



CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

**2017 Fall Cruise Series
Rock Hall, MD**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1** Except as modified in these Sailing Instructions, all races will be governed by the International Sailing Federation's **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS)**, including **US Sailing Prescriptions**.
- 1.2** If there is a conflict between the **General Orders** and these **Sailing Instructions**, The Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3** All yachts shall comply with the current **PHRF of the Chesapeake class rule** Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment & Accommodation Standards and Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications.
- 1.4** All large commercial shipping must be given clear right-of-way in or near the main ship channels. If a yacht in a ship channel infringes RRS42.1 by using its engine to clear at the approach of commercial traffic, it shall either retire, or, if the incident was unavoidable, continue racing and seek redress.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1** Yachts properly registered with the Fleet Captain are eligible to race. Races will be open to yachts from the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia and guest yachts. All will be eligible to win the daily prizes, but only CYC yachts will be eligible to win CYC perpetual trophies. Perpetual trophies are awarded to those yachts that register for both the Spring & Fall Cruise Series and receive a score for the scheduled races. In the event the Race Committee must abandon **all** racing in either Cruise, the perpetual trophies **will not** be awarded for that year.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices to Competitors, if any, will be made at the Captains Meeting or prior to the time of the harbor start for each day as specified in the General Orders.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be handed out in writing at the Captains' Meeting or announced on the water prior to the warning signal. This changes RRS 90.2. Instructions

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule of races is found in the General Orders issued for the cruise.

5.2 The start times for the first class of Friday's and Saturday's races are listed on the Daily Course Sheets which are an integral part of these Sailing Instructions and will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting or can be obtained from the Race Committee prior to the harbor start.

6. CLASSES

6.1 There will be two classes: A and B which shall race in a single headsail class without spinnakers in accordance with PHRF of the Chesapeake Specification 16, Non-spinnaker Limitations (www.phrfchesbay.com). Yachts racing in the Spring Cruise Series will be placed in the same class in the Fall Cruise Series.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 There is no Race Committee boat and we will not be using flags to start races. All races are designed as "Pursuit" races and starting times for each boat will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting.

8. COURSES and MARKS

8.1 Courses and marks for each race are described on the Course Sheet, which is an integral part of these Sailing Instructions, and which will be distributed at the Captains' Meeting or can be obtained from the Race Committee before the harbor start.

10. THE START – This modifies RRS rule 26 and 27

10.1 The starting line will be between two government marks or between one mark and a bearing to that mark. Specific starting line instructions are identified in the course sheet.

10.2 Yachts are not required to check in

10.3 Each boat is to keep clear of the starting area until within 2 minutes of their designated start time. Within the two minutes prior to their scheduled start, a boat shall not be on the course side of the line.

10.4 For the purpose of keeping time, boats should refer to "GPS" time.

10.5 Since there is no race committee, boats are responsible for not starting prematurely. If a boat starts before their assigned time, they are to completely return to the pre-start side of the line before beginning the race.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between two government marks as defined in the course sheets.

11.2 As the race is a pursuit race. The first boat to cross the finish line wins. Competitors should note the boat that finishes before them and after them. Then please call Roel Hoekstra at 215.858.8659 to indicate the boats that finished before and after you.

11.3 In the event a race needs to be shortened. The Race Committee Chairman, Wes McMichael will notify the fleet over the VHF radio (Ch. 72). The course will only be shortened at a regular mark of the course.

- 11.4** If a race is shortened, each boat should take its own time when it passes the mark. Passes the mark is defined as crossing an imaginary line drawn perpendicular to the course from the previous mark to the finish mark.
- 1.5** Once a boat has taken its own time, they should call Roel Hoekstra at 215.858.8659 as soon as reasonable and indicate their finish time.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1** RRS 44 is amended for this series by deleting section RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1** The time limit for qualifying a race for a given class will be **1600** hours on Friday and **1230** hours on Saturday. At least one yacht in a class must finish the race within the time limit for there to be a race for that class.

14. RETIREMENT

- 14.1** A yacht that retires or withdraws from a race shall notify the Race Committee Chairman (Wes McMichael on Ballyhoo) as soon as possible in person, by VHF radio or by cell phone at 508-843-3460.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1** RRS 61 is amended to require that notice of intent to protest and the number of the protested boat **MUST** be given to the Race Committee promptly after the protesting boat finishes, acknowledged by the Committee.
- 15.2** RRS 61.3 is modified in that protests shall be delivered in writing to the Race Committee within two hours after the protesting yacht finishes.

16. RATING

- 16.1** All 2017 classes will race under the PHRF of the Chesapeake handicapping system. A copy of the 2017 Valid Certificate for each entry must be submitted to the Race Committee prior to the Captains' Meeting.
- 16.2** Yachts for which a 2017 Valid Certificate has not been submitted shall be assigned a rating determined by the Race Committee from the PHRF of the Chesapeake rating list or other sources at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 16.3** Captains of yachts for which there is no valid rating certificates or available via electronic means, including chartered yachts, shall furnish the make and year, LOA, rig, draft, keel, sail number and hull color or other distinguishing characteristics to the race committee who will assign a rating to the best of their ability.

17. SCORING

- 17.1** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 17.2** Appendix A2 of the Rules, Series Score, is modified in that all races from both the Spring Cruise Series and the Fall Cruise Series shall count when computing a yacht's total score for the annual trophies.

17.3 The High Point system will be used for the Thomas Point Trophy.

18. COMMUNICATION

18.1 Boats that wish to communicate with the Race Committee should do so via VHF radio, in person or, if necessary, by cellular phone (Race Committee Chairman Wes McMichael at 508-843-3460).

19. RADIO

19.1 All yachts must be equipped with a VHF radio.

19.2 Unless otherwise announced by the Race Committee, the normal working channel for communications among the fleet will be VHF channel 72. Be advised that the Race Committee may announce a change of the working channel at the Captains' Meeting.

20. ELECTRONIC AIDS TO NAVIGATION

20.1 Radar may not be used by a yacht at any time after the Preparatory Signal for her class until she has finished the race and cleared the finish line or until she has withdrawn from the race.

20.2 AIS and GPS may be used.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the Cruise entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, The Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the Cruise.

22. TROPHIES

22.1 Trophies will be awarded for the Friday and Saturday races based upon the number of starters in each class.