

**Charm City Ya Gotta Regatta**  
**October 2nd, 2021**  
**The Downtown Sailing Center (DSC)**  
**Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.**

### **One Design Regatta Sailing Instructions**

Posted August 12, 2021

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** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024.

**1.2** All prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.

**1.3** RRS 26, 32.2, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 61.1, 62.1(a), A4, A5, Part 5 Section B & Appendix M are changed by these instructions.

**1.4** SI 11.1 changes RRS 26 to Appendix U (Audible Signal Racing System)

**1.5** SI 11.3 changes RRS A4 and A5.

**1.6** SI 11.4 changes RRS 62.1(a).

**1.7** SI 12.1 changes RRS 33.

**1.8** SI 13.2 changes RRS 32.2.

**1.9** SI 15.2 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

**1.10** SI 16.2 changes RRS 61.1

**1.11** SI 16.7 changes Part 5 Section B & Appendix M

**1.12** 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.

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**1.13** A competing boat's spinnaker shall conform to the J/22 one-design class rules. 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 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS**

**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the DSC website at <http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta> 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 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 71.

## **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** No visual signals will be displayed ashore

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** The schedule will be as follows:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration (BYOMug and support the BMI Farmers' Market)
9:00 AM	Skipper's Meeting on the Compass Rose
11:00 AM	Warning Signal for first race. Additional races will be started as soon as practical after the conclusion of each race.
3:30 PM	No races will start after 3:30

**5.2** The Race Committee intends to run 5 races. A minimum of 1 race will be required to constitute a regatta.

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

## **6 Class Flags**

**6.1.** The class flag will be a white flag with the J/22 sail insignia imprinted.

## **7 Racing Areas**

**7.1** The racing areas will be as follows:

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

*See Attachment A for Racing Areas Diagram*

**7.2** RC will inform the competitors of the racing area to be used for racing at the skippers' meeting and any course changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 71.

## **8 THE COURSES**

**8.1** All courses shall follow the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing illustrated in Appendix S.

**8.2** Course Diagrams are posted in Attachment 'B'.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** All marks will be drop marks as follows:

- A. Rounding marks will be orange cylinders unless replaced due to change of course.
- B. The starting/finishing mark will be a yellow teardrop.

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

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

**10.1** 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. Boats shall not sail through the designated obstruction.

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using Appendix U (the Audible Signal Racing System). This changes RRS 26.

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**11.2** 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.

**11.3** 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.

**11.4** 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).

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

**12.1** 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.

## **13 THE FINISH**

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

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

- A. for a finish to windward: between the course side of the windward mark and a staff displaying flag S.
- B. for a finish to leeward, between the course side of the finishing mark and a staff displaying flag S. This changes RRS 32.2

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**14.1** Appendix T applies.

## **15 TIME LIMITS, COURSE AND WIND RESTRICTIONS**

**15.1** 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.

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**15.2** 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.

**15.3** Races started in winds exceeding 20 knots (23 mph) sustained shall be raced with no spinnakers. Only jibs and reefed mainsails shall be used. The race committee shall notify competitors via VHF 71 prior to the start of any race in which this restriction applies.

## **16 PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS**

**16.1** Hearing Request Forms and Scoring Penalty and Protest Withdrawal Forms are available from the race office, which consists of the Race Committee and Race Committee Bag. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Forms can also be downloaded from <https://downtownsailing.org/tnrofficialnoticeboard>.

**16.2** A boat intending to protest need not display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1.

**16.3** When there is contact involving any DSC boat(s): each DSC boat **shall** protest or accept penalty, as appropriate.

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

**16.4** 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.

**16.5** Promptly following the completion of each race, a boat that intends to protest an incident in that race shall notify the Race Committee.

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

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

**16.7** Protest Hearings

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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.

**16.8** Protest hearings will be held immediately following arbitration near 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.

**16.9** The protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or one-half-hour after the Race Committee docks, whichever is later.

## **17 SCORING**

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

### **17.2**

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

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** [NP] All boats shall check in with the race committee prior to racing by verbal hail to the signal boat.

**18.2** [NP] 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.

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

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**18.4 [NP]** A boat that leaves the racing area prior to finishing the last race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

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

**19 Boats Provided by the Organizing Authority**

**19.1** Boats will be provided for all competitors, 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.
- D. adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.

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

**19.3** 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.

**20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**20.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**21 ADVERTISING**

**21.1** 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

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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.

