

<b>CHESSS Poplar Island Race</b> <b>Notice of Race</b>	
<b>Chesapeake Short-handed Sailing Society</b> <b>Saturday, May 18, 2024</b>	<b>Sanction #326</b> Vers: 2/28/2024 11:30a

<b>Entry Due:</b>	Noon, Friday May 17, 2024; Non-Refundable Entry Fee: <b>\$40</b>
<b>Registration:</b>	Submit entry electronically via electronic registration on nextsailor.com.
<b>Contact:</b>	Douglas Ellmore via email <a href="mailto:revolution4515@gmail.com">revolution4515@gmail.com</a> or 301-807-2193 or <a href="mailto:info@chbayssss.org">info@chbayssss.org</a> .
<b>Rules:</b>	The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions (GSIs), the CHESSS Class Racing Rules (CHESSS entries), the Chesapeake Multihull Association Rules (CMA entries), as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
<b>Amendments to RRS:</b>	<p>Boats may communicate with each other via VHF radio VHF 68. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS 41.</p> <p>The rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot/windvane using power that is not provided by the crew. This modifies RRS 52.</p>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<p>The race is open to boats crewed by one or two individuals. Boats sailing in any of the CHESSS non-spin and spinnaker classes shall have a current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. If a multihull start and class is included, the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings will be used for scoring.</p> <p>Additional classes will be added if there are 3 or more boats expressing interest in entering. Those would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A shorthanded multihull start with class scored under the Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) ratings.</li> <li>2) Short-handed One Design classes.</li> </ol>

	Note: Only CHESSS spinnaker and non-spinnaker races may be eligible for end of year CBYRA High Points for CHESSS Divisions. To add either category, please contact Douglas Ellmore above
<b>Rendezvous:</b>	There is no skipper's meeting. Rendezvous will be at approximately 1000 in the vicinity of West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z). The Race Committee will display Code Flag Lima.
<b>Radio:</b>	Boats should monitor VHF 68 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee and VHF 16 during the race. Additionally, VHF 13 for shipping traffic as needed.
<b>Start:</b>	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z).
<b>Signals:</b>	<p>RRS 26 (Starting Races) for the first race:  <u>Signal:</u>  Warning: 1055  Preparatory: 1056  One-minute: 1059  Start: 1100</p> <p>The start signal will also be the warning signal for the following class. If entries warrant, there will be separate starts for the following classes. A minimum of three entries is required for a separate start. Starting order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) CHESSS shorthanded handed spinnaker</li> <li>2) CHESSS shorthanded non-spinnaker</li> </ol>
<b>Class Flags:</b>	<p>The following class flags shall be displayed on the backstay of each participating boat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CHESSS single/double handed spinnaker: 3rd repeater</li> <li>• CHESSS single/double handed non-spinnaker: 3rd repeater with white square beneath</li> <li>• CMA single/double handed multihull: "W" flag</li> <li>• Any additional short-handed one design classes will display their class flag.</li> </ul>
<b>Course:</b>	<p>A course of approximately 13 nm will be specified in the SIs using government marks between Thomas Point light and Poplar Island. Racers will have the option to sail the course in either a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.</p> <p><b>Additional information will be provided in the sailing instructions.</b></p>

<b>Finish:</b>	Between orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and West River Green 1 (CBYRA mark Z)
<b>Scoring:</b>	<p>Shorthand OD Classes scoring is by order of finish.</p> <p>CHESSS classes scoring is Time-on-Time (ToT) using PHRF Circular Random (CR) ratings and the following formulae:  Corrected time = (elapsed time) x (time correction factor, TCF)  <math>TCF = 650 / (550 + PHRF\ CR\ rating)</math></p> <p>If a multihull class is included, its scoring will be determined by the CMA rating system.</p>
<b>Protests:</b>	<p>Any boat intending to file a protest shall inform the Race Committee before departing the race area. Protests must be submitted in writing (CBYRA standard protest form or equivalent). The protest must be emailed to <a href="mailto:info@chbaysss.org">info@chbaysss.org</a> by 9pm EDT May 18, 2024. Protest hearings will be scheduled after May 19th at:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Halpern Architects  2238-A Bay Ridge Avenue  Annapolis, MD 21403</p>
<b>Awards:</b>	1st/3 Starters, 1st and 2nd/5 Starters, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd/7 or more starters. Awards will be presented at a fall CHESSS Membership Meeting or at a future social event.
<b>Other:</b>	By participation or entry into the race each boat owner/skipper agrees to abide by the RRS and the CHESSS Sailing Instructions for the race. In consideration of being permitted to enter the race, being knowledgeable of the risks of competition sailing, and knowing that it is their sole responsibility to decide whether to enter and continue the race, each boat owner/skipper voluntarily assumes the risks of participation in the race and releases CHESSS and the people conducting the race from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.
<b>Social:</b>	Competitors are invited to raft up after the race in the Crescent anchorage of Rhode River.