

2024 ESSA Wild Goose Chase

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions Organizing Authority: Eastern Shore Sailing Association

Notice of Race

The Wild Goose Chase Race will be conducted on September 14, 2024. This is a pursuit style race in which cruising class boats start first. The race will begin near the ESSA mark "A" (Green Can 3) and continue towards the Choptank Light near Oxford and return to Cambridge. The race will finish at ESSA Mark "Z".

The Cruising Class will start first. The Racing Class will follow after a delay. This year **ORR-EZ** ratings be used to determine the corrected times. The boat with the best corrected time will be the declared winner. .

WEATHER DELAY DATE: Sunday, September 15, 2024

GOVERNING RULES

The racing rules and regulations of US Sailing shall govern except as modified by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, the 2023 Choptank ESSA NORSI, and these Race Instructions.

PARTICIPATION

Any ESSA member who has paid their membership fee may enter the race. (NO ENTRY FEE.) You must be registered by Wednesday, September 11, 9 pm. **SEND A TEXT TO 443-521-9920 OR AN EMAIL TO ESSASAILING38@GMAIL.COM**. Include boat name and skipper.

Sailing Instructions

SKIPPER'S MEETING

There will not be an onshore skipper's meeting prior to the race. Any changes to starting times or race shortening will be announced on **Channel 72**. Each skipper should have a printed copy of this NORSI on board. If the race is shortened the starting time for the racing class will change.

Printable copies are available on <http://essasailing.blogspot.com/>

ON THE WATER CHECK-IN

All boats must check in with the Race Committee boat in the vicinity of the starting line prior to the starting sequence for their class. The Race Committee Boat will announce any changes to the course on **Channel 72**. Once the race begins, competitors shall monitor channel 72 for announcements from the Race Committee.

This will be a **ORR-EZ** event. Ratings will be assigned depending on wind speed and direction. To accommodate the speed differences of the cruising and racing fleet, the racing fleet will start 30 minutes after the cruising fleet.

The cruising fleet sequence will start at 0854 and start at 0900. The racing fleet sequence will begin at 0924 and start at 0930. If a shorter course is selected, the racing fleet will start at 0915.

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There will be two course options that are intended to cover a wide range of conditions. The announcement of the selected course will be made 30 minutes before the warning signal, which is 0854 assuming an on-time start.

COMMUNICATON

Radio communications should be limited unless an emergency exists. Should a boat choose to retire due to weather or adverse conditions they should announce their intent to the Race Committee and make **every attempt to verify the message was received**. All boats shall monitor VHF Channel 72. If the race committee has retired, a designated lead boat will respond to all calls.

PENALTY TURNS

Rule 44.1 (taking a penalty) is modified to allow a boat to take a one-turn penalty versus a two-turn penalty when she has broken one or more rules of Part 2.

PROTESTS

This is a fun race which is meant to promote sailing and friendly competition.

1 Making a Protest - A boat intending to protest shall inform the protested boat at the first reasonable opportunity. No red flag needs to be displayed (changes RRS 61.1). The protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Protests must be mailed to the (Acting) Fleet Captain, postmarked no later than September 16, 2024. Protest forms are available from the Fleet Captain or his/her representative and on <http://essasailing.blogspot.com/>. Protests will be heard at a time and place determined by the Fleet Captain or his/her representative.

2 Penalties at the Time of an Incident - A boat that has broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 may take penalty turn in accordance with rule 44 and Sailing Instruction paragraph **Penalty Turn**. The boat shall report to the Race Committee that they have completed the required penalty turn.

3 – Other Protests & Disqualifications - The Race Committee, after witnessing or hearing the report of an incident, may choose to protest the offending boat or disqualify in accordance with Rule 60. The Fleet Captain should be informed of that decision.

STARTING LINE

The start line will be between ESSA Mark "A"(GC-3) and G1. Racers will pass through the start line.

FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between at ESSA Mark 'Z '. Racers will pass through the finish line keeping 'Z ' close to starboard. All skippers must record their finish time. Use GPS time of day HH:MM:SS; e.g. 14:05:22. Finish close to Mark "Z" to get a more accurate time. GPS or Time app with seconds on a smart phone.

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STARTING SIGNALS: The standard ESSA horn sequence will be used.

- Cruising Class Warning 0854
- One Minute to first start 0859
- Cruising Class: start: 0900
- Racing Class Warning: 00924
- Racing Class: Start 0930
- Courtesy radio announcements of time and next starts will be made. The failure of the Race Committee to make these announcements is not grounds for redress.

Course Marks -16 Nautical Miles

LEAVING			RETURNING		
START	Mark A, port; G1, Starboard		Mark	R 14	STARBOARD
Mark	G 23	PORT	Mark	R 16	STARBOARD
Mark	G 19	STARBOARD	Mark	G 19	PORT
Mark	R 16	PORT	Mark	G 23	STARBOARD
Mark	R 14	PORT	Mark	"A" G 3	STARBOARD
Round CHOPTANK LIGHT leaving it to PORT			Finish Line	Mark Z	STARBOARD
			Finish close to Z and record time HH:MM:SS		

Postponed Starts, Race Abandonment, Shortened Course, Time Limit

Two boats must start for the race to be official with one boat completing the course within the time limit. Races postponed due to weather will be automatically delayed in 30-minute increments. A race shall be considered abandoned if 50% of the boats starting the race retire and/or the Race Committee elects to abandon the race.

Each competitor is solely responsible for his or her personal safety. The sighting of lightning alone will not cancel the race, again sailors should familiarize themselves with Choptank ESSA sailing rules regarding inclement weather.

All boats must finish by 16:00 hrs. (4pm) unless the start is delayed.

PROPOSED SHORTER COURSE

A_p-C_p-E_p-C_s-A_s-Z_s 6.54 NM

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Previous Champions (31)

2023	Aura	Bob Gallagher
2022	Aura	Bob Gallagher
2021	Dudley DoRight	Dave Buchannan
2020	Jitterbug	George Breig
2019	Jambo	Trevor Carouge
2018	Ethyl Alcohol	Dotty Holoubek
2017	Lazy Ethel	Dotty Holoubek
2016	Lazy Ethel	Dotty Holoubek
2015	Javelin	Tom Moore
2014	Lazy Ethel	Dotty Holoubek
2013	Touche	Bob Dickey
2012	If...	Greig Mitchell
2011	Knot Zoo Too	Hans Schultz
2010	Pursuit	Mike Tynan
2009	North Star	Fred Grozinger
2008	Knot Zoo	Hans Schultz
2007	Nepenthe	J. Botkin
2006	North Star	Fred Grozinger
2005	What's Next	L. & G. Rossi
2004	Write Byte	Tim Fuhrman
2003		
2002	Nepenthe	J. Botkin
2001	Nepenthe	J. Botkin
2000	Sea Fever	K. Henry
1999	Reveille	Tom Jackson
1998	Reveille	Tom Jackson
1997		
1996	Reveille	Tom Jackson
1995	Reveille	Tom Jackson
1994	Nepenthe	J. Botkin
1993	Chase	D. Thomas
1992	Spare Time	P. McKee

