HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION



HHSA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2021

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Introduction

HHSA racing events are governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are altered by these Sailing Instructions and any amendments or the HHSA Racing Rules.

The current HHSA Course Book and HHSA Racing Rules are separate documents. However, they are part of the Sailing Instructions and any reference to the Sailing Instructions includes the Course Book and Racing Rules by reference.

Class Definitions

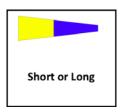
Unless otherwise noted in the individual race sailing instructions below, there will be three classes, each with a separate start. The classes are:

Spinnaker	Boats racing with a spinnaker	
Non-Spin Racing	Boats racing non-spinnaker with a sail area to	
	displacement ratio greater than or equal to 18	
Non Spin Cruising	Boats racing non-spinnaker with a sail area to	
	displacement ratio less than 18	

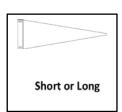
Designating Courses to be Sailed

Class course boards hung on the non-starting side of the Committee Boat will indicate which option of the course is to be sailed – either Short or Long. Unless specified differently in the Sailing Instructions, there will be three (3) classes: Spinnaker, Non-Spin - Racing and Non-Spin – Cruising. There will be three (3) starts. The Non-Spin classes will be split based on S/A ratios, to be determined at a later date.

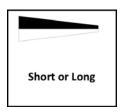
- Numeral Pennant 5 will indicate the Non-Spinnaker Racing course, or the combined Non-Spinnaker course
- White Pennant will indicate the Non-Spinnaker Cruising Course
- Numeral Pennant 6 will indicate the Combined Spinnaker Course or the Spinnaker B Course
- Numeral Pennant 9 will indicate the Spinnaker A course



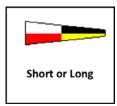
Non-Spin Racing Board



Non-Spin Cruising Board



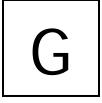
Spin B Board & Combined Spin Class Board



Spin A Board



A separate board with either a single letter A through Z or numeral 1 through 4 will indicate which course from the HHSA Course Book will be sailed.



Example Course Board for Course "G"

Starting Sequence

HHSA uses the starting sequence as specified in Racing Rules of Sailing. Additionally, the club requires the use of the 'L' flag as defined in the back cover of the RRS to mean "come within hail or follow me" while the committee boat is going on station. The 'L' flag will be lowered exactly one minute before the next flag is to be raised accompanied by repetitive horn blasts. Together, these signals will indicate to competitors that the starting sequence is about to commence.

If the start of the race is delayed the AP flag will be displayed with two (2) sounds, and lowered with one (1) sound one minute before the new starting sequence begins.



Example Start Sequence

The following chart shows an example of a starting sequence with spinnaker boats starting first, followed by non-spinnaker classes.

Multiple-Start Sequence

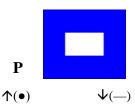
Signal	Flag & Sound	VHF (recommended)	Minutes before star signal	Example time for Wednesday races
Follow-me/ Check-in	'L' at full hoist;	"Welcome, racers"		
	'L' lowered, multiple short horn blasts		6	1759
Warning	Spin Class Flag Raised; 1 horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	5	1800
Preparatory	'P' raised; 1 horn blast	"Spin Prep"	4	1801
One-minute	'P' lowered; 1 long horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	1	1804
Starting	Spin Class Flag lowered; Non-Spin Racing Class Flag Raised 1 sound (gun or horn)	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	0	1805
Preparatory	'P' raised; 1 horn blast	"Non-Spin Racing prep"	4	1806
One-Minute	'P' lowered; 1 long horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	1	1809
Starting	Non-Spin Racing Class Flag lowered;Non-Spin Cruising Class Flag raised 1 sound (gun or horn)	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	0	1810
Preparatory	'P' raised; 1 horn blast	"Non-Spin Cruising prep"	4	1811
One-Minute	'P' lowered; 1 long horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	1	1814
Starting	Non-Spin Cruising Class Flag lowered 1 sound (gun or horn)	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	0	



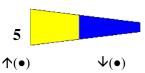
Common Signals

The meanings of visual and sound signals commonly used at HHSA are stated below. An arrow pointing up or down ($\uparrow \lor$) means that a visual signal is displayed or removed. A dot (\bullet) means a sound; five dashes (---) mean repetitive sounds; a long dash (—) means a long sound; empty parentheses () indicate no sound. When a visual signal is displayed over a class flag, the signal only applies to that class.

