

CHESSS Class Racing Rules- 2016

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1. **Safety- CHESSS follows U.S. Sailing, PHRF of the Chesapeake and CMA rules with the following additions:**
 - 1.1 Jacklines or anchor points shall always be rigged. Anchor points must be spaced to allow the person to remain attached while moving between anchor points.
 - 1.2 Harnesses and tethers or PFD's with an integral harness shall be worn at night or when sails are reefed and must be on the boat in sufficient quantities for all crew members.
 - 1.3 A DSC capable VHF radio shall be accessible from the cockpit.
 - 1.4 CHESSS Sailors may communicate with each other via VHF. Conversation shall be limited to safety advice and welfare checks. This modifies RRS Rule 41.
 - 1.5 CHESSS encourages that Harnesses and tethers and/or PFD's be worn at all times while racing.

2. **Sail & Equipment Specifications- CHESSS currently follows PHRF of the Chesapeake and CMA Equipment Specifications with the following modifications:**
 - 2.1 Sail Changes will be permitted as they are limited within rules contained within the CBYRA Green Book for Spinnaker classes and as permitted for the Non-Spinnaker classes. Sail changes for boats with a furler credit will only be permitted as allowed within the PHRF of the Chesapeake restrictions associated with that credit.
Changing to a storm sail will not be considered as a sail change. Flying multiple head sails **during a sail change** is not a violation against flying multiple jibs from the same stay.
 - 2.2 Auto pilots, Tiller Pilots and wind vanes are authorized for all CHESSS divisions.
 - 2.3 Electric winches are authorized, subject to the PHRF rating penalty for stored energy.

3. **Crew Limits-** All vessels are limited to a maximum of 2 actively participating crew. One non-participating person up to 12 years of age or one CHESSS Board approved non-participant may be aboard during racing.

4. **Divisions-** The CHESSS class is divided into Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Multi-hull divisions. Single and double handers shall compete against each other in these divisions. There will be a rating adjustment for single-handed participants racing against double-hand crewed vessels (Note: A rating adjustment will be discussed and approved at the 2016 CHESSS Spring Meeting). Multi-hull vessels may compete in all CHESSS exclusive-sanctioned races, but may NOT compete in the CHESSS division in any CBYRA-sanctioned race where a CMA class exists.

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5. **CHESSESS Class Identification-** CHESSESS is authorized by CBYRA to fly 3rd Repeater.

During CHESSESS only-sanctioned races:

5.1 Spinnaker division shall fly 3rd Repeater.

5.2 Non-Spinnaker division shall fly 3rd Repeater, with a plain, white flag beneath.

5.3 Multi-hull division shall fly 3rd Repeater.

5.4 During CBYRA-sanctioned races, the class flag shall be set by the NOR and SI's of the hosting club.

6. **Ratings-**

6.1 When participating in CBYRA-sanctioned races, CHESSESS members shall race under a valid PHRF certificate.

6.2 When participating in CHESSESS only-sanctioned races, CMA, PHRF, or other rating systems ratings may be used, providing that all members in a division use the same rating system. Monohulls will be required to have a valid PHRF certificate. When there is a multi-hull fleet of 3 multihull competitors or more, multihulls can also race under a CMA rating certificate.

6.3 Multi-hulls will use the special PHRF ratings specifically created by PHRF of the Chesapeake for use with CHESSESS when competing directly against CHESSESS monohulls when there are insufficient numbers multi-hulls to form a division.