



# 2024 Tri-Service Regatta

07 SEPTEMBER 2024



## Norfolk Naval Sailing Association (Sponsor)

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1. **Rules:** Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (referred to herein as **RRS**), these Sailing Instructions, and the Tri-Service Race Notice of Race 2024 (NOR24).
  - 1.1 **SAFETY:** The decision to race or continue racing or retire rests with an individual skipper.
  - 1.2 Boats must meet US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore ([https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US\\_SER\\_2019.0\\_Categories.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf)) with the addition of Sections 1.6, 2.1.4, 2.2.2, 2.4.6, 2.4.7, 2.5.1, 2.7.2, 3.15, 3.29.2, 3.35, and 3.36.
  - 1.3 No crew limits apply.
2. **Registration:** Each boat must be registered per the NOR24 and have paid the entry fee.
3. **Schedule of Races:**
  - 3.1 The Tri-service Regatta date is Saturday, 07 September 2024. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1000L, Race Committee (R/C) ship's time (with intent to use GPS time vice local timepiece).
  - 3.2 If the R/C postpones a start or abandons a race, the decision for subsequent starts will be at R/C discretion.
4. **Classes and Class Flags**
  - 4.1 The R/C reserves the right to split Classes based on the number of entrants.
  - 4.2 **Racing (PHRF NS)**–Boats with 2024 PHRF of the Chesapeake Valid Ratings. 2HS allowed. Boats in this class are subject to PHRF of the Chesapeake Sail and Equipment policies, as well as Near-shore Category Safety criteria. Class Flag: **5**.
  - 4.3 **Cruising**–Boats without Valid Ratings, single HS. Boats are allowed two headsails only when changing sails. (Staysails allowed on boats so configured.) Boats will be assigned a courtesy rating which may not be appealed (this amends RRS 60.1). Maximum unpenalized whisker pole length is J and maximum unpenalized %LP is 155%. Class Ribbons: **CR1-GREEN, CR2-YELLOW, CR3-BLUE**.
5. **Notices to Competitors:** Copies of the notices to competitors, Sailing Instructions and any amendments will be posted on the **Official Notice Board**, located online at <https://norfolknavalsailing.org/>.
6. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted to the notice board before **2330, 06Sep 2020** and echoed online thereafter. Changes required as a result of the skipper's meeting will be included in this posting; *skippers are responsible for complying with these amendments whether or not they attend the meeting.*
7. **Check-In.** To be eligible to **START**, all boats must, prior to the WARNING Signal, pass close aboard the R/C with sail number visible (or hail their sail number) and receive explicit acknowledgement from the R/C. [Use of VHF Channel 72 to “check-in” will not be recognized].

8. **Retiring or Not Finishing.** If retiring or not finishing by time limit (para 19), please notify R/C of your status:
- Contact R/C VHF – 72 OR
  - Calling 757 348-4026 [Include Boat name in message]
  - Please continue calling until your call is received and acknowledged by the Race Committee.
9. **Starting Times:** Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26. The Warning Signal will be 1000L for the first Fleet identified below with rolling starts for subsequent Fleets. **See Appendix A.**
10. **Starting Sequence and Class Flags / Ribbons:**

Fleet	Ratings (PHRF)	Class Flag
<b>Racing – 1</b>	Up to 164	# 5
<b>Racing – 2</b>	Over 165	#5 + White
<b>Cruising – 1</b>	Up to 173	Green
<b>Cruising – 2</b>	174 – 200	Yellow
<b>Cruising – 3</b>	Over 201	Blue

10.1 Final Fleet splits will be announced following completion of entries at the Skippers meeting and posted on the NNSA website and sent out via email to participants Race Captains for distribution.

11. **Racing Area:** All races will be held in Willoughby Bay (aka Little Bay).
12. **Marks:**
- Start – Red Ball drop mark north of the R/C Boat, and approximately 200 yards south of Green Day Marker #11.
  - Alfa (A) – Bird Nesting Pole at the east end of Willoughby Bay
  - Bravo (B) – #5 Daymark at the west entrance channel to Willoughby Bay.
  - Charlie (C) – Yellow Ball drop mark located 20 boat lengths southwest of Daymark #7 at the North entrance channel to Willoughby Bay. Approx. coordinates are 36°58.080’N, 76°18.400’W.
  - Delta (D)- Large Pink drop mark located about 50 boat lengths southwest of the Bird Nesting Pole at approx. coordinates 36°57.26’N, 76°17.016’W.

