



# STINGRAY POINT REGATTA AND STINGRAY LIGHT RACE

## Event Schedule

**Fishing Bay Yacht Club,  
August, 29, 30 & 31, 2014**

[www.FBYC.net](http://www.FBYC.net)

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday:

- 1400 Early Arrivals Welcome!
- 1800 Deadline for Registration for Both Friday's Stingray Light Distance Race and the Saturday and Sunday Stingray Point Regatta

### Friday:

- 0900-1030 Distance Race Check in
- 1100 Skipper's Meeting for the Stingray Light Distance Race Adjacent to the Official Notice Board
- 1300 First Warning for the Stingray Light Distance Race
- 1600-1745 Check in For the Saturday and Sunday Series
- 1800 Mandatory Skippers Meeting for Saturday and Sunday Series Adjacent to the Official Notice Board
- 1830 Welcome - Casual Reception Followed by Distance Race Awards

### Saturday:

- 0800 Breakfast
- 1100 First Warning for Race One
- Upon Return At Docks, Crabs and Brew
- 1830 - 2230 Dinner – Event Tent -- Followed by Awards & Live Entertainment

### Sunday:

- 0800 Breakfast
- 1000 First Warning for Race One
- 1500 or ASAP Casual Reception Followed by Awards



**Event Chair Matt Lambert**



**SCHEDULE, GENERAL INFORMATION AND *Sailing Instructions***

20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**STINGRAY POINT REGATTA**

**AUGUST 30 & 31 , 2014**

**FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB**

**DELTAVILLE, VA**

# STINGRAY POINT REGATTA SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SERIES RACES

Check In will be held on Friday, August 29. SKIPPERS MUST CHECK IN DURING THIS PERIOD and pick up their registration packet with official Entry List, Sailing Instructions, and any Addendums to the Sailing Instructions.

### ***Friday, August 29, 2014***

1600 – 1745 Check-In For the Saturday and Sunday Series  
1800 **Mandatory** Skipper's Meeting adjacent to the Official Notice Board  
1830 Welcome – Casual Reception Followed by Distance Race Awards

### ***Saturday, August 30, 2014***

0800 – 0900 Continental Breakfast  
**1100** First Warning for Race One  
Upon Return At Docks – Crabs and Brew  
1830 – 2230 Dinner, Awards and Live Entertainment

### ***Sunday, August 31, 2014***

0800 – 0900 Breakfast  
**1000** First Warning for Race One  
1500 or asap Casual Reception Followed by Awards

# GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Race Headquarters will be located in the FBYC main clubhouse. Race Headquarters will be open for Check-In for the Distance Race from 0900-1030 on Friday, August 29, 2014 and for the Saturday and Sunday Series from 1600 to 1745 on Friday, August 29.
2. There is limited parking at FBYC. Please follow instructions from the Parking Attendants. DO NOT PARK in areas designated NO PARKING ZONES. Vehicles found parked in NO PARKING ZONES will be towed at the owner's expense.
3. Camping is allowed in designated areas only. Water at the club is drinkable, but water supplies are limited. Please conserve water whenever possible.
4. The legal drinking age in Virginia is 21. Proof of age will be required to be served alcohol; minors will not be served alcohol. Intoxication or discourteous behavior will be grounds for expulsion from the event. Skippers and owners will be responsible for removing expelled crews and guests from the FBYC grounds. A BOAT IS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION IF ANY OF ITS UNDER-AGE CREW IS FOUND CONSUMING ALCOHOL.
5. FBYC is located in a residential area. We ask all participants to respect our neighbors and to minimize noise after 2300. Please **OBEY the 15 MPH speed limit along the waterfront on Fishing Bay Road.**
6. Sail repair and rigging service will be available at Latell Ullman Sails, located on Rt. 33 in Deltaville, cell# (804) 436-6644.

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## **STINGRAY POINT REGATTA SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SERIES**

### **FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB**

#### **DELTAVILLE, VA**

#### **August 30 and 31, 2014**

#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as they are altered by these Sailing Instructions. If there are any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedent.

