**Potomac River Sailing Association**

**Easter Buccy Regatta**

**April 3, 2021**

**Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The series will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined in the most current version of *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

Inland Rules of the Road will apply. In particular, channel-bound traffic has right-of-way over racers.

**1.2** Any boat with a child less than 10 years old on board shall have right of way over any other boat that is racing. In order to claim right of way, the boat carrying a child must hail “Child Onboard” and allow time for the give-way boat to keep clear. Between 2 boats that both have a child less than 10 years old on board, the applicable *Racing Rules of Sailing* shall apply. This changes too many rules to list.

**2 ENTRIES**

Buccaneers and similar boats are eligible to compete. Non-Buccaneers will be penalized in any manner and at any time at the whim of the Race Committee.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be announced by the Race Committee at the skipper’s meeting.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the skipper’s meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** Racing is scheduled for Saturday. Five (5) races are planned. However, one (1) race will constitute a regatta.

**5.2** A **skipper’s meeting** will be held in the crane area at **11:00 a.m.** on Saturday.

**5.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is **11:30 a.m.** The start might not be delayed for latecomers.

**5.4** All boats bear the responsibility of checking in with the RC prior to the start of racing by sailing by the stern of the signal boat on starboard and hailing both their sail number and the skipper’s last name.

**5.5** The RC will determine the number of races to run based on wind and weather conditions. To alert boats that **no more races** are planned for the day, the RC will alert competitors verbally.

**5.6** No warning signal will be made after **3:30 p.m. on Saturday**.

**6 RACING AREA**

Races will be conducted either in the cove north of the Washington Sailing Marina or on the Potomac River southeast of the Washington Sailing Marina (east of the power plant). The racing area will be announced at the skipper’s meeting.

**7 THE COURSES**

**7.1 Easter Egg Hunt Race.** The signal boat will be positioned in approximately the center of the cove. The start/finish line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark. The **start** will be to **windward**. There will be up to 8 egg baskets positioned around the cove. Boats must retrieve one egg, and only one egg, from each basket. Boats may sail to the egg baskets in any order. Egg baskets are not considered “marks” or “obstructions.” Boats may cross the **finish line** in any direction. Eggs must be placed in a bag provided by the RC. Eggs must not be opened until the awards ceremony.

**7.2 Buoy Races.** The signal boat will be positioned between a leeward mark and a windward mark. The start/finish line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark. The **starts** will be to **windward**. All **finishes** will be to windward.

Boats shall leave **marks to port**. The Race Committee will verbally communicate the race course from the committee boat before each race.

**7.3 The start/finish line will be open**.

**8 MARKS**

**8.1** Marks will be orange balls or inflatables.

**8.2** The starting and finishing marks will be orange balls or pin with orange flag.

**9 THE START**

**9.1** Races will be started using sound signals as prescribed in RRS Appendix U (**three-minute starts**).

A series of short sound signals will be made before the starting sequence begins to call attention to the impending starting sequence. The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

3 long at 3 minutes (the warning),

2 long at 2 minutes (the preparatory),

1 long and 3 short at 1 minute and 30 seconds,

1 long at 1 minute,

3 short at 30 seconds,

2 short at 20 seconds,

1 short at 10 seconds,

1 short for each second during the final 5 seconds, and

1 long at the start.

**9.2** Individual recalls shall be signaled with one sound signal. The signal boat will attempt to hail the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat, however, OCS boats will be responsible for ensuring they have properly started.

**9.3** General recalls shall be signaled with two sound signals and the hail of "general recall". The warning signal for the new start of the recalled class shall follow and may be preceded by a series of short blasts to attract attention.

**9.4** Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence, or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

**10 THE START/FINISH**

The starting line and finish line will be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the signal boat and the course side of an **orange** ball (or pin with orange flag), located to the left of the signal boat. The orange ball (or pin with orange flag) will designate the port end of the starting line.

**11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**12 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit will be 60 minutes for each race.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

**13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**13.1** Protest forms will not be provided. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee within the protest time limit.

**13.2** The protest time limit is 6 minutes after the race committee boat docks.

**13.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where these hearings will be held.

**14 SCORING**

**14.1** The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. For the Easter Egg Hunt race, one point will be added to a boat’s scored points for each egg not collected. No race scores will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

**14.2** Unopened eggs must be delivered to the race committee within 30 minutes after the race committee boat docks. Eggs may contain additions to or subtractions from a boat’s overall score. Eggs will be opened and adjustments to each boat’s overall score will occur at the awards ceremony. This changes RRS A2.1.

**15 SAFETY**

**15.1** The race committee may elect to escort large vessels through the race area in order to avoid potential right-of-way conflicts between racing boats and channel-bound vessels.

**15.2** Boats withdrawing from a race shall notify the RC as soon as practicable.

**16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony held in the picnic area following racing.