A. Alpha - Patapsco River North of Fort McHenry
B. Patapsco River SE of Fort McHenry, near 'FM'.

See attachment A for course Diagram

For more information concerning these venues, please consult NOAA *Chart 12281*.

6.2 RC will inform the competitors of the rendezvous to be used for racing at the skippers' meeting and all course changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 71.

7 THE COURSES
7.1 All courses shall be windward-leeward courses, as illustrated in Attachment B. The number of legs will be signaled by the Race Committee boat displaying a course board with the letter "L" and a numeral representing the number of legs of the course. For example, a two-leg windward-leeward course (Start - Mark 1 - Finish) will be signaled as "L2."

8 MARKS
8.1 All marks will be drop marks.
8.1.a. Rounding marks will be orange tetrahedrons unless replaced due to change of course.
8.1.b. The starting and finishing mark will be an orange "hippity hop" buoy unless the course is shortened.

8.2 All rounding marks are to be left to port.

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

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS
9.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: The area of the Patapsco River between Fort McHenry and the three (3) green buoys off its northeast shore: "7" Q G; "5" Fl G 4s; "3" Q G.

10 THE START
10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
10.1.a. The class flags are to be as follows:

A. DSC J/22s will be numeral pennant 1
B. DSC Sonars will be numeral pennant 2
C. Subsequent classes will be issued a numeral pennant en lieu of a class flag

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her boat name or number on VHF channel 71. Failure to make or hear a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding *mark* by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

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

12.2 The race committee may signal a shortened course with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finishing line. The finishing line shall be:

A. between the course side of the finishing mark and a staff displaying an 'S' flag on the Race Committee Boat.
B. between the course side of a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying an 'S' flag. This changes RRS 32.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.1 Applies.

13.2 Appendix T applies. The Race Committee Bag maintains copies of the "protest form" and "Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Form" and the bag is available from the Race Committee between and after races.

14 TIME LIMITS, COURSE AND WIND RESTRICTIONS

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

A. Mark 1 time limit is 25 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
B. The race time limit is 1 hour. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not *Finish* without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

14.3 Races should not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind speed in the starting area, and, to the best of its belief, on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots (3.45 mph) for a period of at least five (5) minutes.
14.3.a If average wind speed falls below three (3) knots for a sustained period of five (5) minutes during a race, the race shall be abandoned.

14.4 Races started in winds exceeding 20 knots (25.32 mph) sustained shall be raced with no spinnakers. Only jibs and reefed mainsails shall be used.

14.5 If average wind direction shifts 50 degrees in one direction sustained for a period of five (5) minutes during a race and the course cannot be changed to offer a square course, the race shall be abandoned.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1a A boat intending to protest shall follow the provisions of RRS 61.1, except that she need not display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1.

15.2 <u>When there is contact involving a DSC assigned race boat, the DSC assigned race boat **shall** protest the other boat or shall accept the penalty, which may be to retire.</u> This changes RRS 60.1.

15.2.a If the fouling boat exonerates herself on the water and there is no damage, the protest need not be in writing.

15.3 For the purposes of interpreting RRS 44.1(b), "serious damage" shall consist of any damage or contact that results in visible or structural damage.

15.4 Promptly following the completion of each race, a boat that intends to protest an incident in that race shall notify the Race Committee of the name of the boat(s) that she intends to protest. For the final race of the day, the race committee shall be notified of the intent before the protesting boat leaves the racing area.

15.5 Directly following the close of the protest time limit, Arbitration shall be held for each protest according to the prescriptions in Appendix T.

15.5.a Arbitration will be held near the DSC docks in the order of protest forms received.

15.6 Protest hearings will be heard in compliance with the rules of Part 5, including the requirement in RRS 61.2 that the protest be submitted in writing within the protest time limit.

15.7 Protest Hearings
As soon as practical after arbitration, and before either involved team leaves the dockage area, the jury will hold a "3 minute justice" hearing, comprised solely of a protest committee and a single representative from each party to the protest hearing:

A. Once the hearing has begun, the Protestor has one minute to explain the reason for his/her party's protest to the Protest Committee.
B. The Protestee has one minute to explain his/her party's position.
C. The Protest Committee shall dismiss the two competitors and will deliberate and reach a decision in 1 minute.

This sailing Instruction changes the proceedings outlined in Part 5 Section B and Appendix M.

15.8 Protest hearings will be held immediately following arbitration under the tree by the entrance to 'A' Dock (or another suitable, nearby, announced location) at the Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21230, in the order in which they are received.

15.8 Protests may be withdrawn in writing and attached to the Protest Form, per RRS T4.

15.9 The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat in the same fleet finishes the last race of the day or one-half-hour after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. The race office consists of the Race Committee and the Race Committee Bag. The protest committee shall extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

15.10 Protest forms and Penalty forms are available from the Race Committee and extra copies are located in the Race Committee bag. The Protest form may also be downloaded at: https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/US-Sailing-2017-2020-Protest-Form.pdf and will be made available to all skippers at the skippers' meeting.