Starting Signals



Preparatory: Up - Four minutes until the class start. All boats in the class are considered racing. Down one minute before class start.



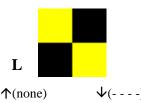
Non-Spinnaker Racing Class Warning: Up at the warning signal for the non-spinnaker class. Down with gun or horn for the start.



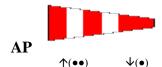
Non-Spinnaker Cruising Class Warning: Up at warning signal. Down with gun or horn for the start.



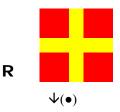
Spinnaker Class Warning: Up at warning signal. Down with gun or horn for the start.



L Flag: Afloat: Come within hail or follow this boat. Down with multiple sounds one minute before new start sequence.



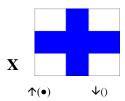
Answering Pennant: Races not started are postponed. Start sequence to commence one minute after removal.



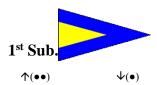
R Flag: When flown from the Committee Boat indicates that another race is planned. Down one minute before warning signal of next race.



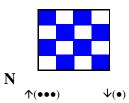
Other Signals



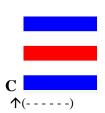
Individual Recall: One or more boats were OCS. The flag is displayed until all boats have properly started or at the succeeding start's one-minute signal, whichever is first.



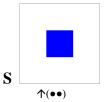
General Recall: The entire class will be restarted. The warning signal will be one-minute after the flag is removed.



N Flag: Races started are abandoned. Return to starting area. Start sequence will commence one minute after removal, unless all racing is subsequently abandoned.



C Flag: Displayed with repetitive sounds to indicate a change of course.



S Flag: Displayed with two sounds to indicate that course has been shortened.



Y Flag: When displayed from the committee boat, wear a personal floatation device.



HHSA Wednesday Night Races

Dates	Practice Races Wed April 21 and Sat April 24 Series 1 April 28, May 5 May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2 Series 2 Jun 9, Jun 16, Jun 23, Jun 30, Jul 7, Jul 14 Series 3 Jul 21, Jul 28, Aug 4, Aug 11 Aug 18, Aug 25			
Approx.				
Times	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1800	1805	1810
	Preparatory	1801	1806	1811
	One-minute	1804	1809	1814
	Start	1805	1810	1815
Skippers' Meeting	None			
Rendezvous	Race Committee	Race Committee, within 2 miles of HHSA A at approx. 1710 hours.		
Start	Between Committee Boat and drop mark or other nearby mark			
Finish	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Course	Designated by a sign boards on Committee Boat. The Race Committee must select a course from the HHSA Course Book. Different versions of the course (Short or Long) may be set for the Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker Racing and Non-Spinnaker Cruising Classes.			
Time Qualifications	In order for the race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish within 2 hours after the starting signal, and each boat must finish before 2030 or be scored as DNF. This modifies RRS 35.			
	The Race Committee will sound 3 blasts at 2030 hours to signal DNF for boats still on the course and announce on VHF Channel 68.			
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.			ed for the day.
Awards	Wednesday races of Series 1, 2 and 3 count towards High Point and Commodore's Cup. Awards given out per Series. See HHSA Racing Rules for details.			
Social	An informal gath	nering at local resta	aurant or location ann	ounced by the RC.



