



2018 Vic Smith Tuesday Night Trials

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Every Tuesday March 13 through November 6, 2018

Notice Of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 This series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Rule 26 is modified so that the start of all classes will be conducted using the Appendix U audible signal racing system. Rule 62.1 is changed in appendix U. The sound table given by appendix U may be modified by the sailing instructions for each series. The sailing instructions may also choose to reinstate Rule 26 or modify it in a different way for each series.
- 1.3 Unless changed in the sailing instructions Appendix U3 Sound Signal Table is Modified as Follows:
- | <u>Signal</u> | <u>Sound</u> | <u>Time Before Start</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Attention | Series of 3 Short Sounds | 10 seconds before warning |
| Warning | 1 long | 3 minutes |
| Preparatory | 1 short | 2 minutes |
| | 1 short | 1 minute |
| Starting | 1 long | 0 |
- The sound signal will be made over VHF as well as in the open air. Lack of an audio signal will not change the starting time, and the proper GPS time of the start will be the ultimate gauge of a proper start.
- 1.4 Appendix U is amended as follows:
- U6. The starting signal for the preceding class will be the warning signal for the next class and there will only be an attention signal for the first class.
- U7. A boat that is OCS (on course side of start line) at the start time must return to the pre start side of the start line.
- U8. The race committee may hail a boat as OCS but if the RC is not able to hail boats OCS they are responsible to police their own starts and make sure to start fairly. The fair start is subject to protest.
- 1.5 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6 Rule 87 is modified no class rules apply to the classes in this race.
- 1.7 Rule 32.2 is modified as follows: If the race committee elects to shorten the course it will announce the shortened course over VHF and will provide no other visual or audible signal.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats that can safely complete the course and has submitted information to the RC to establish a rating with the form available at: <https://redmatrix.us/wiki/mdrvmf/MDRVF%2BWiki/Rating%2BWorksheet>
The race committee may reject entries they consider not able to meet the above requirement. If this information is not provided the RC will establish a rating with what information it has available.
- 2.2 Each entrant will need to join the MDRVMF for an annual cost of \$20. The fee for each race will be \$1. A \$50 payment can be made to cover the membership fee and all 34 races for the season. The first warm up series is free and a temporary membership in the MDRVMF is given for free during the warm up series.
- 2.3 For boats that may be sailing with different skippers throughout the season, the boat may be registered instead of the skipper.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The 3 classes in the series will be Performance, Cruising A, and Cruising B. Other classes can be created by the RC if there is sufficient interest. The classes do not conform to any class rules and all ratings are assigned by the RC.
- 3.2 The classes and order of starts for the classes will be stated in the Sailing Instructions and may change from series to series. The handicaps will be adjusted from race to race in Cruising A and B to balance competition,

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The exact times of starts will be in the sailing instructions for each series. The season will consist of 34 races. The racing will be each Tuesday from March 13 through November 6, 2018. There will be a free warm up series of 4 races

with no awards and not counting toward season point count which will be series 0, and will be 4 races. There will be 6 series of 5 races each which will count towards awards.

- 4.2 The first starting classes starting time will be 17:58 and each class will start three minutes after the class before. Starting times and order may be changed in the sailing instructions.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Sailing instructions will be posted to the website at <http://mdrvmf.org> - updates and changes may be posted up to 8pm the night before any race. Racers are responsible to check for updated instructions.
- 5.2 Each series will have a different set of sailing instructions.
- 5.3 The RC can modify the sailing instructions by notifying the fleet over VHF prior to the start of any race.

6. COURSES

- 6.1 Each series will have a different set of sailing instructions and may have a different set of courses.

7. SCORING

- 7.1 High point Appendix A scoring will be used. Each boat will be scored with 1 point for each boat they finish ahead of in their class, including boats scored DNF and DNS.
- 7.2 All races sailed will count. Boats not participating in a race that are not present on race day in the area of the start will be scored DNC and given 0 points.
- 7.3 Any boat that is present in the area of the start a race will be scored at least 1 point. A boat that does not finish will be scored DNF and will be awarded 1 point. A boat that is present in the starting area and does not start will be scored DNS and will be awarded 1 point.
- 7.4 If a race is abandoned no score will be given for the race for any boat.
- 7.5 A boat must participate in 3 races in a series in order to be considered for series awards. If a race is abandoned in a series, the number of races needed for consideration is reduced by the number of races abandoned.
- 7.6 If a boat participates in more than one class during a series, it cannot be considered for any awards in that series.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 The race committee will communicate with the fleet via **VHF on Channel 71** to make adjustments to the course and communicate with the fleet. Each boat shall monitor channel 71 for information and updates unless the channel is changed in the sailing instructions.

9. RACE COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The MDRVFMF Race Chair (Michael McKinsey) will be the Primary Race Officer (PRO) for the series and will have final decision on the methods for protests, the final sailing instructions for each series, and any decisions on the water.
- 9.2 The race committee responsibilities, including the planning of the courses for each series, the recording of the finish times over VHF and any other tasks associated with race committee may be assigned to skippers or crew of the boats including while they are racing in the series themselves and may be rotated throughout the season at the discretion of the PRO.

10. FINISHING

- 10.1 The race committee may not be present at the finish line. Each boat will be responsible to record their finish time in addition to reporting their finish over VHF as stated below.
- 10.2 Every boat when it is within 1 minute of finishing will announce over VHF "[boat name] approaching", if multiple boats are approaching at the same time, the boat closest to the finish may announce approaching for all the boats approaching to avoid more than one boat transmitting at the same time.
- 10.3 When the boat has finished according the definition of Finish in RRS definitions, she shall announce "[boat name] mark" over VHF. If the RC does not acknowledge and repeat the finish time for the boat over VHF the boat shall record their own finish time and provide it as soon as possible to the RC.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Trophies will be awarded for each boat that finishes first, second or third in their class in a series (one trophy will be awarded per boat with a note of all series placed in). Trophies will also be awarded for total point leaders in first second and third place in each class across all series. The details of the trophies will be decided at MDRVFMF fleet meetings, and usually all trophies will be awarded at the dinner after the end of the season.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in this series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this series to the fullest extent permitted by law.