



RBSA Annual Member's Meeting

18 Apr 2026



RBSA Goals



- Provide an enriching sailing/racing experience for all members, regardless of experience or boat type
- Maintain the RBSA camaraderie amongst all sailors in the traditional Corinthian manner
- Accommodate the needs/desires of all of our members while maintaining the positive growth of the club in recent years

Agenda



- Introductions & Board – Richard
- Board Meetings in December and March -- Richard
- 2026 Schedule – Richard
- Treasurer’s Report -- Dave
- Updates -- Richard
 - New SI’s
 - Current Certs needed
 - RRS & Protests
 - Decision – Should RBSA require boats to have liability insurance that covers racing?
- PRO Report
- Other items

2026 RBSA Board and Other Volunteers –



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- Commodore -- Richard Turman (*Lark*)
 - Rear Commodore – Gray Shannahan (*Apollo*)
 - Vice Commodore – Dan Flagler (*Flagfest*)
 - Treasurer -- David Switzer (*Swift*)
 - Secretary -- Steve Wilkinson (*Lark*)
 - Past Two Commodores – Chris Drury (*Hie*) & Don Snelgrove (*Himmel*)
 - Principal Race Officer – Mark Oursler (*Merlin*)
 - 1st Start Rep – Patrick Hylant (*Moxie*)
 - 2nd Start Rep – Jeff Colborn (*NAIAD*)
 - 3rd Start Rep – Jim Hyatt (*Jambo*)
 - Assisting RBSA:
 - Scorekeeping – Marcos Sirota, Steve Wilkinson
 - Linstead Cup – Gray Shannahan
 - Race Marks – Marcos Sirota
 - Public Relations – Gray Shannahan
 - Chief Information Technology Officer – Dave Malfroy

2026 Schedule



- Wednesday racing starts on April 22 and continues through September 30
- Linstead Cup – June 27
- CRASH – August 22
- Continuing RBSA tradition: twilight start/night race – October 2
- 3 x Pizza Socials – first race of Series 2, 3, and 4, weather permitting, at Linstead dock
- Awards Ceremony – October
- Friday Races – not on schedule, since races have not been held these since 2023. If three boats commit to several Friday races, we'll be happy to put on the schedule. Contact Richard.

Treasurer's Report (1 of 2)



- Checking account balance: \$2,698.
- In 2026 so far, we have 15 paid up Regular Members and 6 paid up Associate Members.
 - Note: We need the signatures of all skippers on the RBSA application form for liability reasons
- Nine Boats (that are expected to race) still remain unpaid. Boats whose dues remain unpaid will be marked DNC, Did Not Compete.
- Encourage your crew to join; unlimited access to website/scoring!

Treasurer's Report – (2 of 2)



Dues Amounts & How to Pay

- *Cash/Check* for \$100 for Regular members and \$15 for Associates
- *Paypal* payments for \$102 and \$17, respectively

1) Zelle

- through your Zelle app or your bank app, the email linked to our Zelle account at Truist Bank is roundbaysailing@gmail.com.
- Send an email to roundbaysailing@gmail.com, stating the boat name and your name

2) Paypal https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=DYENVSBXVRQU4

- Include boat and your name in 'notes' section of Paypal

Updated SI's Released 4/13/2026



- RBSA Board approved updated SI's; see RBSA website. The changes:
 - Clarify that Chesapeake is a boat/skipper and an award, not a fleet or a class. Goal remains same – give newer racers an opportunity to compete as a subgroup.
 - TLE (time limited expired) of 45 minutes now applies to all three starts.
 - Formalize recent efforts to keep the 2nd and 3rd starts even in terms of # of boats, so neither start is too large. In general, boats below the 50%tile last year are in second start and boats above the 50%tile are in the third start – based on season-long *outcomes*.
 - A boat declaring a protest during a race must hail “Protest” and display a red protest flag at the first reasonable opportunity, *per RRS*; RBSA does not exclude boats under 20’.
 - Added to our SI's: 14.2. Consistent with RRS 60.2(c), if at the time of the incident it is obvious to a protesting boat that a member of either crew is in danger, or that injury or serious damage has resulted, rules 60.2(a) and 60.2(b) do not apply to her, but she shall attempt to inform the other boat within the protest time limit of her intention to protest.

