

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT RACING FLEET

As amended February 16, 2008

ARTICLE I - NAME

The organization shall be known as the Rappahannock River Yacht Racing Fleet herein referred to as the "Fleet"

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

To encourage and promote the interclub racing of sailing yachts and yachting activities on the Rappahannock River and to foster high standards of race participation and race management consistent with the rules of the International Sailing Federation , US Sailing, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, class organizations, and the By- Laws of the Rappahannock River Yacht Racing Fleet.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership Requirements

Membership is open to any yacht club whose principal physical facility is located on the Rappahannock River or its tributaries, is a member in good standing of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, and whose racing yachts carry valid racing certificates.

2. Application for Membership

The applying yacht club's Chief Executive Officer shall request membership in the Fleet in a letter to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Fleet. The letter shall contain: the names, addresses and phone numbers of all elected officers, evidence that the yacht club is a member of CBYRA, a registry of all racing yachts carrying valid racing certificates.

The Fleet Executive Committee shall receive and review the application and give notice to all member clubs. The Executive Committee shall present the application to the Board of Trustees, Directors, or by any name they are known, of each member club not later than six weeks from the date on which it was received. The Boards of Trustees should review the application and vote to accept or reject the application. If no action is taken by a Board of Trustees within six weeks, a vote of rejection shall be considered implied, unless the said board has requested and been granted, by the Executive Committee, an extension of time in which to act. One year provisional membership shall be granted to any applying club that is approved by two-thirds of the member clubs. The Executive Committee shall initiate a review of the provisional member at the end of the one year period. Regular membership shall be granted to a club that is approved by two- thirds of the member clubs.

3. Dues

The annual dues for member clubs shall be an amount specified in the By-Laws payable to the Fleet on or before the 31st of January.

Yachts may be assessed an annual processing fee as specified in the By-Laws.

In addition to annual dues, a club approved for provisional membership shall be assessed an initiation fee as specified in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV - ADMINISTRATION

1. Management

The management shall be vested in an Executive Committee comprised of delegates from each member club.

2. Delegates

Each member club shall appoint a delegate and an alternate.

3. Voting

Each member club shall be entitled to one vote.

4. Executive Committee

The delegate appointed by each member club shall serve on the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the delegate of the club holding the Rappahannock Cup. The Vice-Chairman shall be the delegate from the club that is the immediate past-holder of the Rappahannock Cup.

5. Duties of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall:

- Develop and execute the policies of the Fleet

 - Coordinate all Fleet-sanctioned events

 - Administer all Fleet awards

 - Maintain a current fleet registry

 - Receive and review applications for membership

 - Annually distribute a calendar of Fleet-sanctioned events no later than April 1

6. Annual Meeting

The annual Meeting of the Fleet shall be held on the first Saturday of November, or any other Saturday in November that may be determined by the Executive Committee, at such a time and place as the Chairman of the Executive Committee shall designate and notice shall be sent to all member clubs 30 days prior to such a meeting. During the Annual Meeting the Executive Committee shall establish dates for any future meetings.

ARTICLE V - REGATTAS

1. Club-Organized Regattas

Each member club shall organize at least two CBYRA- Sanctioned Regattas.

2. Rappahannock Cup Regatta

Annually, the member club holding the Rappahannock Cup shall organize a two-day regatta to be held as specified in the By-Laws.

3. Rappahannock Cup Regatta – Fleet Size

In order to challenge or defend in the Rappahannock Cup Regatta, a member club shall meet the Least Fleet Size requirements for the primary class/division, as specified in the By-Laws.

4. Regatta Rules

All Fleet- sanctioned regattas shall be governed by the By-Laws of the Fleet.

5. Fleet-Sanctioned Regattas - Definition

The Rappahannock Cup Regatta, the CBYRA- Sanctioned Regattas, organized by member clubs, and any other yachting event so designated by the Executive Committee, shall be Fleet-sanctioned regattas.

