

CHESAPEAKE BAY MODEL RACING ASSOCIATION

2009 EC12 ANNAPOLIS REGATTA

OCTOBER 24 – 25, 2009

The Chesapeake Bay Model Racing Association welcomes all qualified entrants to the 2009 Annapolis EC12 Regatta, hosted at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis, Maryland. This event is intended for everyone's enjoyment, from the experienced to the novice. It is the hope of this club that all participants in this annual event will foster seamanship and sportsmanship.

Sportsmanship and the Rules:

A body of rules governs competitors in the sport of sailing that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty or retire from the competition. Above all ...Have fun and good luck!

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

This regatta will be governed by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including appendix E, Radio-Controlled Boat Racing Rules and the prescriptions of the East Coast 12 Meter (EC12) Class Rules and specifications except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions or approved by the Race Committee Chairman.

MARKS: Boats may touch marks of the course accept for the starting and finishing marks. This amends Rule 31

2 ENTRIES / QUALIFICATION:

Registration: Eligible boats and qualified competitors may be entered in this regatta by completing registration with the race committee. The race committee officials will be accepting all registrations at "Regatta Headquarters".

Boats: Eligibility requirements for boats are that they must conform to the current EC12 class rules and specifications and display their appropriate class registration and sail number.

Competitors: Eligibility requirements for qualified competitors are that they are registered EC12 owners skippering a class registered EC12.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted at the Race Director's Stand designated at the pre-race skipper's meeting.

There will be a pre-race skipper's meeting thirty minutes before the first start at regatta headquarters on each day of racing. The course selection for this regatta will be determined by the race committee officials and posted. The Race Committee Chairman, as needed, may appoint a race director and race officer(s) to officiate and judge the races. The Race Committee Chairman or one person, as appointed, may act as the race committee and/or race director. The Race Director shall be empowered as the judging authority in the absence of judge(s). Officials may not be competitors.

Race Committee:

Ernest Freeland

Race Committee Chairman

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted one half hour before the first heat start on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted one half hour before the first heat start on the day it will take effect. Changes may also be made verbally by the Race Committee Chairman.

5 RACING AREA:

The race venue will be on Mezick Pond in Sandy Point State Park Annapolis, Maryland. The race committee reserves the right to move the sailing venue pending weather.

6 THE COURSE:

6.1 Windward/Leeward Offset Course shall be used, unless facilities or conditions mandate otherwise. The course for each heat is to be determined prior to the start of that heat. Courses will be denoted by color-coded marks and or numbered marks.

The Windward/Leeward Offset Course shall be a beat to the windward mark, a short reach to the gybe/offset mark, a run to the leeward mark, a short reach to the offset mark a beat to the windward mark, a short reach to the gybe/offset mark, a run to the leeward mark, and a beat to the finish line. (This course may be shortened to a Winward, Leward, Winward, finish in the Middle)

6.2 Marks will be rounded to port unless otherwise specified at the skipper's meeting, and/or as indicated and posted at the Race Director's Stand.

6.3 If the conditions dictate other courses may be used and will be announced.

Sailing the course will be governed by all applicable ISAF rules including Rule

6.4 A course may be changed or shortened by the Race Director's verbal announcement prior to the starting sequence or at any mark of the course that has not yet been rounded after the starting signal. This changes Rule 33.

6.5 The course will be laid out with one end for the committee. Then there will be multiple marks set out with colors and/or numbers to designate between them. The Race committee will define which start/Finish marks will be used and the windward and leeward mark pairs to be used. This will allow the committee to provide the competitors as much racing as possible with minimal down time. An example of a posted race course will be as follows – SL,3,4,7,8,3,4,7,8,SL

Please see attached diagram for a sample course layout.

7 FORMAT:

The regatta will be sailed in a single fleet if registrations are 17-20 boats or less. The regatta will be sailed in a promotion relegation format for the entire regatta if the above conditions are met.

8 MARKS:

The marks and pins may be repositioned to adjust for a change in conditions only after the last boat finishes her heat and before the next starting sequence begins.

9 THE START:

Each heat will be started at the designated start mark. A readiness announcement will be made fifteen seconds before each starting sequence commencement. A two-minute starting sequence will be used. Starting signals will be audible prompts. This modifies Rule E3.5

Note: Skippers are allowed to request one five-minute hold/delay per regatta.

There after each starting sequence will commence a few minutes after the completion of a heat unless delays are requested.

Delays requested for maintenance shall postpone a starting sequence for no more than a total of five minutes. Delays requested for repair of sustained damage arising from right-of-way conflicts shall be governed by the racing rules.

10 THE FINISH:

The race will be finished at the designated finish mark. The Race Director will record the finishes and results will be determined. Results will be made available as soon as possible after the final heat of each day.

11 PROTESTS:

When protesting or hailing another boat please use the sail number of the yacht you are hailing. Example: "STARBOARD 956" or "238 is requesting room from 956 at the mark."

If you are the boat that has committed the foul you must complete your circle at the earliest opportunity on the current leg of the course. Once you have completed your circles please hail that you have completed the circles. EXAMPLE: "956 has done her circle."

Remember it is faster to sail clean and avoid situations then it is to get involved in them and get distracted by the ongoing "conversations."

Formal protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Director's Stand at Regatta Headquarters. Formal protests shall be delivered to the race committee no more than thirty minutes after the last heat on the day the alleged infraction occurred. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in part 5 of the Model Yachting Racing Rules. Protest forms are not required for informal protests. The protesting skipper must notify both the race director and boat being protested of the nature and intent to protest before the start of the next heat or 5 minutes after the completion of the last heat, whichever is earlier.

Turn penalties required will be 360° and consist of a tack and a gybe. This amends Rule 44.

12 SCORING:

12.1 It is the committees intention to sail as many races as the time allows per the Notice of Race. Or as amended by the Race Director.

12.2 Each boat starting and finishing in a heat, and not thereafter retired or being disqualified, will be scored points as follows...

First Place	=	1.00 Points
Second Place	=	2.00 Points
Third Place	=	3.00 Points
Fourth Place	=	4.00 Points

Each finishing place thereafter adds 1 point. Boats not so scored that come to the starting area (DNS) will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of all boats that came to the starting area for the heat. Boats that did not come to the starting area (DNC) will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the regatta. A boat disqualified (DSQ) will be scored points for the finishing place four more than the total number of boats entered in the regatta. All other boats will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the total number of boats that entered in the regatta. Abbreviations to be used are...

DNC	=	Did not come to the starting area.
DNS	=	Did not start.
OCS	=	On the coarse side of the starting line.
DNF	=	Did not finish.
RET	=	Retired after finishing. (all heats)
DNR	=	Did not race (withdraw)
DSQ	=	Disqualified not discardable
DND	=	Disqualification not discardable because of rule A1.3.

RDG = Redress given.

A minimum total of 5 races comprised of 1, 2 or 3 heats shall be required for this regatta.

A boat retiring from a competition (RET) shall be so scored in all heats where she participated and shall be scored as not racing (DNR) in all subsequent heats. A boat may discard her worst scores in the final tabulation of her regatta score, except that disqualification alone (DSQ) or under rule 2 or rule 42 when rule 67 applies (DND) shall not be discardable. The number of discardable scores earned will be determined using the following throw-out schedule.

Number of Races	Throw-outs	Number of Races	Throw-outs
6	1	18	3
12	2	24	4

13 PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the skipper's placing first, through fifth place in this regatta, as well as a perpetual trophy to the winner. The prizes will be awarded to the winners after the end of the last heat of the regatta at the awards presentation meeting in the designated area, time and place to be announced.

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