

## Baltimore Halloween Fun Race

October 26, 2024

Peninsula Sailors

Baltimore, MD

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 INVITATION

The Peninsula Sailors Club, as the organizing authority (OA), invites entries from owners and charterers of suitable boats to race on the waters of the Baltimore Harbor and surrounding waters on 26th October, 2024 to celebrate Halloween.

#### 2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 2.3 Racing rule(s) 44.1 will be changed as follows: "Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty".
- 2.4 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board located at <https://sailbp.com/halloween>

#### 3 ADVERTISING

Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: No political flags or banners may be displayed.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to cruising sail boats that have an auxiliary engine, and LOA of 26 feet or longer.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form at <https://sailbp.com/halloween> by October 25, 2024.
- 4.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: Only 12 boats per class is allowed.

#### 5 FEES

There is no entry fee.

#### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration: Day and date: October 15, 2024 thru October 25, 2024 midnight.
- 6.2 Date of racing: Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 12:00 noon.
- 6.3 Number of races: One race shall be sailed.
- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 13:00.

#### 7 MEASUREMENT

Each boat shall produce a valid PHRF certificate. In case the boat does not have a rating certificate, the Organizing Authority will assign a rating based on the characteristics of the boat and commonly used ratings for similar boats in the Chesapeake region.

#### 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than October 20, 2024 online at <https://sailbp.com/halloween>.

## 9 VENUE

The race will be held in the Baltimore Harbor, MD.

## 10 THE COURSES

The buoy numbers and coordinates can be obtained from <https://dscsailors.com/ali/light-list/>

The courses to be sailed will be as follows, with one of them chosen based on the prevailing wind conditions by the Race Committee prior to the race start:

### Course 1

A. Start between government marks 1LE (LL#: 21225) and 4 (LL#: 21233) in Middle Branch (near cruise ship terminal)

Locust Point East Channel Buoy green 1LE, 39° 15.39' N and 076° 35.48' W

Locust Point East Channel Buoy red 4, 39° 15.52' N and 076° 35.42' W

B. Leave FM channel buoy (LL#: 8315) to starboard

Ft McHenry Angle Junction Lighted Buoy green-red FM, 39° 15.40' N and 076° 34.31' W

C. Round R4 Curtis Bay channel buoy (LL#: 20885) to starboard

Curtis Bay Channel Buoy red 4, 39° 13.36' N and 076° 32.86' W

D. Leave FM channel buoy (LL#: 8315) to starboard

Ft McHenry Angle Junction Lighted Buoy green-red FM, 39° 15.40' N and 076° 34.31' W

E. Round NH split channel marker (LL#: 21360) to port

NW Harbor Channel Junction Lighted Buoy red-green NH 39° 16.21' N and 076° 34.57' W

F. Leave NW Harbor Channel buoy green 7 (LL#: 21345) to starboard

NW Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy green 7, 39° 16.08' N and 076° 34.61' W

G. Leave NW Harbor Channel buoy green 5 (LL#: 21340) to starboard

NW Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy 5 39° 15.95' N and 076° 34.56' W

H. Leave NW Harbor Channel buoy green 3 (LL#: 21335) to starboard

NW Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy green 3, 39° 15.62' N and 076° 34.54' W

I. Finish (up river) between government marks 1LE (LL#: 21225) and 4 (LL#: 21233) in Middle Branch

Locust Point East Channel Buoy green 1LE, 39° 15.39' N and 076° 35.48' W

Locust Point East Channel Buoy red 4, 39° 15.52' N and 076° 35.42' W

### Course 2 (shorter)

A. Start between government marks 1LE (LL#: 21225) and 4 (LL#: 21233) in Middle Branch (near cruise ship terminal)

Locust Point East Channel Buoy green 1LE, 39° 15.39' N and 076° 35.48' W

Locust Point East Channel Buoy red 4, 39° 15.52' N and 076° 35.42' W

B. Leave FM channel buoy (LL#: 8315) to starboard

Ft McHenry Angle Junction Lighted Buoy green-red FM, 39° 15.40' N and 076° 34.31' W

**C. Round Fort McHenry Channel Lighted G15 buoy (LL#: 8295) to starboard**

Ft McHenry Channel Buoy green 15, 39° 14.78' N 076° 33.67' W

**D. Round FM channel buoy (LL#: 8315) to port**

Ft McHenry Angle Junction Lighted Buoy green-red FM, 39° 15.40' N and 076° 34.31' W

H. Leave NW Harbor Channel buoy green 3 (LL#: 21335) to starboard

NW Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy green 3, 39° 15.62' N and 076° 34.54' W

I. Finish (up river) between government marks 1LE (LL#: 21225) and 4 (LL#: 21233) in Middle Branch

Locust Point East Channel Buoy green 1LE, 39° 15.39' N and 076° 35.48' W

Locust Point East Channel Buoy red 4, 39° 15.52' N and 076° 35.42' W

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 The penalties are as follows: Any physical contact between boats will result in getting a score of DSQ for both boats. Other rule violations of Section 2 will result in 30 second time addition to the finish time per infraction unless a one-turn penalty is taken.
- 11.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.3 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **12 SCORING**

The scoring system is as follows: First finishing boat will be assigned a score of 1. Low Point Scoring System is used. Finish order of the boats after the PHRF-based adjustments will determine the results of the race.

## **13 BERTHING**

Boats (up to 60 ft) may be docked at the **C dock** left and right sides at **Port Covington Marina** during the after race party. Check for availability since it is first-come-first-served.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 14.1 The race committee will use VHF Ch 69. Failure to receive a hail or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
- 14.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 14.3 All boats shall carry a working marine VHF radio capable of communicating on standard marine frequencies.

## **15 PRIZES**

No prizes will be given.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, fatigue, loss of balance on an unstable platform resulting in increased risk of injury. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **17 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability. Copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the Organizing Authority.

## **18 VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

- 18.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
- 18.2 Competitors may be required to carry a GPS tracking device system on board while racing.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact [skipper@sailbp.com](mailto:skipper@sailbp.com).