#### 2. OFFICIAL NOTICES

The Official Notice Board, located on the north side of the Main Clubhouse, will be used to advise contestants of changes in these Sailing Instructions and published starting times, protest meetings, and other official information. Notices affecting the day's races will be posted by 0830 on Saturday and by 0800 on Sunday. Notices affecting the schedule of races will be posted by 1830 on the day prior to the day such notices are effective. If a notice is posted, code flag "L" will be displayed on "Mr. Roberts" at her berth on the center dock in Jackson Creek. Posting of such notices shall be deemed notification of all contestants.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- a) Signals made ashore for both courses will be displayed from the Mr. Roberts at her berth, as described above.
- b) Code flag "AP" with two sounds indicates: "The races are postponed." The warning signal will be made no earlier than 75 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered with one sound. This changes RRS Race Signals "AP".
- c) Any postponement ashore and/or the intentions of the Race Committee regarding the start of racing or the relocation of the race course will be broadcast on the designated VHF radio channel shown in paragraph 4(a) below at approximately 0830 on Saturday and Sunday.

#### 4. RADIO USE

- a) VHF channel 66 will be used by the Race Committee for communications to the fleet. The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, notifications of protests, acknowledgement of infringements, or requests for emergency assistance.
- b) The Race Committee may announce course descriptions prior to the race as well as shortening and change mark information, plus any other announcements they deem appropriate.
- c) Failure to transmit or, the failure of competitors to hear radio transmissions, are not grounds for Requests For Redress.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Up to 4 races (which may vary by class) will be attempted on Saturday, and up to 3 races (which may vary by class) will be attempted on Sunday.

Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014

**1100** 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal  
Additional races to follow

Sunday, Aug 31, 2014

**1000** 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal  
Additional race to follow

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

A list of boats by class will be posted on the Official Notice Board by the start of the Skipper's Meeting on Friday at 1800, along with a flag designation for each class. Class flags shall be flown from the backstay at all times while the boat is racing. Class flags will be as shown below and will be used as the class flag for the starting sequence.

### ANTICIPATED CLASSES Course Board

| <u>Class</u>                  | <u>Rating Range</u> | <u>Class Flag</u> | <u>Class Designation</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| PHRF A                        | Up to 113           | Code Flag 9       | A                        |
| PHRF B                        | 114 -161            | Code Flag 6       | B                        |
| J-70                          | One-Design          | J/70 Flag         | J                        |
| PHRF C                        | 161+                | Code Flag 7       | C                        |
| PHRF Non-Spin.                | All                 | Code Flag 5       | N                        |
| Cruising (Non Sanctioned) All |                     | White Flag        | W                        |

## 7. RACING AREA

- a) The Race Course will be in the general vicinity of Piankatank River mark "5."
- b) If heavy weather conditions require relocating the Race Course, and conditions permitting, the Course will be moved closer to Fishing Bay somewhere between the vicinity south of Piankatank River mark "8a" over to Piankatank River mark "12" in Fishing Bay . If the race course is relocated as above, there will be no racing for the Cruising Class thereafter that day.

## 8. COURSES

- a) The attached Course Diagrams illustrates the course options. All marks will be left to PORT, except the leeward finish line mark as shown on the Course Diagrams.
- b) No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee Signal Boat shall display the course to be sailed for each class, the approximate magnetic compass bearing to the first mark, and the approximate distance to the first mark in nautical miles. If the course, bearing, or distance is unchanged for a later class or classes, there shall be a blank on the course board.
- c) Weather Mark finishes for all Classes will occur at the same weather mark, which will be the LONG weather mark if both long and short weather marks are used.
- d) All Triangular courses will use the LONG weather mark if both long and short weather marks are used..
- e) A reminder to all boats returning from a Windward Finish: Please stay well clear of boats that are still racing (either upwind or downwind) and of the Starting Line which may have a Start in progress.