RBSA Needs Your Current CERTS



- To score Wednesday races, RBSA needs current PHRF (Long Course fleet) and EZ (Standard Course) certs as I alerted you on February 10.
- Ensure PRO Mark Oursler has your current certs.
- Linstead and CRASH are scored with PHRF; get a cert if you want to be scored.

Racing Rules of Sailing & Protests



- RBSA follows RRS with a few changes noted in SI's. RRS say:
- *SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES* Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when a boat breaks a rule and is not exonerated, she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.
- When in doubt, do your turn(s).
- To protest, after hailing and raising red flag, file form on website timely, submit to Commodore, Vice Commodore & PRO.
- RBSA Protest Committee comprised of past Commodores

Decision – Should RBSA Require Boats to Have Liability Insurance that Covers Racing in 2027?



- Board reviewed and discussed extensively at March meeting.
- Board voted 7-2 to approve proposal to require boats racing in RBSA events to have \$300,000 in liability insurance that covers racing with an effective date of 2027.
- Board recommended issue be brought to fleet at Skipper's Meeting for a vote.
- For Discussion and Vote.

Principal Race Officer (PRO) Report



- Course Matrix unchanged from last season
- Starting sequence recording unchanged from last season
- EZ and PHRF Chesapeake Certification Status
 - Per SI's, a boat won't be scored in races sailed prior to when you provide your cert electronically to the PRO
- Race Management Instructions will be posted on website
 - Will summarize on subsequent slides

Starts and Scoring



- Starts
 - First Start: 1800, Long Course
 - Second Start: 1805, Standard Course (per SIs, ~lower 50% from previous year and all Chesapeake boats)
 - Third Start: 1810, Standard Course (per SIs, ~upper 50% from previous year)
 - Colored streamers no longer required as identifier for start
 - Starts are 15 minutes earlier for fourth series of the year, which starts August 26.
- “Long Course Fleet” PHRF (ToT) and “Standard Course Fleet” EZ (ToT)
 - Only J27 equivalent and faster are to sail Long Course
 - Skipper must decide, by Series, whether Long or Standard course via email to PRO and acknowledged 24 hour prior to first race of Series



2026 Fleet Start Assignments (per SI's and listed alphabetically)

Long Course Fleet(Start 1)

A L'Assaut
Apollo
Himmel
Honey Badger
Lightfoot
Moxie
Rosalita
Seamma

Standard Course (Start 2)

Elara (Atwell)
Flagfest
Persistence (Carolan)
La Dolce Vita (Johns)
Sem Freio
Winsome Ride
Fast Forward (no contact)
Pegasus (no contact)

Standard Course (Start 3)

Chessie Warrior
Five Cubed
Hie
Jambo
Lark
Merlin
Quintet
Swift

Race Schedule and RC Assignments



- Need to have paid dues and have username/password to get full website access
 - Sailing Instructions, Prescribed Courses, etc. are posted under “Resources/Forms” tab
- Note your RC assignment(s)
 - Skipper is responsible for any switches – notify Turman/Oursler for web update
 - Website RC assignments should always be accurate

The screenshot shows the RBSA website's navigation menu with tabs for HOME, RACE EVENTS, CHARTS, FLEET, GALLERY, AWARDS, WEATHER, IN THE NEWS..., and RESOURCES/FORMS. The RESOURCES/FORMS tab is active. Below the navigation, there are links for 'My account' and 'Log out'. The main content area is titled 'Resources' and includes 'View', 'Edit', and 'Track' buttons. A note states: 'Below you can find some common reference items and race special instructions. The items below will open in a new window.' A list of links follows:

