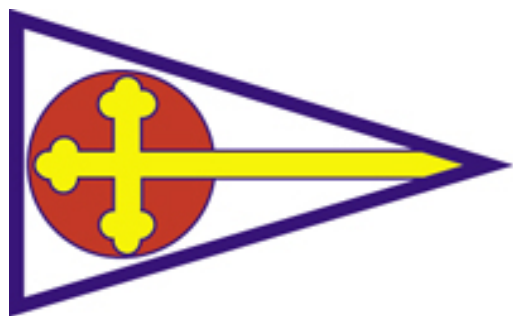


St. Mary's College of Maryland Presents: The 2015 Governor's Cup Yacht Race Friday, July 31, 2015



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Entries:

- A completed entry with payment must be received by 7/24/15 at 1700.
- If mailing a hard copy of an entry, send to: Governor's Cup Yacht Race, 18952 E Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686-3001.
- Online entries will be sent an automated official confirmation by email. Paper entries and online entries who did not receive a confirmation email will receive official confirmation within two business days of inquiry via email or phone. Paper entries received on or after 7/24/15 will receive official confirmation via email the day they are received, by phone if no email is available. It is the responsibility of each competitor to notify the Governor's Cup Office by 7/30/15 if verification of entry has not been received. In an effort to conserve resources, hard copies of confirmation letters will only be sent at the specific request of the entrant.
- Late entries (submitted after 7/24/15) must be accompanied by an additional \$75.00 and must be received by (not postmarked by) 7/29/15 at 1700.
- Late entrants should call 240-895-3039 by 1300 on 7/29/15 to verify entry acceptance.
- Changes to entry information will not be accepted after 1700 on 7/29/15.

Rules:

The race will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the 2015 Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (C.B.Y.R.A.) General Sailing Instructions, 2015 C.B.Y.R.A. Handicap and Cruising One Design Rules, and these Special Sailing Instructions.

Ratings:

All PHRF entries must have a valid 2015 PHRF Chesapeake Bay rating certificate. All Multihull entries must have a valid 2015 Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) certificate. To obtain a rating, call PHRF at 443-699-0868, or visit their Web site at www.phrfchesbay.com

Classes & Flags:

All competing yachts must display their proper class flag from the bow pulpit and at least six feet above the deck on the backstay. The 2015 Class Splits will be as per PHRF for 2015, shown here for reference, with an additional Cruising class.

Class	Rating	Class Flag
Multihull A	>=1.0	W
Multihull B	<1.0	F
PHRF A-0	Up to 25	0
PHRF A-1	026-070	9
PHRF A-2	071-109	2
PHRF B	110-145	6
PHRF C	146 and up	7
PHRF N (2HS)	All non-spinnaker	5
Cruising Class	All	1

Special Sailing Instructions

Changes: Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on July 31st on the electronic "Official Notice Board"; <http://www.smcm.edu/govcup/raceinfo/index.html>

Cruising Class: Seaworthy monohull yachts appropriate for a PHRF of the Chesapeake "Ches Bay" Race, greater than 24 feet long with fixed keels, immovable ballast, an enclosed head, initially intended for cruising and with a cabin fitted-out to comfortably cruise are eligible for the class. The number of crew is limited to the number of fixed berths on the boat. (Berths listed as doubles count as 2 berths) Sails limited to woven polyester or a laminate where both sides of the sail are fully covered with taffeta. Spinnakers can only be Nylon. The class will be divided into two Divisions:

- 1) The 'Founding Cruisers' Division for yachts with PHRF ratings \geq 146.
- 2) The 'Super Cruisers' Division for yachts with PHRF ratings $<$ 146.

RRS 52, Manual Power, is modified to permit entrants to use power driven winches, furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices while racing. No pole is allowed with the spinnaker. No double headsails. Spinnakers must be tacked to the centerline; affixed non-retractable bow sprits are acceptable. Poles of a length no longer than 'J' may be used for sheeting the clew of a jib or genoa when 'wing on wing' with the mainsail. Boats shall be raced with all cruising amenities and cushions on board. All yachts must have a current PHRF certificate with a spinnaker rating.

