



90th Annual J. Rulon Miller Series

Gibson Island Maryland

June 22 & 23

Hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Star Fleet & the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) and the International Star Class Rules (STCR) except as any of these are modified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2 In accordance with STCR 35.5, RRS 44.1 is modified as follows: "A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V2 will apply.

2 Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) on Regatta Networks.

3 Crew Weight: Crews must comply with class rule 31.1.3 at all times. ~~There will be a weigh in Friday from 1000 to 1300 and 1700 to 1800 and optionally at the registration desk on Saturday from 0800 to 0900 at the Lighthouse and boat launch area.~~

4 Changes in the Sailing Instructions:

Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5 Signals Ashore:

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Lighthouse Pier launch facilities.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 90 minutes after the lowering of the signal.

6 Schedule of Races:

- 6.1 Five races on Saturday and Sunday are scheduled. There may be a practice start prior to the first race on Saturday.

Saturday

0800 Registration opens
0900 Skippers Meeting by hoist
0930 Tow to racing area
1100 First race
Subsequent races to follow

Sunday

0900 tow to racing area
1030 1st race of the day

- 6.2 The Race Committee may change the schedule. Races may be sailed earlier than originally scheduled, but not before the day and time scheduled for the first race. No more than 3 races per day.

- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1055. The warning schedule will be at 10:25 on Sunday.

- 6.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday..

7 Racing Area:

The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay just north of the Magothy River and east of Gibson Island or in the Magothy River.

8 Courses:

- 8.1 Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, may be used. The lengths of the legs are as described in Format C, STCR 34.3.9. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant (or the course number by placard) to indicate the course.



- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing and length from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.
- 8.3 RRS 32 is changed to provide that courses will not be shortened as required by STCR 34.3.1
- 8.4 The lengths of legs may be shortened under RRS 33 (b) as provided in STCR 34.3.1 and STCR 34.3.9. This modifies RRS 33 (b).

9 Marks:

- 9.1 Except as provided for in SI 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 14.1 marks will be Orange Cylinders.
- 9.2 A new mark, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 13, will be a green tetrahedron. If a new mark is subsequently changed, it will be replaced with the original orange mark
- 9.3 For Courses "3" and "4", Mark 2 will be an orange ball. The start mark will be a RIB displaying an orange flag.

10 Check In:

Prior to the first Warning Signal of a yacht's first race of the day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded per STCR 34.1. RRS A5.3 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting without a hearing. [DP][NP]

11 The Start:

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat and a yellow mark. The orange flag will be displayed approximately 5 minutes prior to the warning signal.
- 11.2 RRS A5 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 11.3 The class flag to be used for the Warning Signal will be the Star Class Flag.

12 Individual Recalls:

- 12.1 The recall number for a boat shall be her sail number. The race committee may attempt to hail boats as a courtesy. The timing of the hail, the order of boats hailed, or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 29.1.
- 12.2 A Race Committee boat displaying Code flag "G" may pass to windward of the fleet in the event of abandonment, postponement or general recall which means: "The Race Committee has signaled abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately."

13 Change of Position of the Next Mark:

13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 The Finish:

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and an orange mark.

15 Time Limit:

- 15.1 The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.9 Format C; that is, the first beat will be no more than 30 minutes, the target time for a race is one hour, and the time limit for a race is 2 hours.
- 15.2 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored 'time limit expired' (TLE) and will be scored two points more than the number of finishers. However, no boat will receive a score worse than the number of points awarded a DNF.

16 Protests:

- 16.1 Boats intending to file a protest shall hail the signal boat upon finishing. Protest forms are available at the Gibson Island Lighthouse and shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 Protests must be delivered within one hour of the Race Committee signal boat docking time. Protest Time will be posted on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the boathouse beginning. RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to provide that, on the last day of racing, requests for redress and requests to re-open a hearing must be lodged within 1/2 hour of the time final results have been posted.



17 Scoring:

17.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply; modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with the worst score discarded if more than 4 races are completed. Five races are scheduled. One race shall constitute a series.

17.2 All boats will be scored for the Miller Series.

17.3 Scoring Inquiries may be filed on [Regatta Networks Notice Board](#) within the protest time limit.

18 Liability and Safety:

18.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and/or entrant.

18.2 Competitors leaving the race course before the end of a race shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible. Competitors not leaving the dock on a race day shall inform the race committee through the Harbor Master's office 410-255-7632.

19 Crew Changes:

19.1 Any request for a change of crew must be submitted to the Race Committee in writing prior to 0900 hours on the day of the race for which the change is to be made. If the Race Committee grants permission, it will do so in writing and post such notice on the Notice Board.

19.2 A change of helmsman will not be permitted.

20 Team and Private Support Boats:

20.1 Team and Private Support Boats shall not be in the racing area or interfere with boats while racing. Should there be a postponement or abandonment, team and private support boats may re-enter the racing area and resume communications until the next Warning Signal is given.

20.2 The penalty for breaking this requirement may be disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private support boat. [NP] [DP]

21 Boat Storage, Launching and Haul out:

21.1. Boats must remain in the water from 0900 on Saturday 22 June until after racing on Sunday. If arriving before Friday June 21st, call the Gibson Island Harbor Master's office (410-255-7632) to coordinate boat storage. Trailers must be labeled with the owner's name and cell phone number. Boat storage is available from June 5 to July 1.

22 Radio Communication:

For safety reasons all boats should carry a VHF radio. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (including cellular telephone) while racing. However, boats retiring from a race should notify the Race Committee as soon as practical. The Race Committee will communicate with the fleet on VHF 72. **Communications with the Gibson Island Harbor Master will be on VHF 78A.**

23 Prizes:

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew, as follows:

Miller Series (all competitors) – 1st, 2nd & 3rd

The Gailliard Trophy to the winner of the final raced on Sunday.

24 Disclaimer of Liability:

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Participants agree that no person or organization involved in the conduct of this Championship will be liable for any accident, injury, fatality, or damage or loss of boat or personal property arising out of a participant's preparation for or participation in any on-the-water or on-shore activities (whether social, recreational, launching, hauling, boat storage or otherwise) associated with the Championship. Nothing in these Sailing Instructions or oral statements by the Organizing Authority, their officers, directors or agents, shall modify or otherwise impair the effect of the Waiver of Liability Form, the execution of which is a condition of entry.