- [Skipper's Meeting slides- 9 Apr 2022](#)
- [Membership Form](#)
- [Prescribed Course Recommendations as of 2023](#)
- [Marker Positions and Map as of 2023 \(latitude/longitude\)](#)
- [RC Instructions](#)
- [Quick Reference Guide for Start Procedures](#)
- [Sailing Instructions](#)
- [Protest/Redress form](#)
- [Audio file for Starting Sequence](#)
- [Linstead Cup Special Instructions \(SI's\)](#)
- [CRASH Sailing Instructions](#)
- [2013 RBSA Yearbook \(OLD-for reference only\)](#)
- [RBSA By-laws](#)

Course Matrix- Unchanged for 2026



- Courses given brief designations (e.g., A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, V1, V2, V3, V4...)
 - Letter designates the start mark
 - Number designates the course (Long Course/Standard Course)(e.g., A1 designates a different course for Long Course than it does for Standard Course)
 - 130 possible courses based on wind direction and speed
 - All port mark roundings
 - Both courses must finish at same mark so race management is possible using a single RC vessel
- The PRO will designate the course to be used for each race prior to the posting of the course by the on-water RC. The on-water RC retains all other race management responsibilities

VHF Radio



- VHF Radio is Mandatory for each vessel and RC.
 - Monitor **VHF Channel 68** (deconflicted with AYC, Magothy racing)
- Intended use:
 - Course selection communications from PRO to on-water RC
 - RC announcement of race starting mark and course
 - RC broadcast of countdown recording
 - Communication of real-time race decisions by RC: postponement, abandon race, shorten course
 - The only approved use by other RBSA boats is to indicate distress (capsize help, etc.)
- Countdown Recording and Horns will continue to be used for race start timing
 - RC On station, Postpone, Abandon, Over Early, and Shorten Course Flags will be displayed
 - Starting flags acceptable for high winds when sound signals are ineffective

Race Management



- RC are the most important people on the water; 60-80 people are depending on you to prepare and to do your best to do the job well; read the Race Management Instructions
- A week or more before the race
 - Line up a powerboat and at least two people to help you perform RC duties
 - Load the starting sequence audio file onto the smartphone you will have with you. Listen to it all the way through. Consider a bluetooth speaker for onboard.
- On Race Day, monitor weather conditions/predictions for the Round Bay area (radar, NWS)
 - Expected wind direction and strength during the time of the race, likelihood of storms
 - Bring your own digital watch that displays to the second and your fully charged VHF radio
 - You will need a larger than normal anchor to hold position at Mark A in wind over about 6 kt
- Pick up the RC gear at the Linstead Pier by boat at least one hour before the first start
 - Combo is **X-X-X-X**: Race board bag, box of placards, gear box, flag bag. Lock the lock back on the hasp

Race Management (continued)



- The PRO will request wind readings from you out on the course and then will relay the selected course to you via VHF
- Set anchor near the selected starting mark so the line is perpendicular to the wind, which is usually not the heading to the first mark
 - Except at mark N, position the RC boat so that boats will leave the starting mark to their port when crossing the start line headed toward the first mark
- Display the RC “On Station Flag”, transmit “RC on station” on VHF
- Prep the Course Board to display the course designation provided by the PRO
- Mark the boats on the RBSA score sheet as they arrive
 - Non-Spin boats must hail and declare Non-Spin; no hail means Spinnaker. Mark the “Spin Y/N” column appropriately

Race Management (continued)



- Display the Course Board on the side of your boat away from the Start Line before the Four Horns signal
- Use the handheld anemometer and fill in the Wind Speed Log Sheet
- Don't start a race in less than 2 kts of wind – it is unlikely to get better
 - OK to Postpone if wind is expected to fill in; abandon if there is no real chance of improvement
- Use your smartphone to observe the weather radar; don't start a race if a thunderstorm is visible or is directly approaching on the radar
 - Rain and wind without thunderstorm is not a reason to abandon the race
- Use appropriate Flags and use VHF only to advise competitors of race changes
- Assign one person for starting sequence and VHF and horn, one for score sheet and wind sheet and sighting the line, and one for flags and anemometer and sighting the line

Race Management (continued)



- Start playback of the audio file at about 7 min before the desired first start time
 - Consider use of your RC Boat speakers or a Bluetooth speaker
 - The recording has a five second chime during dead-air time to let you know it is running
 - Everything is timed to the second
- Follow the recorded instructions until the third start is completed
 - The Starting horn for the first start is the Warning horn for the second start and so on such that all three starts are separated by 5:00
 - Do not stop or pause the playback of the recording
 - If anything goes awry, sound two horns for general recall and start over prior to the warning horn instruction in the audio file
 - If this happens after Start 1 has started, the recall is for Start 2 and 3; if after Start 2 has started, the recall is for Start 3 only.

Race Management (continued)



- At each start signal, call out the sail numbers for any boats over early, if any, or call out “all clear” and repeat over the VHF
 - Make a note of a boat that starts in the wrong start on the score sheet and record their finish time.
 - If a boat that declared Non-Spin flies a Spin, make a note of that on the score sheet.
- If needed, move decisively to shorten course before either leading boat in Long Course or Standard Course gets to the new finish mark
 - Keep track of the lead boat throughout the race in both Long Course and Standard Course
 - Watch the wind and radar; dying breeze and/or approaching thunderstorm are reasons to shorten course.
- Use the VHF to advise the competitors of changes, otherwise stay off VHF and don't respond to VHF Hails except from the PRO or in case of emergency

Race Management (continued)



- Use the hand-held anemometer to measure wind speed and fill in the appropriate spot on the wind sheet
- Record finish times using the same timepiece in time of day in hh:mm:ss
- Review the entire scoresheet to ensure that it is complete, accurate, and legible
- Image the score sheet with your smartphone and text to the scorer whose name and phone number is shown in the upper right corner of the scoresheet
- Return to Linstead pier and stow all gear and lock the locker
 - Make a note of anything that is broken or missing or horn canisters out of propellant or out of blank scoresheets and email me at rbsamarko@gmail.com

Good Looking Score and Wind Sheets



Complete,
Legible,
accurate, and
image texted
from the boat
to the
scorekeeper
before leaving
the race
course.

RBSA Score Sheet 2023 Version 5/31/23

Series/Race: 3/6 Race Committee Boat Name: SWIFT

Posted Course: B6

List each mark eliminated if the course was shortened.

Complete Wind Data Sheet at 10 min intervals from time of first start – time of last finish

Record Start and Finish Times in Time-of-Day hh:mm:ss from the same time source

Start time (L): 18:49:49 Start time (C): 18:51:49 Start time (S): 18:57:49

Boat Name	Sail No.	Type	Fleet	Spin	y/n	Finish time
A L'Assaut	52621	Dufour 40	L			20:14:47
Himmel	51639	Dehler 39	L			20:18:12
Lightfoot	43393	Olson 30	L			20:15:43
Moxie	68722	J-122e	L			20:22:37
Pegasus	41393	C&C 35-3	L			
Revenge	63031	J-27	L			20:27:36
Rosalite	111	J-29	L			20:18:41
Rum Puppy	321	J-105	L			
Seamma	3386	J-27	L			
To The Moon	121	Ultimate 20	L			20:22:09
Equipose	21757	Sabre 34	C			
Gilded Lady	93682	Merit 22	C			
High Cotton	D6	Buzzard Bay 25	C			
Honey Badger		Corsair 750	C			19:42:49
Island Time	none	Tartan 30	C			
Jambo	594	Cal 2-27	C			
Lark	6	Tartan 245	C			19:49:16
Norbuketaka	11	Rhodes 41	C			19:51:45
Naiad	1984	Catalina 30 Tall	C			20:09:26
Privateer	83488	Colgate 26	C			
Sem Freio	61585	Beneteau 27	C			
Spirit		Ticon 30	C			
T2	13855	Lightning	C			
Unbound		Harbor 25	C			
Fearless				N		19:54:11
Five Cubed	125	Johnson 18	S			14:50:27 19:15:137
Flagfest	93187	Pearson 31-2	S			19:58:06 19:58:06
Hie	102	Johnson 18	S			19:51:43 19:51:43
Merlin	727	Catalina 27	S			19:51:51
Quintet	1297	Cal 25	S			
Swift	1311	Capri 22	S			
Winsome Ride	93677	Bavaria 46	S			19:54:35

Text or Email to:
Dave Malfroy
(315) 382-8576
dave.malfroy@gmail.com

RBSA Wind Data Sheet

This sheet is to be used by the on water Race Committee using the hand held anemometer or by boats on the race course so equipped to record True Wind Speed measurements.

