

# Annapolis Yacht Club Build-a-Boat Regatta Sika Challenge Cup June 24-25, 2006

## Sailing Instructions for Wind Propulsion Class

**Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by these sailing instructions.

**Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board is the bulletin board outside the club at the lower level entrance to the Skipjack.

**Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 15 minutes before the race in which it will take effect. A signal flag will be hoisted at the AYC clubhouse yardarm with one horn sound if a change is posted. The Race Committee may elect to inform competitors of changes to the Race Instructions verbally via loud hailer prior to the start of the race in which the change will take effect.

**Signals made ashore:** Will be displayed from the AYC clubhouse yardarm.

**Schedule of races:** The first race is scheduled to start at 1320. A second and third race may be run if there is time. Second and third races (if run) will be announced by loud hail or over the Build-A-Boat (BAB) PA.

**Racing Area:** Annapolis Harbor in front of AYC between the Eastport Bridge and the Chart House Restaurant.

**The Start:** The start/finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the end of the “L” dock, or on a boat moored at the “L” dock, and the downstream edge of an orange cylinder “pin” mark in Spa Creek. The starting sound signals will be as follows:

Starting Sequence	
Time Before Start	Signal
2 minutes	2 long sounds
1½ minutes	1 long sound and 1 short sound
1 minute	1 long sound
30 seconds	3 short sounds
20 seconds	2 short sounds
10 seconds	1 short sound
5 – 0 seconds	5 short sounds at one second intervals and 1 long sound at the start

Boats (including all parts of the hull, crew, equipment, etc.) must be completely behind the starting line at the starting signal. Boats On Course Side (OCS) at the start will be called by loud hail. An OCS boat may restart or continue racing and be assessed a penalty. The penalty for an OCS boat that does not restart will be a minimum of 1 place at the finish. No penalty will be assessed if all boats are OCS. This penalty may be increased up to complete disqualification as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Race Committee (e.g., a racer half way down the first leg of the course).

**The Course:** From the start, proceed to the single green cylinder buoy, round to port and return to start/finish line. The Race Committee will announce at the start how many laps (up and back) will constitute the race. There may be a different number of laps for each race.

**The Finish:** The finish line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the end of the “L” dock, or on a boat moored at the “L” dock, and the downstream edge of an orange cylinder “pin” mark in Spa Creek. The boat is finished when any part of the boat or crew in its normal racing position crosses the finish line (i.e., the crew may not extend a bow sprit or throw a part across the finish line to gain an advantage). Finished boats must clear the finish line and attempt not to interfere with boats still racing. Any boat not clearing the finish line in a timely manor may be penalized or disqualified by the race committee.

**Penalty system:** The Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3) will apply.

**Propulsion:** Ordinary propulsion is solely by means of wind on the sails. Extraordinary propulsion includes ordinary and any non-mechanized propulsion (e.g., paddling, rowing, sculling, etc.). Boats will be permitted to carry 1 paddle to assist when *extraordinary propulsion* is permitted. The paddle is not required to be manufactured from the BAB material list. See “Time Limits” for *extraordinary propulsion* limitations. This changes RRS 42.

**Time Limits:** The following time limits apply. Fifteen minutes after the start a whistle will sound and an announcement will be made that any boat not around the first mark may use *extraordinary propulsion*. Crews of boats not around the first mark may paddle until the boat no longer overlaps the first mark. Thirty-five minutes after the start, 2 whistles will sound and boats may paddle to the finish line. Changes to these instructions may be made at the skippers meeting depending on conditions.

Protests and Requests for Redress may be permitted at the discretion of the judges. This changes RRS 60.1

**Scoring:** The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

**Safety Regulations:**

All crew **must wear** a PFD.

Paddles may not be used as weapons.

# Sailing Course Diagram

