



2025-2028 NOTICE OF RACE

Severn Sailing Association (Organizing Authority)

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The notation "[DP]" in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Severn Sailing Association.
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS].
- 1.3 This Notice of Race [NOR] applies to events hosted by the Severn Sailing Association [SSA] that do not publish a separate NOR.
- 1.4 All boats must comply with their class rules, which can be found on the respective class website.
- 1.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 A schedule of events, including the event name and dates, event registration and Digital Notice Board can be found on the SSA Event Calendar <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/calendar>.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors prior to the event will be posted on the Digital Notice Board. During the event, notices will be posted on both the Official Notice Board located under the SSA deck in the Snack Bar area and on the Digital Notice Board. In the event of a conflict, the Official Notice Board takes precedence.
- 2.3 A competitors' meeting may be held at 0930 on the first day of a regatta.
- 2.4 All boats may carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 65A and 16.

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Sailing instructions are available in the SSA Event Information section of the Digital Notice Board.
- 3.2 Changes to the NOR or SIs will be posted no later than 0930 on the day they take effect with the exceptions in NOR 3.3 and 3.4.
- 3.3 Changes that affect the schedule will be posted no later than the protest time limit the day before they take effect.
- 3.4 On the first day of a regatta, changes may be posted after 0930 if within 15 minutes after the competitors' meeting.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of SSA Sanctioned Classes and Open Fleets or Invited Classes shown on the SSA event calendar for the applicable dates.
- 4.2 Registration is online via the "+Sign up" button in the event's calendar page.
- 4.3 Entry Fees are shown in the +Sign up page. The required fee must be paid no later than 2 hours before the boat's first scheduled warning signal

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100

hours.

- 5.2 A minimum of three (3) races are scheduled for a 1-day regatta and five (5) races for a 2-day regatta. Additional races may be added per NOR 2.2 and 3.4.

- 5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing of a multi-day regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

- 5.4 One race constitutes a regatta.

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 Racing will take place in the Chesapeake Bay near or in the mouth of the Severn River.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses are typically windward-leeward using inflatable marks. The SIs contain descriptions of the marks and detailed course diagrams.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS Appendix V applies.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 10.1 [DP] Appropriate protective clothing shall be worn by competitors from 15 November through 15 March and at all other times that the water temperature is below 60 F. Wetsuits or dry suits may be appropriate for this purpose, but skippers are solely responsible for the safety of their crew, their boat and themselves.
- 10.2 [DP] All boats shall have available an appropriate line, not less than 25 feet long, which can be used for towing.
- 10.3 The race committee may carry out checks of safety equipment required in NOR 10.1, 10.2 and class rules.

11 RISK

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first, second and third in the regatta.

13 CLUB INFORMATION

- 13.1 The SSA office can be reached by email at office@severnsailing.org or phone at 410.268.8744. The SSA office is closed on weekends.