



2010 Race Series

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Schedule of Events:

Event / Location	Date	Fees *
BABA 1 - Gerry Brown Memorial Benefit Rocky Point Park	Apr 25, 2010	\$ 10.00 Donation to Johns Hopkins cancer research is tax deductible.
BABA 2 - Camp out Regatta Gunpowder State Park Lunch, Dinner	May 22, 2010	\$40.00 for BABA members for Both days \$45.00 for non-members for Both days
BABA 3 – Camp out Regatta Day Two Gunpowder State Park Lunch	May 23, 2010	Accommodations for all possible situations will be made at registration.
BABA 4 - Mayo Beach Park Lunch	Jun 6, 2010	\$15.00 Includes lunch and park entry fee
BABA 5 – Gunpowder State Park	Jun 27, 2010	\$5.00 for BABA members \$10.00 for non-members
BABA 6 - Gunpowder State Park	Jul 18, 2010	\$5.00 for BABA members \$10.00 for non-members
BABA 7 - East Coast Championships, NRT Mayo Beach Park Lunch, Dinner, Party	Sep 11, 2010	\$ to be announced
BABA 8 – East Coast Championships, NRT Day Two Mayo Beach Park Cont. Breakfast, Lunch	Sep 12, 2010	\$ to be announced

* Fees subject to change

Directions to Locations:

Gunpowder Falls State Park, Hammerman Area, Chase MD.

From I-95 North of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) take exit 67 East (Route 43) to US Rte 40 East (about one mile). Turn right at first traffic light (about 1/2 mile) onto Ebenezer Road. Follow Ebenezer Road about 4 miles to park on the left. Park entrance fee is \$3.00 per person. Multiple entries are charged.

Mayo Beach Park

Take Route 2 south of Annapolis towards Solomans Island. Turn Left on MD 214 (Central Ave.) Go past Mayo P. O., turn left on Triton Beach road, by old white country store. Follow signs to Mayo Beach Park at the end of Shoreham Beach road.

Rocky Point Park

Baltimore Beltway (I-695) to Exit 36 for Route 702 South Proceed south on Rt. 702 and continue with its merge with Back River Neck Road Stay on Back River Neck Road for 2.3 miles then make left onto Barrison Point Road Make right onto Rocky Point road and drive until you enter the park. Parking is on your right and it's a short walk.

General Time Schedule:

Registration	9:30 – 10:30 AM
Skipper's Meeting	10:30 AM
First signal for start sequence	11:00 AM

Time schedules may vary for some events. Be sure to check the BABA Web site or the Race Committee Notice Board.

Sailors missing registration must inform the committee boat of their sail number and class prior to starting.

Racing Classes:

Formula Fleet		White Flag
	Formula 31	3 sails, 1 board registered at beginning of the season no restriction on fins wind minimum, possible weight divisions
Longboard Fleet		Blue Flag
	7.5 Limited Class	Limited sail size to 7.5 SM or less
	7.5 Women's Limited Class	Limited sail size to 7.5 SM or less
	Open Unlimited Class	No limit on sail size
	Hybrid	Any board with a dagger board, i.e., RS-X, T-293, etc.
Novice Fleet		Red Flag
	Novice	No limit on sail size
	Junior	Under 16 Fun courses

Sailing Instructions

Note: All racers must have recognizable sail numbers in order to be scored. Alpha-numeric figures should be 10" tall and affixed to the starboard side of the sail. If on both sides, the starboard side should be higher.

1.0 Governed By

1.1 The regatta series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012(RRS), including Appendix B of the Racing Rules of Sailing, The Windsurfing Competition Rules and the Notice of Race, except as changed by these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 Rule 31 and B2.5 shall be changed to read: A board may touch any mark on the course other than start/finish marks and the committee boat but shall not hold on to them. Contact made with the committee boat, anything attached to the boat (such as a dingy, anchor lines, etc.) or the start/finish mark shall require a 360° penalty turn to be completed prior to continuing.

1.3 Rule 30.1 "The I Flag Rule" as modified here shall be in effect for all races. After the fleet preparatory signal, if any part of board, rig, racer, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, the racer shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.