HHSA Bloody Point Race

Date	Saturday, May 15	, 2021		
Approx. Times	The table shows th	ne approximate time	es for the race.	
	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1400	1405	1410
	Preparatory	1401	1406	1411
	One-minute	1404	1409	1414
	Start	1405	1410	1415
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration on	www.hhsa.org is re	commended.	
Rendezvous	Race Committee a	t HHSA A at appro	x. 1300 hours.	
Start	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Finish	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Course	The course shall be course 'V' 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.			
Social	An informal gathe Committee.	ring at a local resta	urant or location anno	ounced by the Race
Other	VHF Channel 68 v	will be monitored.		



HHSA Summer Regatta

Date	Sunday, June 6,	2021		
Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the first race, with spinnaker b starting first.			with spinnaker boats
	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1100	1105	1110
	Preparatory	1101	1106	1111
	One-minute	1104	1109	1114
	Start	1105	1110	1115
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration of	n <u>www.hhsa.org</u> is	recommended.	
Rendezvous	Race Committee	in vicinity of HHS.	A A at approx. 1000 l	hours
Start	Between Commi	Between Committee Boat and nearby drop mark		
Finish	Between Commi	Between Committee Boat and designated mark		
Course	The courses sailed will be identified by sign boards on the committee boat, and will be either "2", "3" or "4" as shown on Page 16 of the Course Book.			
Scoring	PHRF windward/leeward ratings will be used for this regatta.			
Time Qualifications	In order for a race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish within 7 minutes after the starting signal.			nust finish within 75
		inish within 30 min This modifies RRS	outes after the lead books 35.	at in her class or be
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.			
Awards	Counts towards High Point and Commodore's Cup. Awards given out per Series. See HHSA Racing Rules for details.			
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.			
Other	VHF Channel 68	will be monitored.		
	Committee will a may fly Flag R.	announce its intention. If Flag R is raised,	sequent race is anticipons as boats finish the it will be lowered with or the subsequent race	e preceding race, and h one sound one



HHSA Sharps Island Race

Date	Saturday, June 12, 2021			
Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the race.			
	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1700	1705	1710
	Preparatory	1701	1706	1711
	One-minute	1704	1709	1714
	Start	1705	1710	1715
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration	on <u>www.hhsa.org</u> is	s recommended	
Rendezvous	Race Committe	e at HHSA A at ap	prox. 1600 hours	
Start	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Finish	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Course	The course shall be course U 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			lead boat in each cla	ss must finish
		* * *	The Race Committee	
Qualifications			er the last class quali	•
			e has left station shall	
			ISA Rules 7.C & 8.B	
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.			
	The protest time	z mint is 2 nours ar	ter racing has conclu	ded for the day.
Awards	Counts towards	High Point and Co	ommodore's Cup.	
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.			nnounced by the
Other	VHF Channel 68 will be monitored.			



HHSA Women's Regatta— <u>To Be Updated By Eunice and Emily</u>



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HHSA Great Bay Race

Date	Sunday, July 18, 2021			
Approx.	The table shows	the approximate tin	nes for the race.	
Times	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1400	1405	1410
	Preparatory	1401	1406	1411
	One-minute	1404	1409	1414
	Start	1405	1410	1415
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration of	n <u>www.hhsa.org</u> is	recommended.	
Rendezvous	Race Committee	, in vicinity of HHS	SA A at approx. 1300	hours.
Start	Between Commi	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A		
Finish	Between Commi	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A		
Course	The course shall be course 'X' 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	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.			
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.			
Other	VHF Channel 68	will be monitored.		



HHSA Double Handed Race

Date	Sunday, August 8, 2021
Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the race. Signal
Skippers' Meeting	None. Preregistration on www.hhsa.org is recommended
Rendezvous	Race Committee at HHSA A at approx. 1000 hours
Start	Between the Committee Boat and nearby mark
Finish	Between the Committee Boat and HHSA A
Course	Designated by a sign boards on Committee Boat. The Race Committee shall select a course from the HHSA Course Book.
Time Qualifications	In order for the race to qualify, the lead boat in each class must finish within 3 hours of the start. Each boat must finish 90 mins. of the first boat or be scored as DNF. This modifies RRS 35.
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.
Awards	Does not count towards High Point. Counts for Commodore's Cup.
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.
Other	Each participating vessel shall have two people on board. Depending on entries, there may be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and mixed-doubles.



