



The Black Seal Cup at Southern Bay Race Week

Including PHRF of the Chesapeake Southern Bay Championship

Hampton Yacht Club
May 29-31, 2026
Hampton, Virginia



Event Details Page

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

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

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Event Details Page by May 15, 2026; updates will be posted on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located on the Event Details Page.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to One-Design classes with at least four boats entered and paid by May 15, PHRF fleet, and the following Cruising fleets: SBRW Cruising, PHRF Cruising (Non-Spin), ORC Performance Cruiser (Spin).
- 4.2 Each handicap fleet must have an applicable valid 2026 rating certificate in accordance with the following:
- PHRF = PHRF of the Chesapeake
 - PHRF Cruising = PHRF of the Chesapeake
 - ORC Performance Cruiser = ORC Standard
 - SBRW Cruising = as assigned by 2026 SBRW Race Committee
- 4.3 Entry deadline is May 22, 2026. Eligible boats may enter by completing entry form and payment found via the Event Details Page.
- 4.4 All boats must meet the Nearshore category of the [US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements](#), except One-Design boats which must meet their class safety standards.
- 4.5 No fleet changes may be made after 1800 Thursday, May 28th.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees, including admission to parties each evening beginning Thursday, are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until April 30	Standard Fee
PHRF and One-Design	\$225; inc. 10 free drink tickets	\$300
Cruising Fleets	\$130; inc. 10 free drink tickets	\$205
OLD POINT BANK LOYALTY DISCOUNT: \$25 discount for 2025 returnees		

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 A sponsor decal may be supplied to each boat and if so shall be properly affixed to both sides of the hull at all times while racing. Mounting instructions will be supplied with the decal.

7 SCHEDULE AND COURSES

- 7.1 Dates of racing and number of races:

Date	Name/CBYRA #	PHRF & One-Design	Cruising Fleets
May 29	Malcolm Davis 405	3-4 windward/leeward courses§	0
May 30	Casemate Classic 406	3-4 windward/leeward courses§	1 open course, middle distance race (no windward/leeward courses)*
May 31	Old Point/ Blackbeard 407	2-3 windward/leeward courses§	1 open course, middle distance race*
* Race will count toward the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series			
§ Indicates race contributes to the PHRF of the Chesapeake Southern Bay Championship			

- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
 7.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1430.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The event venue is Hampton Yacht Club, located at 4707 Victoria Blvd, Hampton, Virginia. Phone numbers are provided below.
 8.2 The racing area for PHRF and One-Design Fleets will be in the Hampton Roads Harbor on two separate circles. Cruising Fleets will compete in the Chesapeake Bay, off of Buckroe Beach/Salt Ponds, with an option to compete in the Harbor if conditions warrant.

9 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 9.1 Once launched, all boats (except one-design fleets as designated in the Sailing Instructions) shall remain in the water until the conclusion of the regatta. Requests for haul-out must otherwise be approved by the Chief Judge and PRO.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Rafting for race boats is available free of charge, or racers may request visiting dockage at 50% discount by completing the [HYC Visiting Dockage Form](#). Boat and trailer storage arrangements prior to the regatta should be coordinated with the HYC Waterfront Director.
- HYC has 3 cranes to facilitate boat launch and retrieval, including 1-ton, 2-ton and 5-ton cranes. The nearest boat ramp is the public Sunset Boat Ramp off of Marina Road on nearby Sunset Creek.

Social Schedule

Thursday, May 28	4pm – Goslings Leisure Lounge Opens, Live Music 4-7pm – Check-In & Sponsor Exhibits 6-7pm – Rum Drinks, plus Free Beer & Island Treats 7pm – Skippers Meeting	Upstairs Commodores Dining Room Goslings Leisure Lounge Goslings Leisure Lounge Under the Flagpole
Friday, May 29 After Racing	Live Music Rum Drinks & Island Food Menu Daily Awards	Goslings Leisure Lounge Goslings Leisure Lounge & Downstairs TBD, Weather-dependent
Saturday, May 30 After Racing	Live Music – Bobby Blackhat Band Rum Drinks & Cheeseburgers Daily Awards	Downstairs Bar and Grill Goslings Leisure Lounge & Downstairs Downstairs Bar and Grill
Sunday, May 31 After Racing	Music DJ by Bay Harbor Brokerage Rum Drinks & “Jack Pope Hot Dawgs” Regular Menu Daily Awards & Overall Winners	Weather-dependent Goslings Leisure Lounge Downstairs Bar and Grill TBD, Weather-dependent
Join us in the Goslings Leisure Lounge in the Upstairs Commodores Dining Room throughout the regatta for a Rum Bar, tropical décor, food and great music to wind down your day on the water. Tickets will be available for purchasing rum drinks and food.		

Event officials

Event Chairperson - Bettyrene Pope, johnp4645@aol.com, 757-879-4625
 Brian Deibler – Principal Race Officer
 John McCarthy – PHRF A/B Race Officer
 David McConaughy – One-Design Race Officer
 Sergio Diehl – Cruising Race Officer
 Leanne Cranfill – Official Scorer
 Jerry Thompson – Chief Judge

The Club can be reached by calling 757-722-0711. Additional contacts include:
 Waterfront Director - Max Plarr, waterfront@hamptonyc.com, 757-722-0711, ext. 5
 SBRW Entry Management - Dave Revill, d.revill@verizon.net, 757-897-7302