



MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB

2025 Opening Day Regatta

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

Saturday, MAY 17, 2025

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1. **RULES:** The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** This race is open to all MRYC and Mid-Eastern Shore Star Fleet members. Beginning racers and cruising sailors are welcome to sail the course for fun following the official start and record their start and finish times. Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board at the Club entrance.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any change to the sailing instructions or schedule of races shall be posted on the official notice board and outside Isabel's by Friday, May 16, 2025, at noon.
4. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**
 - Signal Boat in position: 09:35 am between the Club docks and "R2" (red daymark) at the entrance to Long Haul Creek.
 - Register by sailing past the Signal Boat
 - Warning Signal 09:55.
 - Awards will be given during the Opening Ceremony, which begins at 13:00.
 - *NOTE: The St. Michaels Running Festival is the morning of the race. Sailors should leave time for traffic delays.*
5. **CLASS FLAGS:** There is just one class for all boats. We will use an "A" pennant as the class flag.
6. **RACING AREAS:** The race area will be between Herring Island and the Miles River "G7" (flashing green 4 seconds) mark.
7. **CHECK-IN and CHECK-OUT:** Boats must check in with the RC prior to the start.
8. **THE COURSES:** The course will be available on VHF radio on channel 78 prior to the start and by stopping by the Signal Boat. The course will also be posted at Isabel's by 09:15 the morning of the race.

9. **MARKS:** The turning marks of the course shall be the standard marks used by Wednesday Night Racing. A course sheet is available at <https://sm-wnr.blogspot.com/>.
10. **THE START:** The start line shall be between the orange/yellow flag on the signal boat and the “R2” (red day mark) in the Miles River.
11. **THE FINISH:** The finishing line shall be between the end of the “A” dock at the Miles River Yacht Club and the end of the pier across the creek to the north (at 38.80097, - 76.21727 - approximately 420 feet and bearing 030° magnetic) forming the entrance to Long Haul Creek. If you don’t know it, you should look up the definition of an obstruction and what to do in Rule 19.
12. **TIME LIMITS:** The time limit for the race is 120 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. This changes rules RRS 35, A4, and A5.
13. **PROTESTS:** All protests and requests for redress must be submitted in writing to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing. Notices of protests shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit.
14. **SCORING:** There is only one race and it will be scored using PHRF Time on Time. The results for Herring Island participants will count for the Herring Island series. MES Star participants will be scored using an assigned PHRF ToT rating given by the race PRO in coordination with a fleet representative.
15. **PRIZES:** Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Line Honors will be given. The first-place boat will be the winner of the perpetual trophy, “Opening Day Race.” The awards ceremony will be at 13:00 during the Opening Ceremony. Only MRYC members are eligible to win the perpetual trophy.
16. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The Miles River Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