**Example:**

|      |     |      |  |
|------|-----|------|--|
| A,B, | J,C | N    | Classes  |
| WL3  | W3  | TW   | Classes A and B, sail course WL3 ; J and C sail course W3 ; N sails course TW.                             |
| 300  |     |      | Approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark for all classes is 300 degrees                              |
| 1.25 | 1.0 | 1.25 | Approximate distance to the first mark for classes A, B, and N is 1.25 nm, and for class J and C is 1.0 nm |

**9. MARKS**

- a) The original weather mark for the Course will be an orange cylinder unless #10 (g) below applies.
- b) If there are two weather marks, the farther weather mark will be an orange cylinder and the nearer weather mark will be an orange tetrahedron
- c) The starting mark, and the finish mark for leeward finishes, will be an orange cylinder.
- d) A leeward mark will be placed a short distance to windward of the starting line and it will be an orange cylinder.
- e) Any gybe mark set for Triangular courses (example: "T" or "TW") will be an orange cylinder.
- f) Initial change marks will be as described in section 12 (a) of these Sailing Instructions.

**10. THE START**

- a) Races will be started in accordance with the system described in RRS Rule 26 except as noted in 10 (b) below.
- b) The Race Committee, as a courtesy, will attempt to announce over the designated VHF channel the final countdown seconds of each starting sequence. A failure of this announcement will not be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 26.
- c) Each boat is requested, as a courtesy, to check-in before the warning signal for first race of each day, by passing by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number and class and being acknowledged by the Race Committee. A boat may not protest a breach of this instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.
- d) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the non-course side of an adjacent orange cylinder. The line will be located just to leeward of the leeward mark of the course, which will be an orange cylinder.
- e) For races following the first race each day, the Race Committee may sound an attention signal of multiple short sounds approximately one (1) minute before the first Warning Signal, as the Second Substitute is lowered. This is not a timed signal. This may also be preceded by an announcement on the designated VHF channel.
- f) Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Boats that fail to abide by these restrictions may be subject to protest.
- g) If, after the start of one or more classes, it is necessary to change the Weather Mark for classes not yet started, the Race Committee may postpone for those classes not yet started, display the "L" flag with



one horn (not a timed signal), and change the course bearing on the Course Board. In this case, the first weather Mark for classes that have not yet started, will be a yellow mark. This modifies paragraph 9(a) above.

- h) A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal. A boat starting more than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This changes Rule A4.
- i) The Race Committee Signal Boat may set a limit buoy. The limit buoy, the Signal Boat, and the space between them shall be considered to be part of the starting mark.
- j) In conjunction with 14 (b) below, anytime a mark (or line) boat is maneuvering to set the pin, and/or during the final two minutes of any starting sequence when the mark boat is positioning (or anchored) at the pin to assist in identifying OCS yachts, she shall have right-of-way over all yachts racing or intending to race.

#### 11. RECALLS

- a) The race committee may attempt to notify OCS boats by broadcasting their sail number or boat name over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification, her position in the sequence of notifications, or the promptness of the notifications, shall not relieve her of the obligation to start correctly nor will it be grounds for requesting redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.

#### 12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- a) Initial change marks will be yellow, unless #10 (g) above applies.
- b) If there is a second course change, the Race Committee will attempt to use the original orange color and shape marks. Any subsequent course changes will continue this pattern of alternating colors.

#### 13. THE FINISH

- a) The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Finish Boat and the course side of an adjacent mark. For leeward finishes the mark will be a cylinder located slightly to leeward of the leeward mark. For windward finishes, the mark will be the farther weather mark for all classes.
- b) If the Race Committee intends to conduct another race, code flag "Second Substitute" will be displayed on the Race Committee Finish Boat, while boats are finishing.

#### 14. PENALTIES

- a) No scoring penalty per RRS 44.3 is available.
- b) Before or after her Preparatory, if a yacht collides with any Race Committee vessel and causes injury or serious damage, her penalty shall be to retire from the Regatta or Series.

#### 15. TIME LIMITS

- a) RACE - The time limit for the first boat to finish in each race in each class shall be 2 hours and 30 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in their class shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) and scored one point more than the number of boats in her fleet who finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

A boat sailing the course, whose finish position cannot be changed, no matter how she finishes, may be requested by the Race Committee to immediately return to the starting area. Such boat will be scored as though she had completed that race. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, A3, A4.1 and A4.2.