1.4 Rule 30.3 "Black Flag Rule" does not apply.

1.5 Rule 42 "Propulsion" does not apply.

2.0 Scoring

2.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A as modified below will be used for all single race days or events as well as season score:

- 1st place 1 pt
- 2nd place 2 pts
- 3rd place 3 pts, etc....
- DNS the number of fleet finishers + 1
- DNF the number of fleet finishers + 1
- DSQ the number of registered sailors within the fleet + 2
- DNC (did not compete) the number of registered sailors within the fleet + 1

2.2 For each race, sailors will be scored within their starting fleet.

2.3 Race Event Scoring = sum of fleet finish positions (less throw outs) divided by the number of races (less throw outs)

2.4 Throw-Outs: Each event day, if five races are completed, there will be one throw-out; if ten races are completed, there will be two throw-outs.

2.5 A racer who does not finish must notify the boat or score keeper no later than 15 minutes after the last race, otherwise they will be scored as a DNS

3.0 A Racer must register and compete (or work on the committee boat) at 5 out of 8 events to be scored for the season.

4.0 Wind Minimums

4.1 8 mph for Formula Fleet, otherwise the Race Committee will determine if there is adequate wind.

4.2 The Race Committee will be the sole judge as to sufficient wind to start the other Fleets.

5.0 Courses

5.1 The Race Director will explain the course at the Skipper's Meeting.

5.2 It is the racers responsibility to know the course.

5.2 If there is a change of course prior to the start of a race the committee boat shall indicate a change of course with several short blasts and raising the "L" flag. All racers shall go to the committee boat for instructions.

6.0 Marks

6.1 The Race Director will identify all marks of the course at the Skipper's Meeting.

7.0 Time Limit

7.1 Racers who finish more than 20 minutes after the first finisher of their fleet will be scored DNF.

8.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

8.1 A boat intending to protest shall always inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity. When her *protest* concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall **hail** "Protest" at the first reasonable opportunity for each. If the other boat is beyond hailing distance the protesting boat need not hail but shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

8.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race committee table and logged there within thirty minutes of the time of the last finisher of the last race.

8.3 The Race Director is responsible for forming a Protest Committee. If possible this will be done the day of the race event. If the committee cannot meet on the day, the Race Director will notify the parties of the hearing date and/or conduct the hearing via e-mail.

8.4 PROTESTS ARE DISCOURAGED. These are "fun" races and sailors are advised to avoid collisions, know the Rules, and settle protests on the water via the 720° penalty turn. A Protest Committee may not be formed unless there is personal injury or property damage.

9.0 Penalty System

9.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or hailed for a *protest* while racing may take a penalty turn at the time of the incident to exonerate herself. Her penalty shall be a 720° turn (two tacks and two jibes) to be executed where she will not interfere with other boats racing.

10.0 Eligibility

10.1 Each racer must register and compete or work on the committee boat for **5** out of **8** Events to be eligible for Series Awards. Sign up sheet for race committee work will be at the registration table or contact the race director.

10.2 Competitors must be BABA members in good standing to receive an award for the season.

11.0 Awards

11.1 Trophies will be awarded three places deep in each qualifying class at the end of the season.

12.0 The Start

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flags* and sound</i>	<i>Class starting signal</i>		<i>Total Start Sequence</i>
Warning – Formula Fleet	White flag; 1 sound	5		11 min
Preparatory – Formula Fleet	Black flag; 1 sound	4		10 min
One-minute – Formula Fleet	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1		7 min
Starting - Formula Fleet Warning - Longboard Fleet	White flag removed; 1 sound Blue Flag up	0	3	6 min
Preparatory – Longboard Fleet	Black flag; 1 sound		2	5 min
One-minute – Longboard Fleet	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound		1	4 min
Starting - Longboard Fleet Warning - Novice Fleet	Blue flag removed; 1 sound Red Flag up		0 3	3 min
Preparatory – Novice Fleet	Black flag; 1 sound		2	2 min
One-minute – Novice Fleet	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound		1	1 min
30 sec	3 short whistles		30 sec	30 sec
20 sec	2 short whistles		20 sec	20 sec
10 sec	1 short whistle		10 sec	10 sec
Start - Novice Fleet	Red flag down		0	0

* All times are taken from visual signals (i.e. flags). Missing or incorrectly timed sound blasts or whistles should be disregarded.

12.1 The Race Committee may designate a different start sequence at the Skippers Meeting.

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