

# Francis Scott Key Classic *(race back from Baltimore)*

## Notice of Race/GSI Amendment



### ROCK CREEK RACING ASSOCIATION

Sunday 20 October 2024

**Sanction #: 109**

- Entry Due:** Thursday 17 October 2024 **Entry Fee:** \$40 (\$5 CBYRA Discount)
- Online Entry:** Available at RCRA web site [www.rockcreekracing.org/sailing-instructions.html](http://www.rockcreekracing.org/sailing-instructions.html)
- SI's:** This NOR along with the *CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions* shall constitute the Sailing Instructions for this event.
- Eligibility:** This regatta is open to all boats of the following Classes: PHRF (A,B,C), CRCA, and Multihull (A&B). Class splits will be assigned based on regatta registration with a minimum of three boats in each class. Classes with at least three participants will be added upon request to the Race Committee Chairperson. Requests shall be made by email by 20:00 October 17, 2024.
- Notice Board:** Race announcements, changes to SI's and Amendments will be posted on RCRA's website by 2200 the day preceding the event. Oral changes to the SI's may occur on the water prior to the Warning Signal.
- Radio:** Boats shall monitor VHF 72 for communications from the Race Committee, including on water changes to the SI's.
- Rendezvous:** At 1030 in the vicinity of **Francis Scott Key Buoy** (red, white & blue nun - location: N39°13.45' W076°31.71'). The buoy marks the spot where the ship carrying Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner", was anchored during the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812
- Start:** Between yellow flag on Race Committee boat and Francis Scott Key Buoy or nearby government mark.
- Signals:** RRS26 (Starting times) will be announced by 22:00 October 19, 2024
- Course:** Designated by letters displayed on Race Committee boat, as further described in the *CBYRA Green Book General Sailing Instructions* and Region 2 Baltimore Harbor and Patapsco River Standard Racing Marks.
- Finish:** Between yellow flag on Race Committee boat and Region 2 Baltimore Harbor and Patapsco River Standard Racing Mark "K" (G"23"). Course may be shortened at any designated course mark. Boats not finishing are requested to notify Race Committee boat on VHF Channel 72.
- Time Limit:** 4 hours.
- Scoring:** Assignment to a specific class division will be based on participation and is not grounds for redress
- PHRF** - Scoring, class rules and boat ratings as per PHRF of the Chesapeake Class Rules. Random Leg rating, Time-on-Distance. PHRF CCNS fleet shall be limited to one headsail flown at a time except for cutter rigs as noted.
- CRCA** – Scoring and ratings will be in conformance with class rules, Time-on-Time. Entrants using ORR-Ez ratings shall comply with the ORR-Ez Rulebook and CRCA Class Rules. CRCA class sail configuration, Spin vs Non-Spin, shall be made by Friday October 18 23:59.
- Multihull** – Scoring, class rules and boat ratings as per The Chesapeake Multi-Hull Association, Time-on-Time.
- Protests:** Protester should immediately notify Race Committee boat upon finishing. Written protest forms must be postmarked by Tuesday 22 October 2024 to the contact listed above. Protester and protested will be notified of the time and place of the protest hearing.
- Weather:** If a gale warning or higher issued by the national Weather Service is in effect for the racing area on the day of the race by 2000 on Saturday October 19, 2024, the race will be cancelled and notification posted on [www.rockcreekracing.org](http://www.rockcreekracing.org).

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup>/3, 2<sup>nd</sup>/5 & 3<sup>rd</sup>/7+ Starters. Awards will be presented at RCRA's Annual Awards Dinner.

**Other:** Additional information may be found at [www.rockcreekracing.org](http://www.rockcreekracing.org). Race back from the BCYA *Baltimore Harbor Cup* [www.bcya.com](http://www.bcya.com).

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