

Sailing Instructions
75th Annual Miller Series
Gibson Island, MD
July 11-12, 2009

Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Star Fleet
And
The Gibson Island Yacht Squadron

Sailing instructions

1 Rules: The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules and Sailing 2009-2011 (RRS) and the International Star Class Rules (STCR) except as any of these are modified by the notice of Race and/or Sailing instruction and any amendments thereto.

2 Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Gibson Island Light House.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions: Changes in sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect.

4: Signals made ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed at the lighthouse pier on the RC signal boat while in its slip.

5: Schedule:

5.1 Five races are scheduled

5.2 Schedule of races:

Saturday: 0800 Registration opens at Lighthouse
0900 Skippers Meeting at Lighthouse
0930 Tow to Race Area
1100 Attention for first race (intention for warning signal in 1 min)
Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end
of the previous race.

Sunday 0930 Tow to Race Area
1100 Attention for first race of the day (intention for warning signal in 1 min)
Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end
of the previous race.

5.3 Race committee may change the schedule.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday 7/12/09

6: Racing Area: The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay East of Gibson Island and north of the Magothy river or in the Magothy river at the discretion of the race committee.

7: Course:

7.1 Course "3, or Course "4", STCR 34.3, may be used. The lengths of the legs are described in format C, STCR 34.3.7. The Race Committee signal boat will indicate the course number on white board.

7.2 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 will be displayed on the RC signal boat prior to or with the warning signal.

8: Marks:

- 8.1 Except as provided for in SI 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 and 14, marks will be orange.
- 8.2 A new mark, when used in accordance with the sailing instruction 12 will be yellow. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with the original orange mark.
- 8.3 For courses "3" and "4" Mark 2 will be an orange ball.

9: Check in: Prior to the first warning signal of the boat's first race of the day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat to be recorded.

10 The Start:

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a yellow flag displayed on the RC signal boat and orange mark
- 10.2 RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 10.3 The Class flag to be used for the Warning Signal will be shown to the competitors at the skippers meeting.

11 Recalls: The recall number for a boat shall be her sail number. It is the responsibility of each skipper to start correctly.

12 Change of position of the next mark: To change the position of the next mark the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 The finish: the finishing line will be between a yellow flag displayed on the race committee boat and the orange mark.

14 Time limit:

- 14.1 The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format C
- 14.2 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 60 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "did not finish".

15 Protests:

- 15.1 Protest Forms are available at the Lighthouse and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 Protest must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time.

16 Scoring:

- 16.1 The low point Scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply; modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed. Five races are scheduled; of which 1 race completed constitutes a series.
- 16.2 There will be a Master's Division for skippers 50 years and over by the start of the first race. Entrants in this division will be competing for both the master's championship and the overall championship.

17 Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out: All boats must be kept at the GI Lighthouse pier area commencing 0900 hours until the end of the championship.

18 Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew as follows:

- Championship series 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- Masters Skipper 1st
- Novice Skipper 2nd