- b) REGATTA - No starting sequence will be initiated after 1400 hours on Sunday. For the purposes of this time limit, the initiation of a starting sequence is the first warning signal made regardless of subsequent recalls or postponements.

## 16. PROTESTS

- a) A boat intending to protest another boat must so notify the Race Committee upon finishing or retiring. This notification must include the name and/or the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is intending to protest and must be acknowledged by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- b) Protests shall be in writing and filed with the Protest Committee within one hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board
- c) A notice of protests filed and approximate hearing times will be posted within 15 minutes after the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notice required for Race Committee or Protest Committee protests required under RRS61.1(b).
- d) Notice of a redress hearing that is posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes after the expiration of protest time shall serve as notice to all boats, whether they are identified as parties to the hearing or not, that they may attend the hearing.
- e) It is the responsibility of each boat to check the Official Notice Board to see if she has been cited in a protest or if a request for redress involves her or her interests. Failure of a boat to appear at a hearing will be considered grounds to proceed with the hearing under RRS 63.3(b).

## 17. SCORING

The Regatta will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System. Each boat's Regatta score will be the total of her race scores for all races completed in her class on Saturday and Sunday. There shall be no throw-outs. This modifies RRS Appendix A2

The completion of at least one race in a class shall constitute a Regatta for that class.

## 18. RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Race Committee Boat and be acknowledged, before leaving the race area.

## 19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION

Boats shall remain in the water throughout the regatta. A request to haul-out a boat must be submitted in writing and approved by the Principal Race Officer.

## 20. CREW LIMITS

- a) Class crew limits are in effect. There will not be a crew weigh-in. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that all class crew restrictions are met.
- b) Crew substitutions are allowed in all classes.

## 21. AWARDS

- a) Class awards for first, second, and third place positions will be presented for Saturday's and Sunday's results. For days with multiple races, class awards will be presented based on combined scores for the day.
- b) Class awards for first, second, and third place positions in the regatta will be presented.
- c) The Brent Halsey Jr. Memorial Trophy

The winner of the Brent Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy shall be the class winner who has the lowest score as calculated by the following formula:

*Halsey Trophy Score* = (Class Score/Average Starters) times (Minimum Races/Class Races)

Where:

*Class Score* is the total low point score achieved by the Class Winner in his class as provided by the Sailing Instructions.

*Average Starters* is the average number of boats that started in that class.

*Minimum Races* is the number of races completed by the class that has the fewest number of races completed.

*Class Races* is the number of races completed in the class being scored.

Eligible class winners shall be the winners of classes that have been given a separate start and have had at least five boats starting in every race.

The intended purpose of the formula is to identify that class winner who has been most competitive as measured both by the degree to which he has consistently been at the top of his class and the number of boats against which he has competed.

d) The Potts Challenge Trophy

Shall be conducted between three-boat teams representing a yacht club or sailing association. The boats on each team must be declared before the Skipper's Meeting on Friday at 1800. For the 2014 Potts Challenge, each team shall be composed of one boat each from three of the available classes. The winning team shall have the lowest combined score for all three boats. In the event of a tie, the team whose boats place higher in two of the classes, after any class ties are broken, shall be the winner.

e) Sportsmanship Award

This award shall be given to a boat, individual or other entity whose crew exhibits the highest degree of sportsmanship and spirit of Corinthian competition during the regatta.

## 22. CONDUCT

a) The Skipper/Owner of each boat shall be responsible for all actions of his crew and guests.

b) In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or the failure to comply with the request of the Event Chairman, Race Officer, Committee Member or agent of the Stingray Point Regatta, the Skipper/Owner will be responsible for all damages and the Stingray Point Regatta Race Committee may rescind the boat's entry at any time during the regatta. **THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY UNDERAGE CREW MEMBERS AND/OR THEIR GUESTS WILL LEAD TO THE IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION OF THEIR BOAT FROM THE REGATTA.**

## 23. OF LIABILITY

Competitors **DISCLAIMER** participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.