



2026 SCC EWE Spirit Cup

Saturday, May 16, 2026

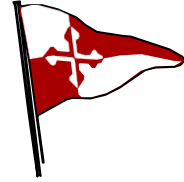
Organization Authority:

Sailing Club of the Chesapeake

Annapolis, MD USA

<http://scc1944.clubexpress.com>

CBYRA Sanctioned Event #306



In Support of the EWE Spirit Foundation

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. All times are US Eastern Time

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. The US Sailing SER "Nearshore Safety Equipment Requirements" apply and confirm or supplement the USCG requirements and the Racing Rules of Sailing except as amended by specific class association rules.

2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on April 30, 2026 at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50644>.

3 Communication

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta website: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50644>.

Any signals made ashore will be virtual and posted on the official notice board on the regatta website.

The race committee intends to make all announcements to competitors via VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 65, 68, 69, 71, 72 and 73.

4 Eligibility and Online Entry

The regatta is open to any wind-powered vessel. Assigned ratings may be implemented if a boat does not have a current rating or may be placed in a Portsmouth Yardstick Class with a Portsmouth Number at the discretion of the organizing authority. Assigned handicaps will be posted on the notice board by 1200 Thursday May 14, 2026.

One-design scoring is offered to any class with five (5) or more entries by 1700 May 12, 2026. Harbor 20s and Melges 15s will race on a separate River course. Spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be offered.

J/105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J-105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 3C. J-105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>.

Boats wishing to enter must register online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50644>.

All entries must be made via the link above. Harbor 20s and Melges 15s should register for the River Division and all other classes for the Pursuit Division.

5 Fees

Entry Due: 1700 Wednesday May 13, 2026

Entry Fee: \$40 (\$35 with \$5 CBYRA member discount)

Late Fee: \$15 additional for all entries after May 6, 2026

All proceeds will benefit the EWE Spirit Foundation <https://www.ewespirit.org/>. The EWE Spirit Foundation's mission is to honor the legacy of Geoff Ewenson by helping those facing immediate hardship bridge financial and social support gaps through mentorship, outreach, and direct financial assistance, thus creating a kind world where everyone has the resources, assistance, and opportunity to live with dignity, hope, and joy.

Please consider fundraising as an individual or a team! Fundraising begins April 17, 2026. See <https://www.ewespirit.org/ewe-spirit-cup> for details.

6 Crew Limitations

You may sail with as many or few crew as you feel comfortable.

7 Schedule

Pursuit Division: The Warning signal will be made at 1200 Saturday, May 16, 2026 at GC"7" off Horn Point. Racing will be a pursuit style start. The starting sequence will be posted 24 hours prior to the start.

River Division: River Division will have a separate course for the Harbor 20s and the Melges 15s, and any other small one design class with five (5) or more entries. The Warning signal will be made at 1200 Saturday, May 16, 2026. River Division will utilize the RRS Appendix U (e.g., three (3) minute dinghy style) start and drop mark WL courses. Please remain in the vicinity of the start/finish line after the first race. Subsequent starts will be shortly after the last finisher. As many as three (3) races per class will be held.

8 Class Flags

Class flags shall be flown in accordance with CBYRA Green Book.

9 Racing Area

Pursuit Division: The racing area will be the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay between Sandy Point and Hackett's Point.

River Division: The racing area will be the Severn River off Bembe Beach, east of Horn Point.

10 Course and Marks

The following marks shall always be passed on the channel side **for all keelboat classes**.

- "1AH" at Tolly Point
- FL R 6S 15ft 4M "4" off Greenbury Point
- FL 6s 15ft 4M "HP", a.k.a. the shoal pole

Pursuit Division:

The course will consist of a triangle with three (3) vertices:

- GC "1" off Hackett's Point
- GR C "SR" approximately 700 yards SSE of Thomas Point Lighthouse
- GC "7" approximately 500 yards NE by E of the Horn Point "shoal pole"

Alternate mark for smaller boats and/or lighter winds forecast:

- FL R 2.5s R"2" at the mouth of the Severn River

The attached diagrams (**Appendix A**) show the course marks. All marks shall be rounded to port. The course length and specific marks to be used will be posted 24 hours prior to the start.