HHSA West River Race

Date	Saturday, August 21, 2021			
Eligibility	All members of HHSA, PCRC, WRSC and SMSA are invited to participate. There is no fee for entry. Starts will be given for the following classes depending on entries:			
	Spin A (valid PHRF Rating less than 100)			
	Spin B (valid PHRF Rating greater than 100)			
	Non-Spin Racing (boats with an upwind Sail Area-to-Displacement ratio equal to or greater than 18)			
	Non-Spin Cruising (boats with an upwind Sail Area-to-Displacement ratio less than 18)			
Approx.	The table shows the approximate times for the race.			
Times	Signal Spinnaker A Spinnaker B Non- Non- Spin Spin Racing Cruising			
	Warning 1100 1105 1110 1115			
	Preparatory 1101 1106 1111 1116			
	One-minute 1104 1109 1114 1119 Start 1105 1110 1115 1120			
	Note: Depending on entries classes may be combined and scored as a single class; or starts may be combined and scored as separate classes.			
Class Flags	Spinnaker A - "9" Pennant			
	Spinnaker B - "6" Pennant			
	Non-Spinnaker Racing - "5" Pennant			
	Non-Spinnaker Cruising - "white" square or pennant			
	Competitors are not required to display the class flag			
Radio	Boats should monitor VHF Channel 68 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.			
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration on www.hhsa.org is required.			
Registration	HHSA entrants should register on the HHSA website. Non-HHSA entrants should submit the following information to the HHSA Rear Commodore Racing via e-mail at jichgag@aol.com or via mail at Michel Jichlinski, 2312 Ashboro Dr., Chevy Chase, MD 20815:			
	Boat name. Owner/skipper. Boat make and model. Owner club affiliation. PHRF Circular Random ratings. PHRF Upwind Sail Area-to-Displacement ratio. E-mail or phone contact for owner/skipper.			



	An entrant list will be maintained on the HHSA web site racing page.
Rendezvous	Race Committee at HHSA A at approx. 1000 hours
Start	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A
Finish	In Galesville between the RC Flag on the Racing Platform at the end of Pirates Cove pier and the Orange/White marker, PCRC Mark "X"
Course	Leave to port: Can 83A, West River Bell G1, West River G1A
	In addition West River Markers 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 plus the white shoal mark between Markers 3 and 5 shall be passed on the channel side.
	Approximately 13 nautical miles.
Scoring	Scoring will be Time-on-Time using PHRF Circular Random ratings and the following formulae:
	Corrected time = (elapsed time) x (time correction factor, TCF)
	TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF rating)
Check In	Upon reaching the starting area and prior to the race, boats shall check in with the Race Committee by coming close and hailing. Keep radio usage to a minimum.
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 and report their results to the Race Committee on the same day of the event. Boats retiring from the race after starting should notify the Race Committee via Channel 68, or text the HHSA Rear Commodore Racing (Michel Jichlinski) at 301-536-8040.
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.
Awards	Awards will be presented at the HHSA Winter Banquet. For HHSA boats, counts towards High Point, and Commodore's Cup. See HHSA Racing Rules for details.
Social	Skippers, crew, and guests are invited to join a post race gathering in Galesville at a local restaurant to be announced.
Other	Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than Friday August 24 on the HHSA web site: hhsa.org.



WEST RIVER RACE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 Handicaps for Cruising Boats

Cruisers will be assigned provisional PHRF handicaps by the Official Scorer or by the Rear Commodore/Racing after the race based on the PHRF of New England posted ratings.

8.2 **Grounding - Rule 42.3(i)**

To get clear after grounding, a boat may use force applied by a propulsion engine provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race.



SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE INFORMATION

Location of Selected Marks

The following table shows approximate positions of HHSA and Government marks. The location of PCRC marks is presented further below. A more complete listing can be found on the Racing website and in the HHSA Course Book.

Mark	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	HHSA
Herring Bay 1 (Green)	38° 44.433'	076° 30.838'	W
Herring Bay 2 (Red)	38° 44.526'	076° 32.698'	Y
81A (Green)	38° 43.576'	076° 29.939'	I
83A (Green)	38° 46.134'	076° 29.701'	О
HHSA A (Yellow)	38° 44.647'	076° 31.993'	A
HHSA B (Yellow)	38° 45.450'	076° 31.650'	В
HHSA C (Yellow)	38° 45.500'	076° 30.320'	С
West River 1 (Green)	38° 51.851'	076° 26.999'	Z

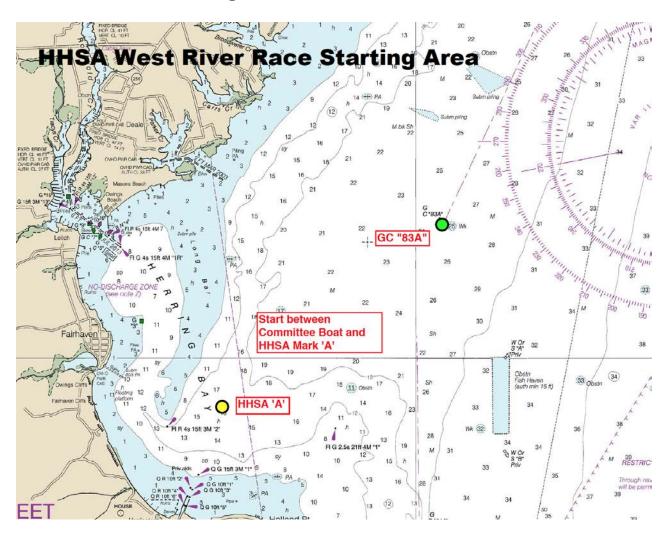


Location of Finish Line for West River Race



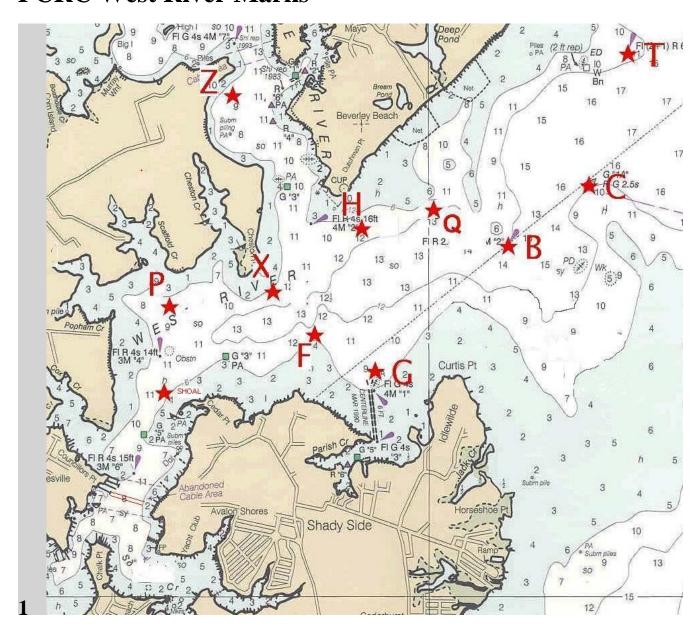


West River Race Starting Area





PCRC West River Marks



PCRC Mark Locations (Approximate):

- S (Shoal) 38 degrees 51'.0N, 76 degrees 31'.9 W
- P 38 degrees 51'.6N, 76 degrees 31'.9 W
- X 38 degrees 51'.5N, 76 degrees 31'.1 W
- F 38 degrees 51'.4N, 76 degrees 30'.8 W
- G- 38 degrees 51'.2N, 76 degrees 30'.5 W



