



St. Mary's College of Maryland Presents: 2015 Governor's Cup Southern Leg 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.
- 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 Southern entries must have a valid 2015 PHRF Chesapeake Bay rating certificate. To obtain a rating, call PHRF at 410-414-3270, 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.

Class	Rating	Class Flag
PHRF A	Up to 112	0
PHRF B	113-160	6
PHRF C	161 and up	7
PHRF N	All non-spinnaker	5
Cruising Class	All	1

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>

Special Sailing Instructions

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 ≥ 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
	1555	Warning
Cruising	1600	Start
PHRF N	1605	Start
PHRF C	1610	Start
PHRF B	1615	Start
PHRF A	1620	Start

Course: Pass to port: Wolf Trap Light, Smith Point Light, Potomac Mo(a) "A" then St. Mary's "SM" to Starboard. 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: 61.0 nautical miles

Check-in: Yachts must check in with the race committee prior to starting. 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 yellow flag on Race Committee boat and "1NP" off Mobjack Bay. (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 31, 2015. Please allow 4 weeks for refund. Phone requests and requests postmarked after July 31, 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).