



63rd Down the Bay Race For the Virginia Cruising Cup

Race Announcement

HAMPTON YACHT CLUB / STORM TRYSAIL CLUB CHESAPEAKE STATION

Friday 25 May 2012

Sanction #408

Entry Due: Friday 04 May 2012

Entry Fee: USSA Member: \$170, Others: \$175
Late entries accepted until Wednesday 23 May 2012 with an additional \$50 fee.

Entry: Mail entry form to Hampton Yacht Club at the address below, or enter on-line at www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay

Send To: Hampton Yacht Club
4707 Victoria Boulevard
Hampton, VA 23669

Contact: Chauncey Wu: phone 757-890-2687, email downthebay@hamptonyc.com

Eligibility: This event is open to monohull boats that have a valid 2012 PHRF certificate issued by PHRF of the Chesapeake, one design and IRC (Standard Certificate) classes with 5 boats or more. Classes will be IRC, PHRF A, B, C, Non-Spinnaker (Two Headsails) and any one-design class that would like to compete with 5 boats or more.

Start: The check-in desk will be open from 1500 – 1800 on Thursday 24 May 2012 at J/Port, 213 Eastern Avenue, Eastport, MD (38° 58' 10" N, 076° 28' 39" W). The first warning signal will be at 1030 on Friday 25 May 2012.

Course: The race is a distance race from Annapolis to Hampton over an approximate distance of 123 nautical miles. The NOR containing additional course information is posted at www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay. The SI will be posted on or before 04 May 2012 at the race website.

Rules: All yachts must meet PHRF of the Chesapeake 4P safety requirements. RRS 51 and RRS 52 are waived for boats with moveable ballast reflected on their PHRF and/or IRC certificates.

Limitations: During the race contestants may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from public sources that are available to all competitors. Subscription, password-protected or restricted-access web pages, as well as phone conversations that contain any of the above information, are not allowed.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd awards in each class based on participation. In addition the boat with the fastest corrected PHRF time will be awarded the Virginia Cruising Cup. Boats competing in a one-design or IRC division that would like to compete for the Virginia Cruising Cup must have a valid 2012 PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate.

Socials: The pre-race party will be held from 1800 – 2000 on Thursday 24 May 2012 at J/Port. The post-race party will start at 1900 on Saturday 26 May 2012 at the Hampton Yacht Club.

Please check www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay for the latest information and updates.