16 SCORING
16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

16.2

A. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
B. Whensix (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS
17.1 All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing and identify the race skipper aboard. This check-in may be performed on VHF Channel 71 or by sailing within hail of the signal boat and hailing the race committee.

17.2 Failure to check-in shall preclude a boat from being scored for all races until she does so. A boat shall not consider herself checked in until she receives confirmation from the race committee of her check-in.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4 A boat that leaves the racing area prior to finishing the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.5 No check-out is required after completion of the last race.

18 Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority

18.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors in the DSC Classes, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

A. a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
B. wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
C. hulls, keels, and rudders may not be cleaned except at the discretion of the organizing authority, Downtown Sailing Center, which may be initiated in an email and/or verbally to all competitors;
D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

18.2 The Penalty for not complying with one of the above instructions will be disqualification from all races sailed in which the instruction was broken.

18.3 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the organizing authority's representative immediately after securing the boat ashore. The penalty for breaking this instruction, unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This includes other forms of mobile communication.

19.2 Race committee communication to competitors shall be on VHF channel 71. All VHF radios should be set on "Dual" function to monitor VHF channel 16, in accordance with USCG regulations.

20 ADVERTISING

20.1 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.

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

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

A. Prizes will be given to the first three (3) finishing boats in the regatta.
B. These prizes will be presented at the Awards Ceremony scheduled for 1700 on September 21 at *Little Havana Restaurant and Cantina*.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 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.

23 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

23.1 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.

For detailed chart information, consult NOAA Chart 12281

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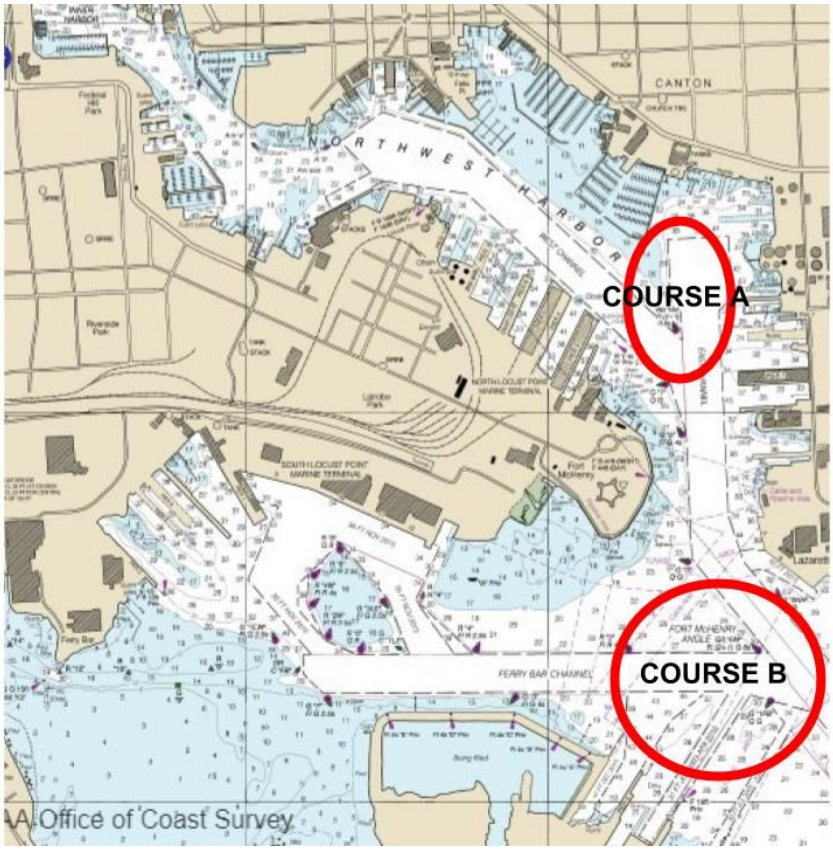
Attachment 'A'



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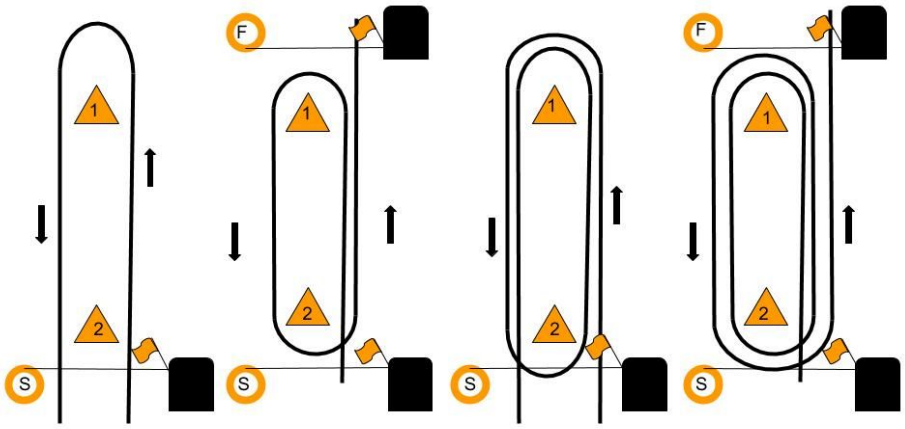