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

**22 PRIZES**

**22.1** Prizes will be given to the top three (3) finishing boats.

**23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**23.1** 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.

**24 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

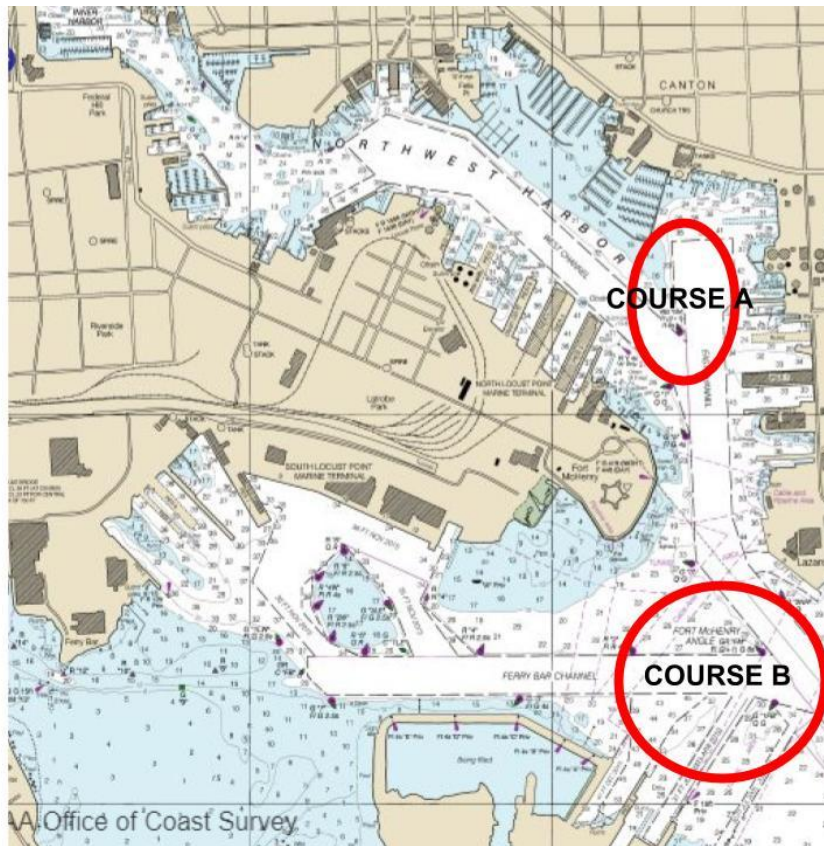
**24.1** By participating in the *Ya Gotta Regatta*, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.



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*For detailed chart information, consult NOAA Chart 12281*

**Attachment 'A'**



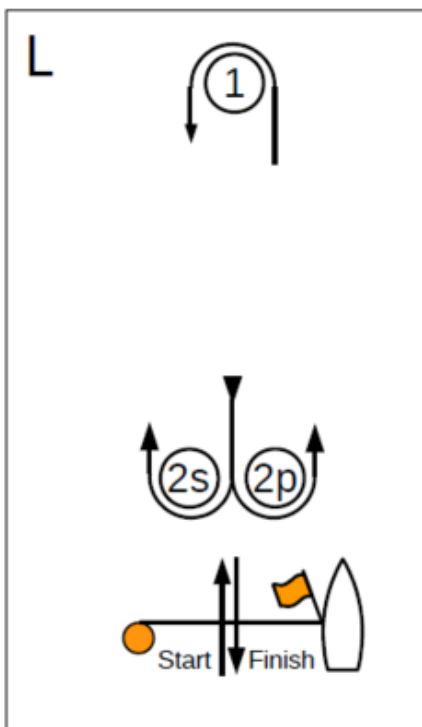
**The Regatta will use “Course B” unless otherwise stated at the Skippers’ Meeting**

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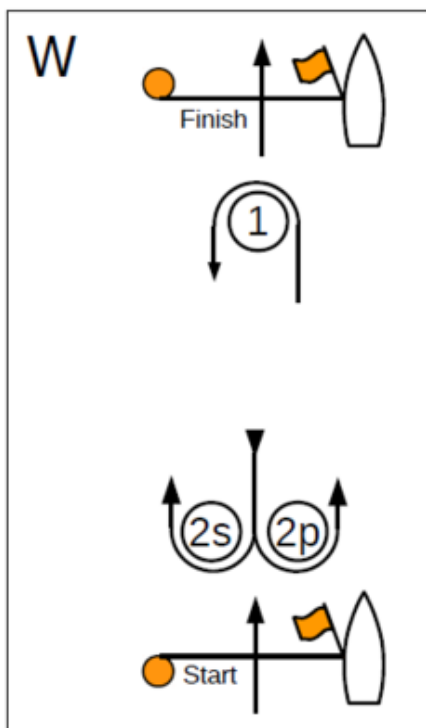
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Attachment 'B'



Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish
L4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish



Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W2	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W3	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish
W4	Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish