

**St. Mary's College of Maryland Presents:
The 2009 Governor's Cup Yacht Race
Friday, July 31, 2009**



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- Entries:**
- A completed entry with payment must be received by 7/25/09 at 1700.
 - If mailing a hard copy of an entry, send to: 2009 Governor's Cup Yacht Race, P. O. Box 156, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.
 - Entries received prior to 7/17/09 will receive an official confirmation by email or phone within two business days of submission. Entries received on or after 7/17/09 will receive official confirmation via phone the day they are received. It is the responsibility of each competitor to notify the Governor's Cup Office by 7/29/09 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 7/25/09) must be accompanied by an additional \$50.00 and must be received by (not postmarked by) 7/29/09 at 1700.
 - Late entrants should call 240-895-3039 by 1300 on 7/30/09 to verify entry acceptance.
 - Changes to entry information will not be accepted after 1700 on 7/30/09.

Rules: The race will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the 2009 Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (C.B.Y.R.A.) General Sailing Instructions, 2009 C.B.Y.R.A. Handicap and Cruising One Design Rules, and these Special Sailing Instructions.

Ratings: All PHRF entries must have a valid 2009 PHRF Chesapeake Bay rating certificate. All Multihull entries must have a valid 2009 Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) 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
Multihull	All	W
PHRF A-0	Up to 28	0
PHRF A-1	029-070	9
PHRF A-2	071-094	2
PHRF A-3	095-118	3
PHRF B	119-157	6
PHRF C/D	158 and up	7
PHRF N (2HS)	All non-spinnaker	5

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

Class	Time (July 31, 2009)	Signal
	1755	Warning
Multihull	1800	Start
PHRF A-0	1805	Start
PHRF A-1	1810	Start
PHRF A-2	1815	Start
PHRF A-3	1820	Start
PHRF B	1825	Start
PHRF C/D	1830	Start
PHRF N (2HS)	1835	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 Lighted Day markers 1, 2, and 3 shall be passed on the channel side. No other marks need to be honored.

Distance: 70 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.

Starting Line: Between the yellow flag on the committee boat and Annapolis Area Mark "X" (R-2).

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 Limits: Each yacht finishing within 21 hours of the start of its class will be recorded by the finish boat. Boats finishing after the 21 hour time limit shall note their finishing time and record them 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 29, 2009. Please allow 4 weeks for refund. Phone requests and requests postmarked after July 29, 2009 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, 2009 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 2009 race are compared to the 2008 race results. (Skipper/boat must be the same as 2008)

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.

Social Information

Saturday, August 1, 2009

0600 to 1100 Trinity Church Breakfast

1200 to 1630 Nautical Wheelers

1700 to 1730 Awards Ceremony

1800 to 2000 Dinner*

1900 to 2300 Joe Bachman and the Crew

*Skippers are responsible for notifying their crew of the dinner. Tickets can be purchased only by entrants in the race and are available at the time of entry.