- H 38 degrees 51'.9N, 76 degrees 30'.7 W
- **Z-38 degrees 52'.8N, 76 degrees 31'.3 W**
- Q- 38 degrees 52'.0N, 76 degrees 30'.1 W

GOVERNMENT MARKS:

- B (R 2) 38 degrees 51'.94N, 76 degrees 26'.4 W
- C (G 1A) 38 degrees 52'.20N, 76 degrees 28'.9 W
- T (fl (2+1)R) 38 degrees 53'.00N, 76 degrees 28'.60 W



Herring Bay Cup — <u>Jason to Supply SI</u>



HHSA Poplar Island Race

Date	Sunday, September 19, 2021			
Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the race.			
	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1100	1105	1110
	Preparatory	1101	1106	1111
	One-minute	1104	1109	1114
	Start	1105	1110	1115
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration on	www.hhsa.org is re	commended.	
Rendezvous	Race Committee a	t HHSA A at approx	x. 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.			
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.			
Other	VHF Channel 68 will be monitored.			



HHSA Autumn Classic Race

Date	Sunday, October 3, 2021			
Approx. Times	The table shows the approximate times for the race.			
	Signal	Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker Racing	Non-Spinnaker Cruising
	Warning	1100	1105	1110
	Preparatory	1101	1106	1111
	One-minute	1104	1109	1114
	Start	1105	1110	1115
Skippers'	None.			
Meeting	Preregistration	on <u>www.hhsa.c</u>	org is recommended.	
Rendezvous	Race Committee at HHSA A at approx. 1000 hours			
Start	Between Committee Boat and nearby mark			
Finish	Between Committee Boat and HHSA A			
Course	The Race Committee shall select a course 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 by 1400 hours. Each boat must finish by 1530 hours or be scored as DNF. This modifies RRS 35.			
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.			
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant or location announced by the Race Committee.			
Other	VHF Channel 68 will be monitored.			



HHSA Frostbite Series (6 multi-race Days)

Dates	Sundays Oct 31,Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 5		
Approx.	Signal Sound All Boats		
Times for 1 st	Warning (●) 1200		
Race	Preparatory (●) 1201		
	One-minute (—) 1204		
	Start (•) 1205		
	The table shows the approximate times for the first race. Multiple races may be sailed. The starting sequence for subsequent races will begin as soon as practical after all boats have finished the previous race. The class flag shall be a "5" Flag.		
Skippers'	None.		
Meeting	Preregistration on www.hhsa.org is recommended.		
Rendezvous	Race Committee at HHSA A or its vicinity at approx. 1130		
Start	Between Committee Boat and drop mark or other nearby mark		
Finish	Between Committee Boat and nearby mark		
Course *	Designated by sign boards displayed on the Committee Boat. The Race Committee shall select Frostbite Course A, B, or C from the HHSA Course book, and will select courses that will allow for races to be completed in approximately 1 hour.		
Time Qualifications	In order for the first race to qualify, the lead boat in must finish within 90 minutes after the starting signal, and each boat must finish within 45 minutes of the first boat or be scored as DNF. There is no time limit for subsequent races. No race will be started after 1430.		
	The Race Committee will announce DNF for boats still on the course on VHF Channel 68. This modifies RRS 35.		
Protests	The protest time limit is 2 hours after racing has concluded for the day.		
Awards	Does not count towards the season High Point, but does count for Commodore's Cup. Awards given out for the Series. See HHSA Racing Rules for details.		



