

2010 Hallie Rice Fall Series Sailing Instructions

Fee: \$15.00, if not
entered in Wednesday
Night Series



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General

Annual Race Committee duty is required by all participants

All racing on the Magothy River shall be governed by *The 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association and the rules of the PHRF of the Chesapeake except as altered by these Sailing Instructions. All boats shall be in compliance with PHRF of the Chesapeake, Inc., Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment Accommodations Standards Category “5P” with the exception of a radar reflector and heavy weather jib. Boats racing in the non-spinnaker division shall hoist only one headsail at a time, except during sail changes. Non PHRF boats may petition the Race Committee for inclusion in the Fall Series.

Entries

Eligible boats are owned by members of the Magothy River Sailing Association (MRSA), the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron (GIYS), Yacht Club of Cape St. Clair (YCCSC), and the Potapskut Sailing Association (PSA) and invited guests. **Eligible boats may enter by completing the Magothy River Race Entry Form included in this book or by utilizing the on-line registration at www.magothysailing.com . A copy of the boat’s current PHRF certificate must be on file with the MRSA Race Committee Chairman prior to competing in any race.**

Rendezvous

1230 hours in the vicinity of RC boat which will be in the area bounded by marks “A”, “B”, and “D”.

Schedule of Races

Regatta	Dates	Approximate Time of Warning Signal
Hallie Rice Fall Series	Oct. 3, 10, 17, 31 & Nov. 7	1300 SUNDAYS

Notices to Competitors/Changes in Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be published on www.magothysailing.com, and the Racing Email List. Skippers and crew (all clubs) should register at the website to receive latest information via email.

Race Committee Training

MRSA recommends the following for sailors new to the MRSA or CBYRA Race Committee (RC) duties (and also for those that need a refresher):

- Prior to your first Race Committee assignment, ask to assist another skipper with his scheduled race.
- Invite another experienced RC person on the boat for your first RC assignment; contact the Race Committee Chairperson (see page 3).
- Schedule yourself for either Series 6 or Fall Series duties since these series typically have fewer entries.
- Review the RC tutorial, study the RC gear and binder prior to the scheduled event.

Please contact race_committee@magothysailing.com for help with any of these requirements. The Race Committee Schedule will be posted on the MRSA Web Page www.magothysailing.com. MRSA expects each skipper and crew to perform RC duty at least **annually**. Crews that enjoy RC duty are encouraged to volunteer more often, but only once per series.

Class Splits

The Class Splits will be:

Class	Class Ratings	Code Flag
PHRF Spin	All	6, 7, 9, E
PHRF Non Spin	All	5, 8

Class racing code flags shall be displayed from the bow pulpit and the backstay or mizzen boom. Skippers are responsible for clearly identifying their boat and racing class before and during the race. A boat may not be scored if conflicting symbols, duplications, or obscured flags confuse the Race Committee.

Racing Area

The racing area shall be the Magothy River as shown in the chart at the end of this section.

Courses

Two races may be run each day. If a second race is to be run, code flag “R” will be displayed at the conclusion of the first race.

Courses shall be designated by letters displayed on the Race Committee boat, the letters designating the location of the mark as indicated on the Magothy River Chart- rev #2.

- **All mark designations are rounding marks.** Marks shall be rounded in the order displayed, from left to right or from top to bottom. Marks designated by RED letters or background shall be rounded to PORT. Marks designated by GREEN letters or background shall be rounded to STARBOARD. All channel markers shall be passed on the channel side. One circuit shall be sailed unless the course description is followed by a numeral (e.g., “2” or “3”) that designates the number of laps.
- **The Committee Boat shall always post the finishing mark of the course, regardless of the number of laps posted.**
- **If the Committee Boat makes a change to the course after posting it, the RC shall display a code flag ‘L’ (come within hail) at least ten minutes before the next start** and continue to display it for the duration of the starting sequence.

Marks

In the Magothy River all permanent marks are Special Racing Marks or Buoys located in the general area portrayed in the “**Magothy River Chart - rev #2**” at the end of this section. The compass courses and distances between racing marks are indicated in the table following the chart. Drop marks are inflatable marks placed in suitable locations prior to the race.

VHF

The Race Committee shall, at the PRO’s option, use VHF channel 72 prior to and during races held on the Magothy River. The Race Committee may call boats over early (OCS) at the start, in addition to calling out courses and course changes, and other appropriate communications. Skippers may call the committee to report withdrawal, protest, and emergencies; do not call for routine inquiries.

