

2021 Triple Tunnel Terror Race

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*.

2 SCHEDULE

- 2.1** A mandatory skippers' meeting to discuss start times and procedures, marks, and courses will be held at 1830 on 23 July 2021 at the wooden gazebo on the north side of the Hampton Yacht Club property (near F dock). Start times will be given out at this meeting and posted on the CCVRacing.us web site. Complimentary beer and hot dogs will be available for all attendees, including any crew.
- 2.2** Racing will begin with the first start at 0900 but actual start times for each boat will vary according to their rating and class (PHRF A, B/C, and Non-spin, CRCA Spin and Non-spin, and multihull).
- 2.3** After crossing the finish line and completing the race, each boat will receive a cold bottle of champagne.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1** On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

4 COURSE

- 4.1** For all classes: from the start at CCVR Harbor Mark H (Hampton Flats Buoy 20) the course has three rounding marks:

Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel: Green 1 ER (Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Buoy 1 ER)

Monitor-Merrimac Bridge-Tunnel: Red 12 (Newport News Channel Lighted Buoy 12)

Midtown Tunnel: Red 32 (Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Buoy 32)

There is no prescribed course, you can round the marks in any direction or order as long as you do round all three (if a string trails behind your boat when you start and after finishing you pull it tight it will touch all three of the rounding marks), then finish at the start, CCVR Harbor Mark H. The official course length is 22 nautical miles, but if you can transit shallower waters you may do so without penalty.

4.3 The course will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

5 THE START

5.1 By 1700 on Friday 23 July the start time for each boat will be posted on the CCVRacing.us/racing web site and distributed at the Mandatory Skippers' Meeting at 1830 23 July. The start time is based on the boat's rating (PHRF-CR, CRCA, or multihull), a 22-mile course length, and the first (slowest) boat starting at 0900.

5.2 Races will be started as follows: Starting on-time is the sole responsibility of the skipper. The RC will use GPS-based time. Time signals will be announced on VHF-72 at 0855 and again at 0900, then every 10 minutes until 1010. Boats starting prematurely will be hailed via VHF-72 and required to restart. No Flag "X" will be displayed. After starting, racing is boat-for-boat (first to finish wins!). The RC will record and post the order of finish. This changes RRS 26.

5.3 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end starting mark, CCVR Harbor Mark H (Hampton Flats Buoy 20).

5.4 To relieve congestion and facilitate identification of premature starters, a yacht may not maneuver within 100 yards of the starting line until 4 minutes before its starting time.

6 THE FINISH

6.1 The finish line is between CCVR Harbor Mark H (port) and a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Vessel (starboard). Boats not crossing the line in this direction (RC Vessel on starboard) will not be counted as crossing the line.

7 TIME LIMIT

7.1 The time limit for all fleets is 2000 July 24, 2021.

8 HEARING REQUESTS

8.1 If you have a protest, report that you have a protest to the RC vessel after finishing. Your written protest must be given to the RC between 2100-2300 on Saturday July 24 at HYC (RC vessel will be in slip D-11).

8.2 Protest hearings will be held at 1900 on Monday, July 26 at HYC.

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

9.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity via VHF channel 72 or contacting Greg Cutter via mobile phone, 757-439-1281.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**