12.1 **Passing Marks:** All marks will be left to Starboard when rounding.

13. **Courses:** Courses will be signaled by a flag on the backstay of the R/C Boat:
- 15.1 East Start – White Flag - All Classes – Start-A-D-B-C-A-D-B-C-Finish (Twice around)
- 15.2 West Start – Blue Flag - All Classes – Start-B-C-A-D-B-C-A-D-Finish (Twice around)

14. **The Starting Line and The Start:** It is anticipated (but not required) that except for the first fleet to start, subsequent Warning Signals will be made simultaneously with the previous class Start Signal. Flags on the R/C Boat govern. The starting line for all fleets will be between the Start Mark and the orange flag on the R/C Boat.
- 14.1 The order of starts shall be posted on the official notice board. Expect Racing (NS-1 then NS-2), to start first, followed by Cruising Class as divided, faster cruisers first.
- 14.2 RRS 26 procedures using R/C ship's time will govern starts. In addition, the R/C will attempt to broadcast an "Attention" signal approximately 1 minute before the first warning, consisting of several

short horn blasts and a VHF 72 transmission.

14.3 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the starting mark. This starting mark will be a Red buoy.

14.4 **Come Within Hail.** The R/C will fly Code Flag Lima (L) if it changes the course before the start. If the sequence has already begun and a course change is warranted, the R/C will postpone the race (Answering Pennant) to allow all boats to receive the new course.

14.5 Boats failing to start within 1 hour of the last class signal will be scored DNS.

14.6 All boats are required to fly their class flag or ribbon from their backstay. Boats without backstays shall fly their class flag from the starboard shroud. Only the Race Committee may protest a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

14.7 **Individual Recalls.** The R/C will attempt a hail to OCS boats on VHF 72. The hail is a courtesy: its timing, the sequence of boats recalled, or perceived lack of courtesy hail does not absolve a boat from the responsibility to correct a starting error and shall not be considered grounds for granting redress. This changes 29.1 and 62.1(a).

14.8 **General Recalls.** Per RRS 29.2, the sequence will resume with the recalled Class.

15. **Line Restriction:** After starting and subsequently rounding the first mark of the course, boats shall not cross between the Start Mark and the R/C vessel. This changes Rule 28.2. Boats that violate this instruction and do not “unwind” before finishing will be scored NSC by the R/C. The restricted line is considered an obstruction.
16. **Shortening the Course:** After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course at any Mark for all classes by moving the committee boat to a position near the selected rounding mark and displaying Code Flag S. Finish will be between the adjacent mark and Flag S.
17. **The Finish:** The Finishing Line will be between the Start Mark and the orange flag on the Committee Boat.
- 17.1 In the event of a shortened race, the finish line will be between a course mark and the “S” flag displayed with Class Flag(s) of the affected Class(es) on the R/C boat finishing those classes. If no class flags are displayed, the course is shortened for all classes.
18. **Penalty System:** Except when required to retire by RRS 44.1, a boat infringing a rule of RRS Part 2 may take a penalty in accordance with either RRS 44.2 (2 Turns Penalty – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED) or RRS 44.3 (20% Scoring Penalty).
- 18.1 RRS 44.3 (alternative scoring penalty) is not applicable.
19. **Time Limit:**
- 19.1 The time limit for all races is 1500L/3PM EDT. Boats *\*still racing\** but not finished within the time limit will be scored TLE and awarded finishing credit (participation points only).
- 19.2 If no boat of a given Class has finished in the time limit, that Class’s race will be abandoned. This paragraph changes RRS 35.
- 19.3 When a boat’s finish position in her Class may be easily determined, the R/C may finish her in place prior to the expiration of the time limit by advising her over VHF 72. This modifies RRS 35.
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20. **Scoring**

20.1 Individual boat points. For club scoring all boats will be scored by corrected time and will be scored one point for each boat beaten.

20.1 Additionally, boats earn “participation points” at the rate of ½ point for starting the race and ½ point for finishing the race (includes ZFP). Boats scored DNF retain participation points for starting only; disqualified boats (DSQ, OCS, BFD), boats retiring under RRS 44.1b, and boats scored DNS lose participation points.

20.3 Club points. Total of the club’s individual boat scores. The club providing the R/C boat (if member’s) and PRO (if member) will be awarded an additional 2 points (1 point each).

20.4 In the event of a tie between clubs, the Racing NS top finishing boat will be awarded an additional 0.25 point to break the tie.

21. **VHF Radio:** Race information will be communicated (as a courtesy) on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee may hail boats that are OCS on VHF72.