The Start

All races will be started in accordance with USSA, RRS Rule 26, except that an attention signal will be made 5 minutes before the first warning and the F shape displayed. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; ***the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.***

Starting signals for each class will be as follows:

Starting Classes and Sequence:

Target Time	Signal	Purpose		Sound
1230	L flag	Rendezvous		
1300	F flag hoisted	Attention-5 minutes to starting sequence for first race of the day		Gun
1305	7 flag hoisted	Warning - 5 minutes to the start of Spinnaker Class		Gun
1310	7 flag lowered	Start Spinnaker Class	Warning - 5 minutes to start for Non-spinnaker Class	Gun
	5 flag raised			
1315	5 flag lowered	Start Non-spinnaker class		Gun

***Note-** Per USSA RR26, I, Z, or the Black flag may be used instead of P with the appropriate rules applying for said flags.

The Attention signal for race 2 will be preceded by one sound signal approximately one minute prior to the beginning of the sequence.

Boats racing in the spinnaker class may display a 6,7,9 or E flag.
Boats racing in the non-spinnaker class, may display a 5 or 8 flag.

Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) time will be used whenever possible. The warning signal for each succeeding class is the starting signal of the preceding class.

If a delay in the starting sequence for a succeeding class will be longer than 15 minutes, an attention signal shall be used 10 minutes prior to the next start. Any change to start times and for second races should be in 5-minute intervals of the original start time.

The starting line shall be between the yellow flag on the Committee Boat and the adjacent permanent mark location "A", "C", "D", or other mark, at the Race Committee's discretion. The starting area for a drop mark course will be anywhere in the area roughly bounded by the permanent marks "A", "B", and "D". If conditions warrant, the Race Committee may drop a starting mark "U" as an alternative starting mark.

Any "Limit Mark", dinghy, or other marker attached to the Committee Boat shall be deemed a part of the Committee Boat. Boats shall NOT pass between the Limit Mark and Committee Boat. If a boat touches the Limit Mark or passes between the Limit Mark and the Committee Boat, she has touched a starting mark.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.

Change of Course after the Start

A change in course after the start will be limited to “shorten course”. It shall be signaled from the Committee Boat by displaying the “S” flag and two sound signals. When the “S” flag is displayed in conjunction with class flags, only those classes shown with the “S” flag shall sail the shortened course.

The Finish

The finish line shall be between the yellow flag on the Committee Boat and the adjacent mark of the course. The yellow flag shall be amidships and at least 7 feet above the cabin top. **Note: The RRS definition of “Finish” requires a boat to finish in the direction of the course from the last mark, regardless of the color of the finishing mark.**

Time Limit

The time limit for each race shall be two (2) hours. At least one boat in a class must finish within the time limit. If no boat in that class finishes within the time limit, that race will be abandoned for that class. If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the remaining boats in that class must finish within two and one-half (2 ½) hours after the start; otherwise, they will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish).

Protests

RRS Rule 61.2 is modified to require protests to be submitted on a copy or likeness of CBYRA Protest Form as published in the 2010 CBYRA Greenbook, 2010 MRSA Redbook, or MRSA webpage.

Protests, no matter their method of delivery, shall be submitted to the Protest Chairperson no later than the 2100 hrs on the day following the race.

The ONLY accepted methods of protest delivery are:

- hand-delivered to Protest Chairperson:

Drew Dowling (H 410-647-6492),
851 Twin Harbor Drive
Arnold, MD 21012, or

- via US mail or common carrier to the address above, postmarked within the date/time limitation, or
- faxed to Drew Dowling at 410-647-2870, or
- E-mailed (as completed, scanned forms) to Protest Committee chairman to: protests@magothysailing.com.

Protests shall conform to Part 5 of the RRS except that pre-hearing mediation is possible, in which case the involved parties will be contacted. Protests will be heard at the place and time specified by the Rear Commodore or Protest Committee Chairman.

Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A4 (Low Point) of the RRS will apply for a series as modified as follows:

- If four to six races are sailed in the series, the boat's highest score will be dropped in computing the score for the series; however, a score of DSQ may never be dropped.
- If seven or more races are sailed in the series, the boat's highest two scores will be dropped in computing the score for the series. However a score of DSQ may never be dropped.
- If a boat performs Race Committee duty, her score for that race shall be the average of her scores for the remaining races in that series but no worse than a DNF in that race. Her highest score(s) will then be dropped (if there are four races in the series) to compute the series score. A boat may only do Race Committee duty for one day of a series and remain qualified for that series.

Ties will be broken in accordance with Appendix A, US Sailing Rules 2009-2012.

