

2024 Magothy River Wednesday Night Races

Wednesdays: **April 24 – September 25, 2024**

ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

Magothy River Sailing Association, Inc. · Potapskut Sailing Association
Gibson Island Yacht Club · Yacht Club of Cape Saint Claire

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 as published with the current amendments and associated prescriptions of the US Sailing Association.
- 1.2. PHRF of the Chesapeake and Chesapeake Multihull Association (CMA) rules will apply except as modified in the Sailing Instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. All boats owners must be members in good standing of at least one of the following clubs: Magothy River Sailing Association (MRSA), Potapskut Sailing Association (PSA), Gibson Island Yacht Squadron (GIYS), Yacht Club of Cape St. Claire (YCCSC), or invited guests.
- 2.2. A current and valid PHRF certificate or CMA rating must be available prior to the first race of the season unless arrangements have been made with the Race Committee Chair prior to competing in any race.
- 2.3. Registration will be available on or about **March 13, 2024**.
- 2.4. Payment: On Line or by Mail:
 - 2.4.1. Mail Entry form and check to: John Nicholson
183 Doncaster Rd
Arnold, MD 21012
 - 2.4.2. Online Entry at: www.magothysailing.org

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry Fee: Full Series: \$135, Single Series: \$45

4. RACE COMMITTEE

- 4.1. Annual Race Committee duty is required for all participants and registration isn't complete until the participant has signed up for a RC date. Sailors new to Race Committee Duties should contact the Rear Commodore for training and support.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 5.1. The event will consist of five series:
 - 5.1.1. Series 1 – April 24 – May 22
 - 5.1.2. Series 2 – May 29 – June 26
 - 5.1.3. Series 3 – July 3 – July 31
 - 5.1.4. Series 4 – Aug 7 – Sept 4
 - 5.1.5. Series 5 – Sept 11 – Sept 25

- 5.2. Rendezvous is at 1730 hours in the vicinity of Magothy River Mark "A". The approximate time of the attention signal for racing is 1805 for Series 1-4 and 1755 for Series 5.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located electronically at www.magothysailing.org and emailed to registered skippers no later than 2000 hours on **Monday, April 10, 2024**.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. The racing area shall be the Magothy River and the Chesapeake Bay from the mouth of the Magothy River to Baltimore Light.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Competitors will sail courses which shall be designated by letters and numbers displayed on the Race Committee boat and as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. CLASS SPLITS

- 9.1. The Organizing Authority retains the right to determine eligible Classes, Class Splits and Code Flags. It is anticipated that we will offer starts in the following classes which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions: Spinnaker, Multihull, and Non-Spinnaker.
- 9.2. At the discretion of the Rear Commodore, groups of boats with at least five paid entries may be scored as a sub-class or offered a separate start.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply, as further specified in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. RRS Appendix A4, the Low Point System, will apply.
- 11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores if four (4) or fewer races are completed. One (1) race score, except for DSQs, will be excluded if five (5) races are completed.
- 11.3. Pursuit Races will be scored in order of fleet finish overall and for each individual Class.
- 11.4. Corrected times for all classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time scoring.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1. All boats shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Nearshore races except as modified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.2. GALE WARNING - If at 1600 on any race day, a gale warning is in effect for the scheduled day and time of the race, the race will be abandoned.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1. On the water, race committee may make courtesy broadcasts on VHF radio channel 72.

14. SOCIAL

- 14.1. A raft-up social event will be conducted weather permitting several times during the season and will be announced in advance via email.
- 14.2. The End of the Season party will be in October and will be included on the Racing Schedule to be published at www.magothysailing.org

15. AWARDS

15.1. Awards will be based on the number of boats competing for each series. Details about awards, including any special awards, will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. Competitors participate at their own risk.

16.2. RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained prior to, during or after the event.

17. INFORMATION

17.1. For more information, email John Nicholson at race_committee@magothysailing.org or call at 410-241-6927.