



NOTICE OF RACE: McCarthy Sprints

AMENDED 6/17/26

Organizing Authority: Hampton Yacht Club 4707 Victoria Blvd Hampton, VA 23669

Short Track Windward/Leeward

Sunday, July 26, 2026



SCAN to Register & Event Details Page:

Concept: A unique, fun event featuring a series of short windward-leeward races in small, 3-5 boat tight fleets, designed to produce close, exciting racing with a one-design feel. Unique and fun. If you like close, competitive racing, you'll love this. Up close and personal!

6 races...weather permitting. One fast lap around a short 1.4 nm course. Continuous action with simultaneous starts and finishes. More racing...less waiting! It's called the "Sprints" for a reason!

Brief Sunday morning Skippers Meeting followed by racing off Hampton Flats. Then, an Awards Party with cold beer, soft drinks, hot dogs, and awards to fleet winners and the "*Sprints* Trophy" to the top boat.

RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2025-2028

1.2 *Appendix V1, Alternative Penalties* applies.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Hampton Yacht Club General Sailing Instructions will apply

2.2 Supplemental Sailing Instructions will be posted to the online event details page. These will contain several important changes designed to make the racing unique and fun. A Course Diagram will also be attached.

COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online at the event details page.

3.2 Preliminary Scratch Sheets will be sent to boats as they enter and then updated as additional entries make changes necessary to maintain ideal fleet splits to promote close competition.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FEE

4.1 Eligible boats must be entered electronically through the event details page and received no later than 1600 two days prior to the race. (Vessels registered with the HYC Big Boat Series by March 31 will be automatically entered into this event).

4.2 Eligible boats must provide proof of a valid rating certificate applicable to their class (PHRF, ORC, etc.)

ENTRY FEE

5.1 This event is included in the HYC Big Boat Series Registration: Prepaid by March 31 online at

<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/DMpQSEoTTY>

5.2 Individual Event Entry

- a. The entry for HYC/CCVR Members is \$60
- b. The entry for non members is \$75

QUALIFYING SERIES

6.1 This event will count towards the HYC Cup and CCVR High Point Standings.

VENUE and COURSE

7.1 The sailing venue will be Hampton Flats.

7.2 Course will be multiple short windward-leeward courses, once around. 0.7 nm legs. Total distance = 1.4 nm

Windward mark roundings will be alternated for each set of races. Refer to the Supplemental S.I.s and Course Diagram for exact information.

- Start, beat to weather mark, run to finish. Then...do it again...and again! (No sitting around!)

SCORING

8.1 Scoring for this series will be PHRF Windward/Leeward ratings grouped very tightly.

EQUIPMENT

9.1 All boats must meet US Sailing's "Nearshore" Safety Equipment Requirements.

SCHEDULE and ORDER OF STARTS

10.1 *RRS 26* with a **3 Minute Starting Sequence**

Competitor's Meeting 0930 at the HYC Gazebo

Racing 1130 FIRST WARNING

Social 1700 at the HYC Gazebo

AWARDS/SOCIAL

Daily awards and beverages and hot dogs will be given following racing each day at HYC Gazebo.

FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO/Race Chair: John McCarthy (757) 814-8518 saltydog.pro@live.com

Do not hesitate to contact PRO with questions or for additional information

"Let's Go Racing"