In most cases where the wind is fluctuating, it will be best to have a crew member observe the display for 30 seconds and the record the max and min wind observed during that minute rather than record the wind at the times in the table and continue recording until the last boat has finished (in the case of race boat, record until you leave Round Bay).

Before going home, please text an image to Mark Oursler at 240-461-6250 or email to mark.a.oursler@gmail.com

Date in mm/dd/yyyy: 9-27-23

Wind Direction (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW): NE

Time of Day	Minimum True Wind (kts) over One Minute	Maximum True Wind (kts) Over One Minute	Notes
1800	5.5	6.5	
1810	5.8	8.0	
1820	4.8	5.9	
1830	4.8	6.6	
1840	4.9	6.6	
1850	6.0	8.2	
1900	6.0	8.2	
1910	5.2	7.0	
1920	4.7	5.6	
1930	4.2	5.9	
1940	3.9	5.9	
1950	4.5	5.9	
2000	4.7	5.6	
2010			
2020			
2030			
2040			
2050			
2100			

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Series Scoring Rules



- Series are scored by low point, with one drop race
 - DNC - number of boats in series plus 1
 - DNF, DNS. RAF - number of boats in the starting area plus 1
 - TLE - number of boats finishing within the time limit plus 2 but not higher than the number of boats in the race
 - Race Committee - average of other races in the series (after throwout)
 - Series awards given to top two boats in both Long Course and Standard Course

Season High Point Scoring Rules



- Race Score
 - One point for starting a race, One point for finishing a race without DSQ, One point for each boat beaten in that race
- Long Course and Standard Course Wednesday Season HP calculated separately as:
 - Numerator: Sum of all of a boat's Wednesday Race Scores for the year. Denominator: Sum of the Race Scores had the boat won all the Wednesday races she started added to the number of Wednesday Races held during the season
 - A perfect High Point score occurs when a boat beats every boat they raced against for the entire year. The numerical value of the perfect score depends on the number of races, number of participants, and the number of boats beat.
 - Drops based upon number of races sailed
- Overall Season High Point (combined Long Course and Standard Course) - rank ordering of the Normalized High Point scores across the entire club
 - A normalized score is the boat's high point score divided by the perfect high point score for their start (Long Course or Standard Course)
- Chesapeake Award to Chesapeake boat with the highest High Point Score

RaceQs – no replacement on the horizon



- RaceQs no longer supported by developer and no longer displays multiple boats on racecourse.
- RaceQs still works if already installed on your phone.
- Free alternatives that provide fleet displays of multiple boats on racecourse not yet found.

Share Race Photos to our Google Drive



- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H2yAaUE-Numii8Alej8yVZAmHTXhTewJ?usp=sharing>
- Gray Shannahan will use selected photos/videos for social media/articles

Need Crew or Interested in Joining Crew?



- Let/Turman/Snelgrove know
 - We will post to RBSA website tab
- **Also:** if your boat won't launch until May/June, volunteer to join a less experienced crew on their boat! - Let Turman/Snelgrove know.

The screenshot shows the RBSA website's 'Crew Wanted/Available - NEW!' page. The navigation bar includes links for HOME, RACE EVENTS, CHARTS, FLEET, GALLERY, AWARDS, WEATHER, IN THE NEWS..., RESOURCES/FORMS, and FAQ. Below the navigation bar, there are links for CONTACTS, CREW WANTED/AVAILABLE - NEW!, and MEMBERS LIST. The main content area has a 'View' button and a 'Track' button. The page displays two crew categories: 1. Crew Wanted by RBSA Skippers/Boats (None at this time) and 2. Crew that wish to join a RBSA boat for racing (Chris Hamilton, 301-642-8590, interested in joining a boat on a regular basis. Has experience on sailing 30 to 40' boats, but is rusty).

Let's Go Racing!



- Questions?