

# Kent Island Racing Fleet

## **2026 Frostbite Series** **Race Instructions, Notes & Entry Form**

This Annual Frostbite Series consists of 2 day races round the cans in Eastern Bay and the Chester River for the very elegant **KIRF Frostbite Challenge Trophy**. The races will be open to all comers.



### **1. COURSES & DATES**

Saturday, 10th.. October: South Narrows, Prospect Bay, Eastern Bay  
Start on Kirwan's Creek line

Saturday, 31st. October: North Narrows, Chester River  
Start on North Narrows line

The course will be selected to last no more than about 4 hours, depending on the wind conditions. The course will be selected from the KIRF Course List and announced no later than 15 minutes before the start time.

If possible, two courses will be used:

- Long course for boats rating up to PHRF 200
- Short course for boats rating over 201

The courses will be selected from the current KIRF Course List available at [www.kentislandsailing.org](http://www.kentislandsailing.org) depending on the weather conditions.

**2. HANDICAPPING.** PHRF Time On Time handicapping. If you want to race without a spinnaker you will need to elect to do so before the race start. When racing non-spinnaker only one headsail is permitted and you may use a pole.

### **3. POINTS SYSTEM.**

Low points wins; there will be no discards in the series. 1 point first, 2 points second, etc.,

A boat that did not start, did not finish or retired after finishing scores number of entries in the series + 1

A boat that is disqualified scores number of entries in the series + 2

### **4. AWARDS**

An anonymous donor has generously provided a very elegant Frostbite Challenge Trophy.

### **5. THE START & TIMEKEEPING**

Each race will start at 11:00 am. The time limit for all races will be 4pm.

The start signals will be sounded from the PRO's boat. The start sequence will be:

10:55 AM	5 minutes - Warning
10:56 AM	4 minutes - Preparatory
10:59 AM	1 minute – Ready
11:00 AM	Start!

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Keep your own time using accurate GPS time. Write down your time at the start and finish and make a note of the name and sail number of the boat ahead and the boat astern of you at the finish. Send your time information to kentislandsailing@gmail.com as soon as possible afterward so that we can calculate and circulate the results in a timely manner.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS.** All competitors should monitor channel 72 throughout the race to aid communication. All course changes, etc., will be called on 72 so listen up!

**7. SAFETY.** Each entrant will be responsible for all safety issues with respect to participation in the races and by participating agrees to hold the organizers harmless of all liability. It is required that all participants meet or exceed the ORC Category 4P safety equipment standards.

**Bad weather:** in the event of bad or threatening weather any skipper may, during one hour before the start of a race, call for a vote among participating skippers for postponement or abandonment of a race if the PRO has not already done so. The race will be postponed or abandoned on a majority vote. It is important to remember that under all circumstances each skipper has the final responsibility for the decision to race and for the safety of his boat and crew regardless of the outcome of such a vote or the actions of the PRO.

**8. IDENTIFICATION.**

All boats should fly their club burgee on their backstay as a racing identity. A list of entries will be circulated a few days before the race so that we can all recognize one another.

**9. PROTESTS.**

Protests should be filed on the day of the race and there will be no appeals process. The protest committee will consist of any race skippers (not involved in the dispute) that turn up with a beer in their hand.

**10 RACING RULES.** Unless otherwise stated herein the current ISAF rules shall apply.

**11 LIABILITY RELEASE.**

By participating in these races participants agree to hold Chris Bardwell-Jones, the Kent Island Racing Fleet and the organizers of these races harmless of all liability relating to these races.

**12 ENTRY FEE.**

The Frostbite Series race entry fee is included in the KIRF annual membership dues. For non-members the entry fee is \$10 for the series or \$5 for a single race. Payment should be made at the bar after the race. An equivalence in beer will be acceptable.

**13 AFTER RACE SOCIAL.**

There will be an impromptu beer & bite starting at around 6PM at the Kent Island Yacht Club. Non-members will be the guest of Chris Bardwell-Jones.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

For more information about racing and rating your boat please take some time to look at the following web sites:

Kent Island Racing Fleet: [www.kentislandsailing.org](http://www.kentislandsailing.org)  
Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association [www.cbyra.org](http://www.cbyra.org)  
PHRF Of The Chesapeake [www.phrfchesbay.com](http://www.phrfchesbay.com)  
ISAF The International Sailing Federation [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)

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## KENT ISLAND RACING FLEET ENTRY FORM

PLEASE EMAIL THE ENTRY FORM TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT PHRF RATING CERTIFICATE TO KENTISLANDSAILING@GMAIL.COM AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE THE START OF THE SERIES OR EVENT.

SERIES OR EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE FOR NON-KIRF MEMBERS - \$\_\_\_\_ FOR THE SERIES, \$\_\_\_\_ FOR A SINGLE RACE.

NAME OF SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BOAT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE/MODEL/CLASS OF BOAT: \_\_\_\_\_

LOA: \_\_\_\_\_ FEET

PHRF RATING: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF CERTIFICATE)

SAIL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to hold Chris Bardwell-Jones and the organizers of these races harmless of all liability relating to these races.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

PLEASE SEND TO [KentIslandSailing@gmail.com](mailto:KentIslandSailing@gmail.com)