22. **Safety/Compliance with Government Restrictions:**

22.1 The line of pilings marking the security perimeter near the Naval Station side of Willoughby Bay (if present) is both a mark and an obstruction. Boats must stay out of these restricted zones at all times.

22.2 In support of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel construction, there is a construction Safe Harbor located on the Northern edge of Willoughby Bay. The Southern edge of this restricted area is marked by buoys: *Willoughby Bay Special Exclusion Buoy B (vic: 36 57 33.97N 76 17 19.37W* and *Willoughby Bay Special Exclusion Buoy C (vic: 36 57 28.6N 76 16 51.37W)*. Boats will remain south of this restricted area at all times and will be DSQ if entered.

22.3 Boats racing in or near a shipping channel shall give way to commercial and/or military vessels operating in the channel and are required to **KEEP CLEAR** of those vessels. Competitors shall take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. Communication directly with those vessels via VHF16 and/or VHF 13 is advised.

22.4 Any attempt by a competitor to exercise right of way over, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial, military, or other vessels unable to respond readily or restricted in their ability to maneuver will be grounds for protest.

22.5 Should such a protest occur, the burden of proof is on the vessel allegedly interfering to show that she in no way interfered with that commercial /military vessel. Such protest may also be filed by a protest committee as a result of a report received from the offended vessel or local port authorities/pilots; the protest time limit for this commercial is 48 hours after the time limit of the race.

22.6 Per RRS 42.3(i), if a dangerous situation develops, a boat may use her engine to avoid that situation. No penalty will be assessed, provided she does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

22.7 In no way does this instruction absolve any competitor from violation of the Collision Regulations (COLREGs).

**23. Weather Cancellations:** Unless weather conditions are clearly unsuitable, the decision to set the drop mark(s) and start/finish line shall be made by the Race Committee (R/C) not later than 0900. Cancellation announcements will be made via VHF72. Racing may be cancelled at any time (before or during a race) when weather conditions warrant, such as severe weather predicted during the time frame of our event, observed lightning in the area, or steady winds of 22 knots or greater predicted or observed at the Willoughby Degaussing Station [[NDBC - Station WDSV2 \(noaa.gov\)](https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station.shtml?station=WDSV2)].

23.1 This decision will be made based on the judgment of the Race Committee and the decision is not subject to request for redress.

23.2 Cancellations will be announced via VHF72, and, while racing, by a yellow flag signal and a series of three horn blasts.

**24. Protests and Request for Redress:**

24.1 By registering and racing the TSR, participants agree to comply with established US SAILING procedures for dispute resolution. See US SAILING Prescriptions to Rule 67 for reference.

24.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the R/C upon finishing or retiring, and identify the boat(s) being protested. This notification must be acknowledged by the Race Committee.

24.3 The protest time limit to file a written protest or request for redress expires at 5:00PM/1700. Once the R/C docks, a representative will proceed directly to NNSC Marina Lounge. Documents may be filed with the R/C's representative until the expiration of the time limit.

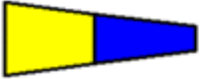
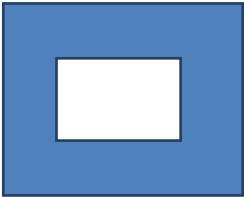
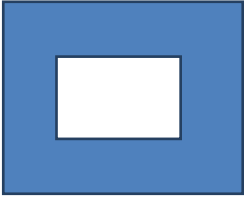
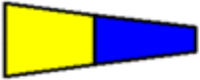
24.4 Protests and requests for redress will be heard by a Protest Committee appointed by the R/C. Upon the filing of a protest or request for redress, the R/C will coordinate with the parties and PC. Hearings will be conducted prior to the Awards Party.

24.5 Arbitration will not be offered.

**25. Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**26. Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured for racing with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$100,000 per event or the equivalent.

APPENDIX A – RRS 26 STARTING PROCEDURES

<b>Warning</b>	5-minutes to Start	<p>Class Flag Up (NS Fleet Shown)</p> 	Short Horn	
	4-minutes to Start	 <p>Prep Flag Up</p>	Short Horn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racing Rules in effect;</li> <li>• Motor out of gear or off;</li> <li>• Boats may protest rules infractions</li> </ul>
	1-minute to Start	 <p>Prep Flag Down</p>	Long Horn	One Minute
<b>Start</b>	Start	 <p>Class Flag Down Next Class Flag Up (If Applicable)</p>	Short Horn	Start