Special Instructions	Races are for non-spinnaker boats. Double headsails are not permitted. Whisker poles are not permitted.
	After a boat has started, crew members wearing PFD's are allowed out of the cockpit only to sit on the rail or during a tack or a gybe to assist moving the headsail around the mast and standing rigging and skirt the headsail. Crewmembers shall not be standing outside the cockpit at any time except briefly to perform a necessary task.
	Headsail changes after a boat has started are not permitted. Reefing or un-reefing the mainsail after a boat has started is not permitted. Rolling/unrolling a roller furling headsail is permitted.
	At the discretion of the Race Committee, racing may not be conducted if there is heavy ice in either of the marinas or if the true wind speed is over 20 knots. The RC is encouraged to announce cancellations in advance on VHF Channel 68.
	Participating boats shall comply with PHRF of the Chesapeake Category 4 Special Safety Regulations.
Social	An informal gathering at a local restaurant after the race.



Appendix A - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRUISING CLASSES

Handicaps for Cruiser Racing

Cruisers will be assigned provisional PHRF handicaps at the skippers' meeting or by the Rear Commodore/Racing after the race unless a skipper can show a valid certificate.

Course Information

The day's race course will be selected from the HHSA Course Book, copies of which are available for download from the HHSA Racing website and upon request from the Rear Commodore/Racing.

The following table shows approximate positions of marks that are most often used in setting courses. A more complete listing can be found on the Racing website and in the HHSA Course Book.

Mark	Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	HHSA
Herring Bay 1 (Green)	38° 44.433'	076° 30.838'	W
Herring Bay 2 (Red)	38° 44.526'	076° 32.698'	Y
81A (Green)	38° 43.576'	076° 29.939'	I
83A (Green)	38° 46.134'	076° 29.701'	О
HHSA A (Yellow)	38° 44.647'	076° 31.993'	A
HHSA B (Yellow)	38° 45.450'	076° 31.650'	В
HHSA C (Yellow)	38° 45.500'	076° 30.320'	C
HHSA Inflated Tetrahedron	Variable	Variable	U
HHSA Inflated Cylinder	Variable	Variable	G

Racing Rules for Cruisers

Upon reaching the starting area and prior to the race, boats shall check in with the Race Committee by coming close and hailing. Note the race course marks displayed on sign boards on the committee boat lifelines on the side away from the starting line. Keep radio usage to a minimum, but monitor **VHF Channel 68** before and during the race.



Example Starting Sequence

Signal	Flag & Sound	VHF	Example time race
	'L' lowered, multiple short horn blasts		10:54
Warning	Class flag(s) raised; 1 horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	10:55
Preparatory	'P' raised; 1 horn blast	"Racers Prep"	10:56
One-minute	'P' lowered; 1 long horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, "	10:59
Starting	Class flag(s) lowered;1 sound, next class flag raised	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	11:00
Preparatory	'P' raised; 1 horn blast	"Cruiser Prep"	11:01
One-Minute	'P' lowered; 1 long horn blast	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	11:04
Starting	Class flag lowered, 1 sound*	"5, 4, 3, 2, all clear"	11:05

^{*}sound may be a horn blast or cannon fire

A boat must pass across the line between the committee boat's mast and the starting mark (inflatable mark or fixed mark such as HHSA A) heading in the direction of the first mark of the course, as soon after the starting signal as possible.

Similarly at the finish, a boat must cross the line between the committee boat's mast and the finishing mark in the direction from the preceding mark of the course. The Race Committee will indicate a finish with a sound signal (horn or cannon).



Basic Right Of Way Rules

On opposite tacks, a boat on port tack (boom on starboard side of boat centerline) shall keep clear of a boat on starboard tack (boom on port side of boat centerline). It doesn't matter which side any head sail is on.

Note, the boats may not be sailing in the same direction, i.e., a port tack boat sailing upwind must yield to a starboard tack boat sailing downwind, and vice versa.

Note, downwind it is very easy to change tacks by simply switching the main from one side to the other.

On the same tack, overlapped (any portion of the following boat ahead of an imaginary line perpendicular to the leading boats transom), the boat to windward shall keep clear of the leeward boat:

Sailing downwind, leeward is defined as the side the boom is on, so two boats sailing dead downwind with booms on their port side (both on starboard tack), the boat to port would be the leeward boat and the boat to starboard must keep clear. Overlaps are often hard to judge. If there is doubt, assume one exists.