The Start: RRS 26 ("Starting Races") is modified as shown below:

Class	Time (July 31, 2015)	Signal
	1455	Warning
PHRF Cruiser	1500	Start
PHRF N	1505	Start
PHRF C/D	1510	Start
PHRF B	1515	Start
Multihull A	1520	Start
Multihull B	1525	Start

Class	Time (July 31, 2015)	Signal
	1755	Warning
PHRF A-2	1800	Start
PHRF A-1	1805	Start
PHRF A-0	1810	Start

Course: Leave to starboard: Thomas Point Light, Point No Point Light, Point Lookout Light, and St. Mary's River Junction Red and Green Buoy (FL (2+1) R6s). In addition, St. Mary's River Mark G"1" (FI G2.5s) shall be left to port, R"2" (FL R4s) left to starboard, G"3" (FI G6s) shall be left to port. No other marks need to be honored.

Distance: 68.6 nautical miles.

Check-in: Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to starting. The race committee will employ a vessel used solely for check-in of contestants. It will be positioned approximately 100 yards due north of Annapolis Channel Red Bell Buoy R"2" (FL 2 ½ sec BELL) and will be flying a race committee flag. Yachts failing to check in will be scored DNC.

GPS Tracking: GPS tracking for 2015 will use the free RaceQs App for smart phones, it is required to be on board and activated for GPS location tracking. Use of the motion tracking capability is optional. As per RRS

41 c) use and monitoring of GPS tracking by competitors while racing any leg of the 2015 Governor's Cup is approved.

- Starting Line:** Between the yellow flag on the committee boat and Annapolis Area Mark "X" (R-2). (Note: 'keep away' buoy, if present, is a part of the committee boat)
- Finishing Line:** Between the yellow flag on the committee boat and the cross on Church Point. Yachts finishing in darkness shall illuminate sail numbers for identification purposes. All yachts shall record the finishers immediately ahead and behind them.
- Time Limit:** Each yacht finishing before 1530 on Saturday 01 August 2015 will be recorded by the finish boat. Boats finishing after 1530 on Saturday 01 August 2015 shall note their finishing time and record it on the official notice board located at the "check-in" table at the James P. Muldoon River Center. Finishing time will be taken as the cross on Church Point passes 90 degrees magnetic off the starboard bow.
- Recalls:** Recalls will follow C.B.Y.R.A. General Sailing Instructions. The race committee will attempt to notify premature starters on VHF channel 68.
- Non-Finishers:** Yachts withdrawing after the starting signal shall notify the Race Committee by calling 240-895-3039 and leaving a message on the answering machine.
- Refunds:** Requests for refunds of entry fees will be honored when the requests are in writing and are postmarked prior to 1630 hrs. July 30, 2015. Please allow 4 weeks for refund. Phone requests and requests postmarked after the July 30, 2015 deadline will not be honored.
- Protests:** Protests shall be written on standard C.B.Y.R.A. protest forms and lodged at the Sailor's Information Table within one and one half hours of the protesting yacht's finish. Protest notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Information Table. Protests will be heard at 1900 on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the James P. Muldoon River Center at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Note: It is every competitor's responsibility to check the Official Notice Board.
- Awards:** Trophies will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony for the classes in which impending protests do not influence trophy results.
- Trophies will be awarded based on the number of registered boats in each class: 1st place (3 boats); 2nd place (5 boats); 3rd place (9 boats); 4th place (15 boats); 5th place (20 or more boats).
- Alumni Trophy:** Yachts racing in PHRF classes are eligible to compete for the Alumni Trophy if two or more members of the yacht's crew are graduates of St. Mary's College of Maryland. The winner will be the eligible yacht that qualifies for the trophy and finishes with the fastest corrected time in PHRF Fleet Overall Scoring. Skipper must indicate intention to compete for the trophy at the time of entry to be eligible.
- The Patuxent Partnership Trophy:** Members of The Patuxent Partnership (TPP), an organization that advances education and technology through cooperation and collaboration among academia, private industry, and government, may choose to be scored against other TPP members, in addition to their PHRF class. Yachts racing in PHRF classes are eligible to compete for The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) Trophy if at least one crew member is either employed by a TPP member organization, or is an individual member of TPP. The winner will be the eligible yacht that qualifies for the trophy and finishes with the fastest corrected time in PHRF Fleet Overall scoring. Skipper must indicate intention to compete for the trophy at the time of entry to be eligible.

**Steve Bickell
Memorial
Trophy**

The Steve Bickell "Most Improved" Memorial Trophy will be presented to the PHRF skipper/boat with the largest numerical increase of finish position based on PHRF Fleet Overall Scoring when results of the 2015 race are compared to the 2014 race results. (Skipper/boat must be the same as 2014)

**Overall
Winner:**

The Joseph Waldschmitt Memorial "Best in Fleet" trophy will be presented to the winner of the class having the smallest corrected time interval between the first- and fifth-place finishers.