HHSA Poplar Island Race

Date	Sunday September 20, 2020
Classes	NS A, NS B, Shorthanded. Non-Spin A is boats with a PHRF less than 150. Non-Spin B is boats with a PHRF of 150 or greater. The shorthanded class is boats racing with one or two crew (counting the skipper). Short or Long Short or Long NS A NS B, Shorthanded.
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Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the race. Signal Non-Spinnaker Shorthanded Warning 1055 1100 Preparatory 1056 1101 One-minute 1059 1104 Start 1100 1105 Note: Non-Spinnaker A and Non-Spinnaker B will start together but will be scored separately. Class warning flags will be "9" for Non-Spin classes and "5" for the shorthanded class.
Skippers' Meeting	None. Preregistration on www.hhsa.org is recommended.
Rendezvous	Race Committee, in vicinity of HHSA A at approx. 1000 hours.
Start	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A
Finish	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A
Course	The course shall be course 'W' from the HHSA Course Book. The course version (Long or Short) for each class will be designated by boards displayed on the Committee Boat.
Time Qualifications	In order for the race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish within six hours of the class start. The Race Committee will stay on station until at least 90 minutes after the last class qualifies. Boats finishing after the Race Committee has left station shall take their own finish times in accordance with HHSA Rules 7.C & 8.B.
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.

Awards	Counts towards High Point and Commodore's Cup. See HHSA Racing Rules for details.
VHF Communications	All boats must have a working VHF turned on to channel 68 in order to receive communications from the RC.
Compliance with Maryland Covid-19 executive orders and laws.	HHSA racing will not take place unless Maryland allows recreational boating and racing. It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that he/she is complying with all social distancing requirements, as well as all other state laws and executive orders, while participating in HHSA racing.
Crew limits	HHSA does not set crew limits for Non-Spin A and Non-Spin B (Please refer to compliance with regulations above). Boats racing in the short-handed class are limited to one or two crew counting the skipper. (i.e. double handing or single handing)
Special Instructions	Spinnakers are not permitted. Double Head sails are not permitted
	Head sail changes, whisker poles, and reefing the main are permitted. Use of PFDs is encouraged but not mandated. Each individual skipper shall use his/her own judgment in deciding whether or not to require his/her crew to wear PFDs.
	Boats racing in the shorthanded class only may use autopilots, tiller pilots or wind vanes.
	At the discretion of the Race Committee, racing may not be conducted if a small craft advisory is in effect, if there is a chance of thunderstorms, or if the true wind speed is over 20 knots. The RC is encouraged to announce cancellations in advance on VHF Channel 68. In all conditions the decision to participate in a race is the responsibility of the captain.
Social	Informal, may be organized by the racers