

2018-19 SOLING WINTER SERIES, ICE BOWL, AND YACHT AMERICA TROPHY

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. Schedule and Registration

Winter Series racing for the SSA Chesapeake Soling Fleet will be conducted beginning with the Ice Bowl Distance Race on January 1st through the final weekend in March.

Winter Series Dates

(All dates are Saturdays)

Jan 1 (Ice Bowl) (or 5th TBD by Fleet)

Jan 26

Feb 16

Mar 9

Mar 30 (Yacht America Trophy)

Special Events – Separate Awards

Ice Bowl – Jan 1 – Distance Race (or 5th TBD) (See separate NOR for the Ice Bowl)

Yacht America Trophy – Mar 30 – 4 Race Series – Low Score – no throw out

Special events are not counted in the Winter Series scoring. Perpetual trophies are awarded to the winner of the Ice Bowl and the Yacht America Trophy

Registration

Participant registration shall be made separately for the winter series, the Ice Bowl, and the Yacht America Trophy.

Registration for the winter series sailing shall use the standard SSA paper form and shall include skipper and crew names with cell phone contact. If during the series the skipper changes crew, or there are additional boats/crews sailing, a paper form shall be completed. All paper forms shall be provided to the fleet captain as he will be scoring the series.

Registrations for the Ice Bowl and the Yacht America Trophy events will be made on-line.

2. Scoring

a. Race scoring - Low point system with points awarded equal to the finishing place and DNF scored as one point more than last to finish. Only boats that cross the starting line to start are scored. In lieu of circles for satisfying sailing infractions, a boat who elects to accept a penalty shall be scored 2 places below her finishing position

(2nd becomes 4th) and does not affect the scores of other boats. Flags are not required to lodge or acknowledge a penalty.

b. Winter Series Scoring - The lowest average score wins. Total points accumulated minus the three highest scoring races (i.e. 3 throw outs) divided by the number of races started. Scoring qualification requires starting in 50% or more of the races conducted. For boats that rotate helmsmen, the boat will be counted for the Winter Series scores.

c. Special Events - Ice Bowl, finishing place is scored position (only one race). The Yacht America Trophy will be low point total based on races sailed with no throw out.

3. Race Management

All races will be held off of Bembe Beach.

Up to Four (4) races per day are anticipated.

For each day of racing, each competitor shall check-out prior to leaving the dock at the check-out board located at SSA. Names of all crew with cell phone contact information shall be left at the checkout board.

Three (3) boats minimum needed for a start of a race

All races will be windward-leeward - each leg approximately ¼-mile in length - twice around, finishing downwind across the starting line. All marks will be orange cylinders or balls (except that occasionally when government marks are ideally positioned to be weather marks, they will be so used and all competitors will be notified before the start).

Races will not be shortened, but may be abandoned. Time limit for each race is 60 minutes. Finish in-place will NOT be used.

The first start each day may be a practice start and all subsequent starts will be for racing.

First start - 12:00 Noon

Final start - no later than 3:00PM

Racing will be conducted when three (3) or more competing boats are at the club, rigged, in the water, and ready for racing.

The Race Officer and his assistants will set the marks to establish the course, record the finishing position of each competitor, announce the Last Race of the Day and, if indicated, (after consultation) announce the use of a government mark as a weather mark.

The last boat to round the last weather mark of the last race of the day, SHALL recover the weather mark (unless it is a government mark), return it to SSA and store it properly. By recovering the weather mark, he/she need not finish the race, as he/she will, as a consequence of his generous action, be awarded one place better than last (in a tie with the last actual finisher) place.

Upon arrival at SSA after racing, participating yachts shall check back in at the checkout board.

4. Starting Signals

As soon as competitors see the RC boat laying the starting mark, they should gather at the starting site (so that a race may be started promptly).

b. The starting signals may be made with a Freon horn, a whistle, or an Ollie. A series of sounds will be made to alert competitors as to the start of the upcoming 5 minute sequence. The 5 minute sequence will start from the last blast of a series of five short blasts. An orange flag on a pole will be raised at five minute signal and lowered at 1 minute signal. A sound signal and raising of the orange flag will be performed at the start of the race.

Alert Signal - series of short blast made before the Five Minute Signal

Five Minute Signal -	Five short blasts/flag hoist
Four Minute Signal -	Ones short blast
One Minute Signal -	One short blast/flag lowered
Starting Signal -	One long blast/flag raised

5. Rules

The Racing Rules of Sailing, the ISA rules, the Severn Sailing Association Standard Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions. In case of conflict these sailing instructions shall take precedent.

These instructions will govern all racing with the following exceptions:

No limitations on sails

All ISA and SSA safety rules will be observed

Life Jackets with a whistle shall be worn at all times

Wet or dry suits shall be worn at all times by all competitors while racing

VHF Radios (Ch 65A) optional, but recommended. If no radio, a cell phone must be onboard each yacht and an RC cell phone contact shall be carried.

6. Weather

Prior to leaving the dock (approximately 1130), a weather briefing will be provided by the fleet captain to all competitors and the RC. The weather briefing will at a minimum include the most current data from the Annapolis weather buoy and the National Weather forecast for the day of racing. The fleet captain will make the decision on whether to hold racing on any given day.

Racing will **NOT** be conducted or will be discontinued when the wind chill factor drops below the following:

a. Wind velocity/temp forecast for race time (1200) - above 12 knots and less than 32 degrees F. (i.e., when hiking is required in freezing conditions)

b. Wind velocity/temp forecast for race time - above 15 knots and less than 40 degrees F. (i.e., wet and cold!)

c. Wind velocity forecast for race time (regardless of temperature) - steady wind or gusts greater than 20 knots

Racing underway that is abandoned when any of these conditions arise will be relayed to the fleet by the RC using the appropriate flag and a sound signal, as well as notification over VHF radio.

If racing is questionable for a given day or event, all skippers shall coordinate via phone or email for a consensus to abandon racing as early as possible but no later than noon on the Friday before the day of racing.

Any races cancelled or abandoned due to too much wind, lack of wind, inclement weather, or frozen water, will not be rescheduled. The Ice Bowl will be rescheduled to another date if not possible to be held on the scheduled date. The Yacht America Trophy event will not be rescheduled if cancelled.

7. Post-Race Meeting

After each day of racing the competitors will gather at the clubhouse and discuss the racing. The winner and the loser of each race is expected to describe how and why they did what they did and to answer questions. Let's do this!!!!

In accordance with the schedule below "boats" are asked to provide beer and chips/snacks for the post-race meeting. Reschedule your day with another skipper if you will not be racing that day.

Snack Schedule - Winter Series - 2017-2018

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Beer/Snack Providers</u>
Ice Bowl	January 1 (or 5 th)	All
Yacht America	March 30	Van Gieson
Jan 26		Dize
Feb 16		Thomas
Mar 9		Vickery