The course may be sailed in either direction, except for the J/105 class. For the J/105 class, all boats will sail the course in the same direction. The course direction for the J/105 class will be announced via VHF prior to the first warning signal of the day.

River Division:

The course will be WL around drop marks. The course length and configuration will be announced prior to the start. The intent is to sail three (3) races of about 30 minutes each.

11 Starting and Finishing Lines

Pursuit Division:

The start/finish line shall lie between GC"7" and an orange flag on the Race Committee boat.

River Division:

The start/finish line shall lie between a drop mark and an orange flag on the Race Committee boat.

12 Time Limit

Any yacht not finishing by 1630 Saturday, May 16, 2026 will be scored TLE.

13 Protests

This is supposed to be fun. Please sail with a sense of sportsmanship! If you break a rule or foul another boat, please take your penalties on the water. Otherwise, if you must, file electronically using [US Sailing 2025-Hearing Request Form FINAL.pdf](#).

14 Scoring

Pursuit Division: Only one (1) race will be held. Boats will be scored by class in the order of their finish. Finishes will be scored using PHRF ratings as appropriate.

River Division: Three (3) races are planned. One (1) race shall constitute a regatta. Boats will be scored by class in the order of their finish.

15 Awards

La Spirit BEER by Forward Brewing! For all sailors of legal drinking age, to be collected after finishing from a separate Race Committee boat approximately 50 yards NW of the finish line. Enjoy it responsibly!

Awards to be presented include (but may not be limited to):

- The team that raises the most money,
- The individual with the highest number of donations, and
- Top finishes for Spin, Non-Spin and One-Design fleets.

Information on additional social activities will be posted on the event site

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=50644> and will be scheduled immediately after racing (approximately 4:00pm at Horn Point Marina, 105 Eastern Ave Annapolis 21403) to announce winners and present awards for top fundraisers. Additional prizes may be awarded (e.g., Best Stepping Out Shirt, Best Vans, Best Dressed Crew). Swag can be ordered from <https://www.ewespirit.org/ewe-stuff>

16 Regatta Spirit

Join sailors, race committee, and other friends of EWE Spirit for the **Fundraising Kickoff**, Sunday, March 22, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Forward Brewing, 418 Fourth Street, Eastport (forwardeastport.com). Any skipper who has previously sailed in the regatta who brings a new skipper to register will get 50% off their entry fee as does the new skipper! Two for the price of one (only applies to March 22nd registrations).

Every registered skipper attending the Kickoff will also receive a complimentary beer. Cash bar and awesome food will be for sale at Forward, as always.

Come to the Kickoff dressed in EWE Spirit gear or refresh your EWE Spirit wardrobe there.

This event will be sailed under the EWE Flag, which means we will be sailing under the Eleven Commandments of Sailing, like EWE.

Sail like EWE did. Live like EWE did.

1. I will commit to making sailing better for everyone.
2. I will mentor young sailors and help them gain access to big boat sailing.
3. I will help people in the boat park and on the dock.
4. I will welcome new boat owners to the fleet, introduce them to other owners, and help them learn the fleet culture and how to make their new boats go better.
5. I will learn the racing rules of sailing.
6. I will put safety first and wear my life jacket when I should.
7. I will make time to connect with anyone I got into it on the racecourse with and shake their hand, buy them a beer, etc. Even if we are headed for the room, I will remember we are all out there for the same thing—to have fun—and that we just saw things differently.
8. I will thank the race committee, volunteers and sponsors and will go to the regatta party to interact with them and other sailors.
9. I will fly the EWE flag (or sport other EWE gear) to show that I sail like EWE did, and I will always be watching, ready to catch others sailing like EWE did. When I do, I'll thank them.

10. I will support the mission of the EWE Spirit Foundation on and off the water.
11. I will not forget how lucky I am to be able to sail like EWE did.

17 Contact

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Appendix A – Course Diagram