ARTICLE VI - AWARDS

Club – Organized Regattas

Individual awards presented at club-organized Fleet-sanctioned regattas shall be the responsibility of the organizing authority.

High Point Awards

The High Point Awards shall be awarded based on the performance of individual yachts in each class/division as specified in the By-Laws.

Rappahannock Cup Regatta

All Individual Awards and High Point Awards shall be provided by the Fleet.

The Rappahannock Cup shall be awarded to the winning club immediately after the regatta and shall reside at the winning club until a challenging club earns the right of possession.

4. Rappahannock Cup

The Rappahannock Cup shall be a perpetual trophy.

ARTICLE VII - CONTINGENCIES

The Executive Committee has full authority to administer the routine activities of the Fleet. Any unusual circumstance deemed to have a major effect on the Fleet or any of its member clubs, which is not covered by the Fleet Constitution, Fleet By-Laws, International Sailing Federation Rules, US Sailing Rules, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Rules, or applicable class rules, shall be decided by a special Fleet Committee comprised of the following members and chaired by the Chairman of the Executive Committee: all Fleet delegates and alternates, the Commodores of all member clubs, and the Fleet Captains of all member clubs.

Contingencies may be initiated by any delegate and shall be at the call of the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

All decisions of the Special Fleet Committee shall be by a majority vote with each member club having one vote.

ARTICLE VIII - QUORUM AND NOTICE

A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a simple majority of the voting delegates representing each member club at any meeting thereof, and shall be necessary to conduct the affairs by the Fleet. A majority vote of the delegates representing each member club present shall be sufficient to pass any measure within the authority of the Executive Committee, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution or the By-Laws. Unless otherwise provided, all meetings shall be pursuant to a ten-day written notice by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a vote in favor of amendment by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. Such action of each club shall be by its Board of Trustees. Any proposed amendment must be initiated by majority action of the Executive Committee or by the Action of the Boards of Trustees of two member clubs. All such proposals shall be in writing and circulated to each member club's executive officer and each member club's response should also be in writing to the Executive Committee, within sixty days of receipt of such proposed amendment. Failure to respond within said sixty days shall be deemed a rejection of said proposal.

Witness the following signatures on this the 16th day of February 2008:

Commodore, Rappahannock River Yacht Club

Commodore, Yankee Point Yacht Club

BY-LAWS
OF THE
RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT RACING FLEET

As amended February 16, 2008

ARTICLE I - RACE MANAGEMENT

1. Rules

All Fleet-sanctioned regattas shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, applicable class rules and these By-Laws.

2. Eligibility

Fleet Registry – Yachts from member clubs with valid applicable racing certificates.

b. Rappahannock Cup Regatta – Any Yacht on the Fleet Registry holding a valid PHRF certificate. Participating yachts must be skippered and helmed at all times by a member of the club for which the yacht is sailing.

c. High Point – Any skipper/yacht on the Fleet Registry can qualify for high point awards. Points cannot be transferred or accumulated if a skipper changes yacht or a yacht changes skipper.

3. Race Committee

The club organizing a Fleet-sanctioned event shall manage the event. Any member club may place up to two observers on the committee boat during the Rappahannock Cup Regatta.

4. Class/Divisions

The classes/divisions of racing yachts that participate in the Rappahannock Cup shall be the classes/divisions that will meet the least fleet size provisions of these By-Laws. As a minimum a spinnaker and a non spinnaker class/division. Supplementary classes/divisions shall only be allowed in the Rappahannock Cup Regatta if a majority of clubs participating meet the least fleet size provisions.

5. Rappahannock Cup Regatta Schedule

The club holding the Rappahannock Cup each year shall organize a two-day race regatta to be on the fourth full weekend of October. The regatta is to have three races. One race will be considered a series. If because of weather conditions less than one race can be sailed, make-up for the missing race(s) to be sailed the following weekend, Saturday to be the preferred day.