On the same tack, not overlapped, the boat clear astern shall keep clear of the boat clear ahead. Once an overlap is established then windward/leeward applies.

There is usually little to be gained sailing adjacent to another boat, so when given a choice, pass either three or more boats lengths to windward or leeward of another boat.

Always allow the give way boat room and time to respond. Hail the give way boat to give way. Avoid collisions regardless of who has right-of-way.

Be especially careful at the start and rounding marks as this is where there are typically several boats sailing in close proximity.

All participants, racers and cruisers, are encouraged to fly the HHSA burgee, so that participants can be readily identified on the course.



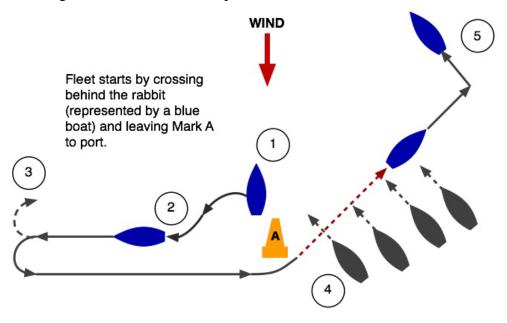
2 Appendix B - SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR A RABBIT START

- 1. In the absence of an on-station Race Committee, the following replaces sections of the Sailing Instructions.
- 2. If the "Rabbit" has not been designated prior to the race, the "Rabbit" shall be a boat chosen among boats which are present at the rendezvous location. The "Rabbit" shall display the HHSA burgee on its backstay for identification.
- 3. There will be only one start for all boats, and it will be a "Rabbit Start". The Rabbit Start is used to start a race to Windward in the absence of a Committee Boat. The Rabbit shall announce the course (Long or Short) for each class, and each class will be scored separately. The Rabbit shall serve as the check in boat and signal boat. All signals will be horn and/or radio. No visual signals will be used.
- 4. At approximately the time published in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) for the Warning Signal, the Rabbit will pass the starting mark on a starboard course. The Rabbit shall proceed a distance to allow returning to the starting mark and heading off close hauled on port tack at approximately the start time published in the SIs. All boats must leave the starting mark to port and pass behind the Rabbit on starboard tack in order to start, as described in more detail below. The Rabbit shall record the time her transom passes the starting mark as the official race start time.

Position	Signal	Approx. Time	Sound	Rabbit's Actions
1	Warning	Time as published in SI's	1 sound	Pass in the immediate vicinity of the starting mark on a starboard tack beam reach which she maintains for about 2 minutes.
2		~+3 mins.		Tack or jibe; return to the starting mark on port tack beam reach
3	Start	~+5 mins.	1 sound	Pass the starting mark to port, sailing close hauled. Record the start time.
4	End of starting sequence	~+ 6 mins.		The Rabbit may tack to starboard at any time after all boats have crossed her stern, or after the Rabbit has crossed the bows of



5. The diagram below shows the sequence in a visual format



- 6. The starting line is the line between the port-end starting mark and the Rabbit's transom. A boat starts when it crosses the starting line while the Rabbit is on port tack. After starting, all boats shall remain on starboard tack until the Rabbit has tacked to starboard. A boat failing to start properly may do so by sailing to the approximate location the Rabbit tacked to starboard and make a turn one tack and one gybe.
- 7. All times are approximate. The absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded. This modifies RRS 26.
- 8. Boats shall take their own finish times in accordance with HHSA Racing Rules Section 8.B and 8.C and announce the time over VHF Channel 68 until acknowledged by the Rear Commodore (Racing) or another competitor. This modifies rule 8.B.
- 9. Finishing boats shall stay in the vicinity of the finish line until the boat behind them has finished and announced a finish time. The last boat to finish shall disregard this requirement.