



## Spring Invitational Race

**DATE:** 4/16      **FEE:** \$25.00      **ENTRY DUE:** 1700 the day before

**SEND ENTRY TO:** Keelboat Race Chair (see POC table)

**ELIGIBILITY:** All boats comply with US sailing “coastal” sailing requirements and have either a valid PHRF certificate (for PHRF Fleet), or ORR-ez certificate (for CRCA Fleet).

**FLEET:** Boats may choose to race either PHRF Fleet or CRCA Fleet based on the rating certificate they present to Race Committee at sign-up. RC will start a CRCA fleet (combined racer and cruiser) if 5 or more boats register for the event. If fewer than 5 boats, CRCA fleet will start along with PHRF Spinnaker. Notification will be made prior to start sequence by RC on the water.

**RACE AREA:** SMSA Patuxent River or Chesapeake Bay Race Area

**STARTING AREA:** Rendezvous with the RC boat in the vicinity of SMSA ‘B’ (# 3,FI G 2.5 sec). If conditions warrant, the RC boat will fly Code “L” and proceed to a better starting area.

**CHECKING IN:** Hail Boat Name, Sail Number, Class and rating while close abeam or astern of RC boat to be considered checked-in.

**RADIO:** Boats should monitor VHF 72 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.













**SCHEDULE:** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the invitational is 1300. Additional races will be at the discretion of the race committee. The Race Committee will signal its intention to start another race by flying Flag “R” from the Signal Boat at the finish of a race. No warning signal will be made after 1530.

**STARTING LINE:** Between the RC boat yellow flag and adjacent mark.

**COURSE:** Determined by RC using SMSA Patuxent River or Chesapeake Bay Area Race Marks, drop marks or a combination. CBYRA requires a 5 mile course, with a 2knot average boat speed, for inclusion into CBYRA events.

**FINISH LINE:** Between the RC boat yellow flag and the adjacent mark.

**STARTING SIGNALS:** RRS 26, Starting Races. If a class does not race, the same starting sequence will be followed, as if the class were racing.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FLAG</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>SOUND</u>
	1300	#5 Up		N Warning gun/sound
	1301	Code “P” Up		N Prep gun/sound
	1304	Code “P” Down		long horn
N	1305	#5 Down		N Start gun/sound
		#9 Up		A-C Warning
	1306	Code “P” Up		A-C Prep gun/sound
	1309	Code “P” Down		long horn
A-C	1310	#9 Down		A-C Start gun/sound
		CRCA Up		CRCA Warning
	1311	Code “P” Up		CRCA Prep gun/sound
	1314	Code “P” Down		long horn
CRCA	1315	CRCA Down		CRCA Start gun/sound

**TIME LIMIT:** The length of the race divided by 2, expressed in hours.



**SCORING:** One (1) scored race is required to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores, this changes RSS. CRCA fleet participants will be scored separately from the Non-Spinnaker and the A-C Spinnaker Fleet.

**PROTESTS:** Protests shall be lodged with the RC within one hour of either the finishing time of the last boat of the race or the RC boat's docking time, whichever is later. Protests will be heard at a later time.

**AWARDS & # BOATS STARTING:** 1st/2; 2nd/5; 3rd/7.

Informal results will be announced at clubhouse following the race. Awards will be presented at the annual SMSA banquet. Results will be posted on [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com).