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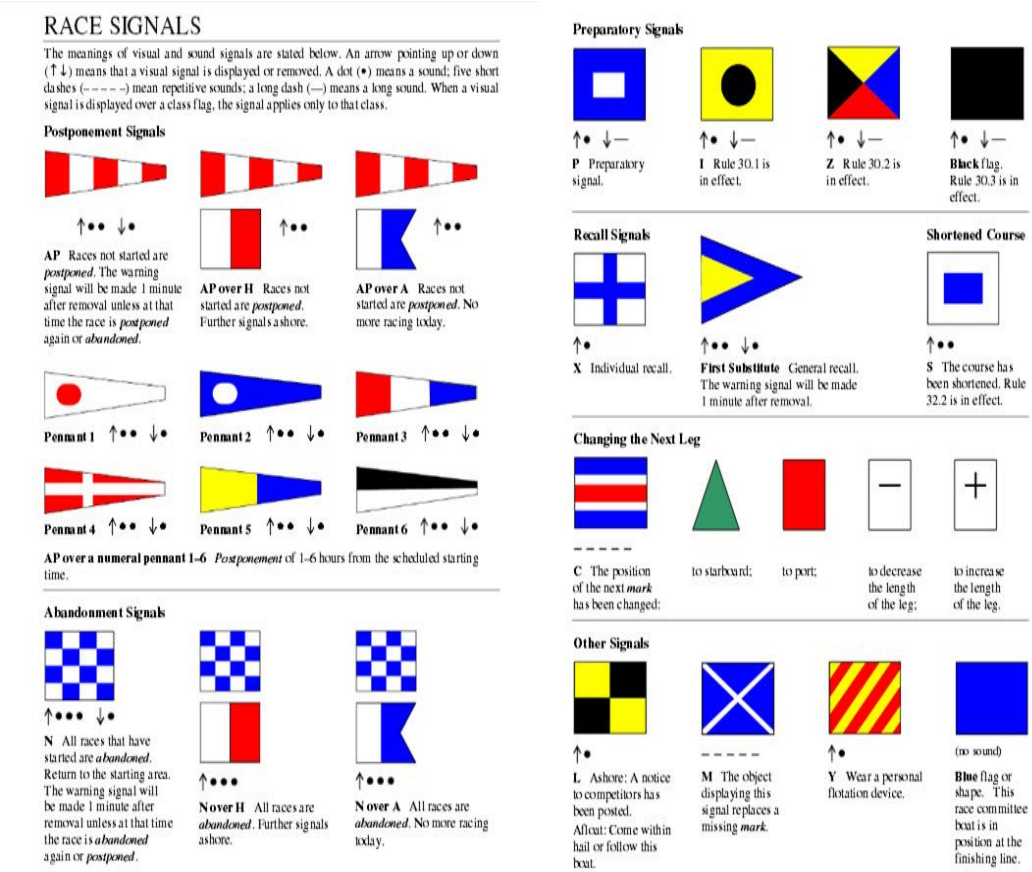

RACE SIGNALS

The meanings of visual and sound signals are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down (↑↓) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (•) means a sound; five short dashes (– – – – –) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal applies only to that class.

Postponement Signals

↑•• ↓•
AP Races not started are *postponed*. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *postponed* again or *abandoned*.

↑••
AP over H Races not started are *postponed*. Further signals ashore.

↑••
AP over A Races not started are *postponed*. No more racing today.

Pennant 1 ↑•• ↓•
Pennant 2 ↑•• ↓•
Pennant 3 ↑•• ↓•
Pennant 4 ↑•• ↓•
Pennant 5 ↑•• ↓•
Pennant 6 ↑•• ↓•

AP over a numeral pennant 1–6 *Postponement* of 1–6 hours from the scheduled starting time.

Abandonment Signals

↑••• ↓•
N All races that have started are *abandoned*. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is *abandoned* again or *postponed*.

↑•••
N over H All races are *abandoned*. Further signals ashore.

↑•••
N over A All races are *abandoned*. No more racing today.

Preparatory Signals

↑• ↓—
P Preparatory signal.

↑• ↓—
I Rule 30.1 is in effect.

↑• ↓—
Z Rule 30.2 is in effect.

↑• ↓—
Black flag. Rule 30.3 is in effect.

Recall Signals

↑•
X Individual recall.

↑•• ↓•
First Substitute General recall. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal.

Shortened Course

↑••
S The course has been shortened. Rule 32.2 is in effect.

Changing the Next Leg

– – – – –
C The position of the next *mark* has been changed:

to starboard;

to port;

to decrease the length of the leg;

to increase the length of the leg.

Other Signals

↑•
L Ashore: A notice to competitors has been posted. Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat.

– – – – –
M The object displaying this signal replaces a missing *mark*.

↑•
Y Wear a personal flotation device.

(no sound)
Blue flag or shape. This race committee boat is in position at the finishing line.