6. Race Area

The Rappahannock Cup Regatta shall be held on the Rappahannock River south of the mouths of the Corrotoman River – “R”2 and Carters Creek, bordered on the west by approximately “R”6 – Towles Point, and on the east by approximately the Norris Bridge over the Rappahannock River.

7. Courses

All Fleet-sanctioned regattas shall be sailed on courses prescribed by applicable class rules.

8. Scoring

Individual Race

The yacht finishing first on corrected time shall be awarded 1 point. The yacht finishing second 2 points, third 3 points, and so forth.

Yachts which retire, are disqualified, or otherwise do not finish, shall be awarded points equal to the points awarded to the last place yacht plus one point. Yachts not starting shall be awarded points equal to the number of registrants in the race.

Ties

In the event of a tie, the points of the places in question shall be added together and each of the yachts shall be awarded an equal number of points.

Series

The scores of (both) all races shall be combined and the yachts with the lowest combined total shall be declared the winner. The yacht with second lowest combined total second on so forth.

Ties

In the event of a tie the yacht with the most first places shall be declared the winner. If the tie still exists the yacht with the most second places and so forth shall be declared the winner.. If a tie still exists the yacht which beat the other yacht in the race with the largest number of starters shall be declared the winner. If the tie still exists the yacht with the lowest combined time shall be declared the winner.

Rappahannock Cup – Individual Race

Least fleet size and number of yachts scored next year to be decided at the meeting 90 days prior to the regatta. If a club does not meet the minimum fleet size, the missing number of yachts will be scored as yachts not starting.

Yachts cannot change class during the regatta and the yachts must be skippered by the same individual throughout the regatta.

In the event of a tie, the points for the places in question shall be added together, and each yacht shall be awarded an equal number of points.

Rappahannock Cup – Series

The places determined in 8a of an equal number of best finishers from each club in each class/division shall be added together and the club with the lowest total shall be declared the winner.

Ties

In the event of a tie the club with the most scored finishers in each class/division in the first five places in all races shall be declared the winner. If the tie still exists the club with the lowest corrected time, based on all scored finishers, shall be declared the winner. If a tie still exists then the total number of yachts beaten by each scored finisher in each class/division from each club shall be totaled and the club which has beaten the most yachts shall be declared the winner.

High Point

All yachts shall be given one point for ranking as a starter, one point for finishing without disqualification, plus one point for each yacht she has beaten.

All yachts qualify as starters if started as defined in the definition section in "The Racing Rules of Sailing". Yachts which do not finish, retire, or are disqualified shall count as beaten yachts.

Yachts which are disqualified, or do not start shall receive zero points.

The yachts with the highest total of points shall be declared the winner.

Ties

In the event of a tie between two or more yachts the yacht which beats the other yacht the most times shall be declared the winner. If a tie still exists duplicate awards shall be given.

Races Scored

High Point shall be determined by a yachts best performance based upon 75% of the club- organized open CBYRA sanctioned regattas for each Class/Division.

9. Protests

The club managing the race shall appoint the Protest Committee Chairman. The committee shall be composed of an equal number of members from each member club that is represented in the event, plus the Chairman.

10. Appeals

The Fleet shall not hear appeals.

ARTICLE II -- AMENDMENTS

All amendments to the By-Laws shall be initiated by any delegate of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall circulate the amendments to all member clubs at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose of ratifying any proposed amendment.

Any amendment to the By-Laws shall be ratified by two-thirds of the delegates of the Executive Committee.

Amendments shall be effective upon ratification at the Annual Meeting or special meetings.

Delegates to any meeting of the Fleet shall have the right of proxy or alternate.

ARTICLE III - DUES

The annual dues for member yacht clubs shall be determined at the Annual Meeting
The annual processing fee for yachts participating for High Point Scoring shall be determined at the Annual Meeting
The provisional membership initiation fee shall be determined at the Annual Meeting

Witness the following signatures on this the 16th day of February, 2008:

Commodore, Rappahannock River Yacht Club

Commodore, Yankee Point Yacht Club