Each boat starting and finishing a race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, will be scored points as follows:

PLACE	POINTS
First	1
Second	2
Third	3
Each Place Thereafter	Add 1 Point

Whenever possible, the Race Committee should hand-deliver the results on the water to the Scorer (on the river or Broad Creek) at the conclusion of the race. If unable to deliver on the water, the RC will forward the results to the Scorer via Email (scorer@magothysailing.com) or hand deliver to Mike Mullarky, 1204 Villa Isle Ct., Pasadena, MD 21122 (MD Rt. 177 to North Shore Rd. to Villa Isle). Results may also be delivered to the Race Committee chairman, who will deliver them to the Scorer.

Boats that started, but did not finish, will be scored points for that race equal to one plus the number of boats that finished that race. Boats that did not start will be scored points equal to the number of starters plus two for that race. A score of

DSQ (Disqualified) will not be used as a throw-out when computing the series score.

Penalty System

For any RRS Part 2 infraction, Rules 44.1 through 44.4 shall apply except as modified below.

Rule 44.1 and 44.3(c) shall be modified to allow a 360° penalty turn or accepting a two (2) place on-the-water scoring penalty for infractions when:

- there is no contact between boats, AND
- the incident does not occur within three boat-lengths of a finish line, or rounding mark, AND
- the incident does not occur between the removal of the preparatory flag (1 minute before the start) and prior to both boats clearing the starting line.

Rule 44.1 and 44.3(c) shall be modified to allow a 720° penalty turn or accepting a four (4) place on-the-water scoring penalty for infractions when:

- there is contact between boats, but no damage or injury, OR
- the incident occurs within two boat-lengths of a finish line, or rounding mark, or
- the incident occurs between the removal of the preparatory flag (1 minute before the start) and prior to both boats clearing the starting line.

Any boat causing serious damage to another shall retire.

The resulting penalized score for on-the-water Scoring Penalties (SCP) described above can be no worse than the score of DNC (Did Not Compete).

Rule 44.3 (a) & (b) are modified to allow either a yellow or an "I" flag to indicate acceptance of an on-the-water scoring penalty. (please note that Rule 44.3(a) requires that a boat taking a on-the-water scoring penalty must display the flag *"at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident, keeping it displayed until finishing, and calling the race committee's attention to it at the finishing line."*)

Accepting a Penalty during Mediation

A boat that does not comply with Rules 44.1 through 44.4, but that acknowledges an infringement during mediation prior to a protest hearing being scheduled, shall be penalized two places in addition to the scoring penalties described above, but shall not be limited by a score of DNC.

Racers please note, there are benefits to taking your penalty on the water:

Taking penalty turns on the water, your worst score is DNF (finishers + 1)

Accepting an on-the-water scoring penalty, your worst score is DNC (starters + 2)

By waiting until mediation, you can be penalized worse than DNC.

A score of DNF, DNC or SCP (Scoring Penalty) CAN be thrown-out in a series. Receiving a DSQ from losing a protest hearing CANNOT.

Awards

Awards for first place will be awarded with at least 3 boats entered for an event. Second place trophies will be awarded with up to 5 boats entered; 3rd place with 6 to 10 boats entered, 4th place with 11 to 14 boats entered, 5th place with 15 or more boats entered. "Entered" means that the entry was received by the last race of the series and the boat started in at least one race in that series.

Abandoned/Postponed Races

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Race Committee may signal postponement or abandonment of the race. Postponement shall be indicated by hoisting Code flag "AP" with two sounds in succession. Abandonment shall be indicated either by hoisting Code flag "N" over "A" and three sound signals in succession.

If the Race Committee does not go on station, the abandonment signal will be announced by:

- a posting on the **MRSA Website**,
- **e-mail** before the first scheduled start of the race,
- **hail via VHF channel 72** starting at 30 minutes before the start and continuing at five-minute intervals until the start time if the scheduled RC can safely access their boat, and
- **phone via MRSA's Automated Race Cancellation Alert System (ARCA)**. ARCA will auto-dial and deliver a recorded message to the designated phone number for each boat that is registered for racing. If the system reaches voice-mail, it will leave the recorded message on voice-mail. Racers should ensure that the number supplied is a cell-phone with voice-mail carried by the skipper or a land-line with voice mail that can be called and checked for messages from the water if necessary.

Abandoned races will not be rescheduled. Regarding threatening weather, each skipper must decide what is best for his crew and his boat and should take appropriate action as needed.

Race Results

Unofficial race results will be posted on www.magothysailing.com soon as practical after each race. Official results (i.e., following protest resolutions) will be posted to the Web Page. Any discrepancies in scoring should be noted by contacting the Race Committee Chairperson or the Scorer. Racers may request hard copy of a series result by mailing a request and a stamped self-addressed envelope to the Scorer; please identify both class and boat.