



**Potomac River Sailing Association
Distance Race
June 18, 2017**

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The Potomac River Sailing Association Dingy Open, presented by the Washington Sailing Marina and the Potomac River Sailing Association, is held to promote friendly racing. The event will be governed by the current US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as modified by the Notice of Race or these Sailing Instructions.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located in the lawn area at the end of the boat racks.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be announced at the competitor's meeting at 1000 on Sunday, June 18.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat at the finger pier of the ramp launch area.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. RACING AREA

5.1 Races will be conducted on the Potomac River between the I-395 bridge (northern boundary) and mark "R90" south of the I-495 bridge (southern boundary). The specific racing area for the day will be based on conditions and will be announced at the competitors' meeting.

5.2 Channel-bound vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

6. PLANNED SCHEDULE & NUMBER OF RACES

6.1 Competitor's meeting: 1000 on Sunday in the crane area.

6.2 Warning signal: 1130

6.3 Number of Races: One race is planned.

7. SPECIAL SIGNALS

10 seconds before the warning signal the RC will begin making 5 sounds that take 5 seconds to complete.

8. STARTS

8.1 Order of starts: all boats start together in one division

8.2 Starting sequence: RRS 26 Starting Sequence will be used

5 minutes	Class flag (to be specified at competitor's meeting) up and horn blast
4 minutes	P flag up and horn blast
1 minute	P flag down and horn blast
Start	Class flag down and horn blast

9. COURSES & MARKS

See attachments for a description of the courses that may be used, including how each will be designated with flags and the direction and order the competitors shall round the marks.

10. MARKS

Government marks will be used.

11. START & FINISH LINE

The start/finish will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a small white cylinder with a red flag. The same line will be used for the start and finish.

12. HAILS

The race committee may use a loud hailer to identify On the Course Side of the line boats after starts and otherwise to communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail or for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or failure to receive any communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a) and complies with 41 (d).

13. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finishing before 1530 will be scored TLE. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE the

number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 1 point, not to exceed the score of Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS/US Appendix V1, (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) will apply.
- 14.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
- 14.3 Penalty taken after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2 will apply.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protest Forms are available from the Regatta Chairman. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the official docking of the designated (RC ensign) Race Committee Boat. The Time of docking will be posted on the official Notice Board.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 15.3 Protest notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.

16. SCORING

The Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will be used. The Race Committee will set figures for boats without a published Portsmouth Number.

17. AWARDS

Awards will be given to the skipper and crew of the top finishing boat under the Portsmouth Yardstick scoring system.