CRAB CUP

Saturday, 15 August 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #26-315

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

with Amendment Nos. 1 & 2

Chesapeake Bay Course

The notation "[NP]" in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as detailed in Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

1.2 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or".

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the NoR or the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73 while on the water.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.

4.2 RC may announce signals posted ashore on VHF channel 73, and/or text message, and/or email.

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

5.1 [NP] All PHRF and one-design racers shall display from the backstay their class flag specified in the CBYRA Green Book. The Beneteau First 22A and Viper 640 classes are not required to display a class flag.

5.2 The Warning Signal for the CRCA classes will be a green flag.

6 MANDATORY CHECK-IN

6.1 The RC shall use a separate check-in vessel. The vessel shall fly a solid yellow flag and shall be stationed approximately two-hundred (200) yards west of the RC Signal Vessel. Do not attempt to check in with the RC Signal Vessel.

6.2 Each boat shall pass close astern of the check-in vessel and hail her sail number until acknowledged by a return hail from the check-in vessel. Check-in shall be made in person and is not permitted by VHF radio.

7 COURSES

RC shall designate one (1) of three (3) possible courses to be sailed (see Attachment A). The designated course will be displayed on a board on the check-in vessel and the Signal Vessel. The board will show either "A" or "B" or "C" to indicate which course shall be sailed. The Signal Vessel will also attempt to repeatedly state the course designation on VHF channel 73 during the start sequences. The three (3) possible courses are:

Course "A"	**START (R2) – G87 – G C "1" – Y "AN" – FINISH (R2)**
Course "B"	**START (R2) – G87 – "Y" – "O" – FINISH (R2)**
Course "C"	**START (R2) – "Y" – FINISH (R2)**

8 MARKS

The marks have the following descriptions and approximate Lat/Long coordinates.

R "2"	G "WR87"	G C "1"	Y "AN"	"Y"	"O"
R2, Fl 2.5s	G "WR87" Q G	G C "1"	Y "AN"	5' Yellow Tet.	5' Orange Cyl.
N 38° 56.50'	N 38° 55.90'	N 38° 58.21'	N 38° 57.81'	N 38° 57.78'	N 38° 56.43'
W 076° 25.56'	W 076° 23.60'	W 076° 24.88'	W 076° 26.80'	W 076° 24.62'	W 076° 25.21'

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of "R "2" Fl R2.5s" at the port end.

9.2 PURSUIT RACE Classes

9.2.1 This shall be a pursuit race with a reverse PHRF Time over Distance (ToD) starting order. The boat with the slowest rating (highest PHRF number) shall start first and the fastest rating (lowest PHRF number) shall start last.

9.2.2 The RC shall signal the starting sequence as follows. This changes RRS 26.

TIME	SIGNAL	FLAG / SOUND
1200	Warning signal for all boats	Raise large EYC burgee with 1 sound
1201	Preparatory signal for the first boat to start	Raise code flag "P" with 1 sound
1204		Lower code flag "P" with a long sound
1205	Starting signal for the first boat to start	Lower large EYC burgee and briefly raise number pennant "0" with 1 sound
Each Subsequent Start Time	Starting signal for remaining boats	Briefly raise number pennant "0" with 1 sound

9.2.3 A boat's individual preparatory signal is four (4) minutes prior to her individual scheduled start. After the first boat has started, there will be no visual signal or sound for any subsequent preparatory signal. This changes RRS 26.

9.2.4 The start times for all boats shall be based on their PHRF ToD Circular Random handicap. The race shall use GPS time synchronization. The RC will attempt to broadcast a five (5) second countdown for each starting time on VHF channel 73. Failure of the RC to announce a start time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).

9.2.5 [DP] After the Warning signal for the first start, boats shall stay clear of the starting area until four (4) minutes before their scheduled starting time.

9.2.6 In the event a postponement is signaled on the water, RC shall announce the revised start times on VHF channel 73 before lowering flag AP.

9.3 CRCA Classes

9.3.1 The RC will attempt to signal the CRCA class start sequence as soon as possible after completing the PURSUIT RACE start. The RC shall signal a wakeup call with multiple sounds, approximately one (1) minute prior to the Warning signal.

9.3.2 The start shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

10 RECALLS

10.1 For the PURSUIT RACE classes, when a boat starts in accordance with Item (b) of the definition ***Start*** (NoR 1.2), she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with Item (a) of the definition ***Start*** (NoR 1.2). RRS 29.1 will not apply. This changes RRS A5.1 to allow the RC to score the boat accordingly.

10.2 For the CRCA class(es), If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will signal recall in accordance with RRS 29.1 or 29.2 and will attempt to identify her on VHF channel 73. Boats may not request redress based on the failure to hail their identifier, failure to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Vessel at the port end, and the course side of "R "2" Fl R2.5s" at the starboard end.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The race time limit is 1600.

12.2 Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the race time limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two (2) more than the finishing place of the last boat in her class that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

13 HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit.

a. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted via the "Online Scoring Inquiry Filing" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

b. Scoring inquiries may be resolved via teleconference or video conference.

13.2 Protests and Requests for Redress shall be submitted within the Protest Time Limit. Electronic submittal shall be used and is available via the "Owner's Corner" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page or via email to race.committee@eastportyc.org. A diagram of the incident, if applicable, cannot be submitted via Yacht Scoring, and should be scanned and emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org prior to the hearing.

13.3 The alternative penalty acceptance form (RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V2) will be available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page. The form, or all of the information from the form, can be emailed to the RC at race.committee@eastportyc.org.

13.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60), minutes after the RC Signal Vessel dock time. The time limit for a Request for Redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the Protest Time Limit.

13.5 The Protest Committee may schedule a hearing prior to the Protest Time Limit if the parties and witnesses are available and have had time to prepare for the hearing. The parties to a virtual hearing are responsible for having their witnesses, if any, present at the beginning of the hearing. The time and location of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Zoom address of each hearing will be communicated by email to each party. Parties and witnesses are encouraged to download and review the *Online Hearing Procedure Guidelines*, available via the "Documents & Forms" link found on the Yacht Scoring event main page.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify RC as soon as possible either by hail or VHF channel 73, or the EYC cell phone [(410) 271-7193], or email [race.committee@eastportyc.org]. A voicemail message shall include the approximate time of the message, the skipper's name, boat name, and sail number.

14.2 [DP] [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial traffic of any kind. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

14.3 [NP] A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid underway commercial traffic, provided:

(a) the boat does not gain an advantage;

(b) using propulsion is the only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and,

(c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by email) to the RC by the protest time limit that describes the incident and the boat's actions.

14.4 [NP] A Committee may protest a boat for SIs 14.2 and/or 14.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.3(b).

15 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. For more information, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.

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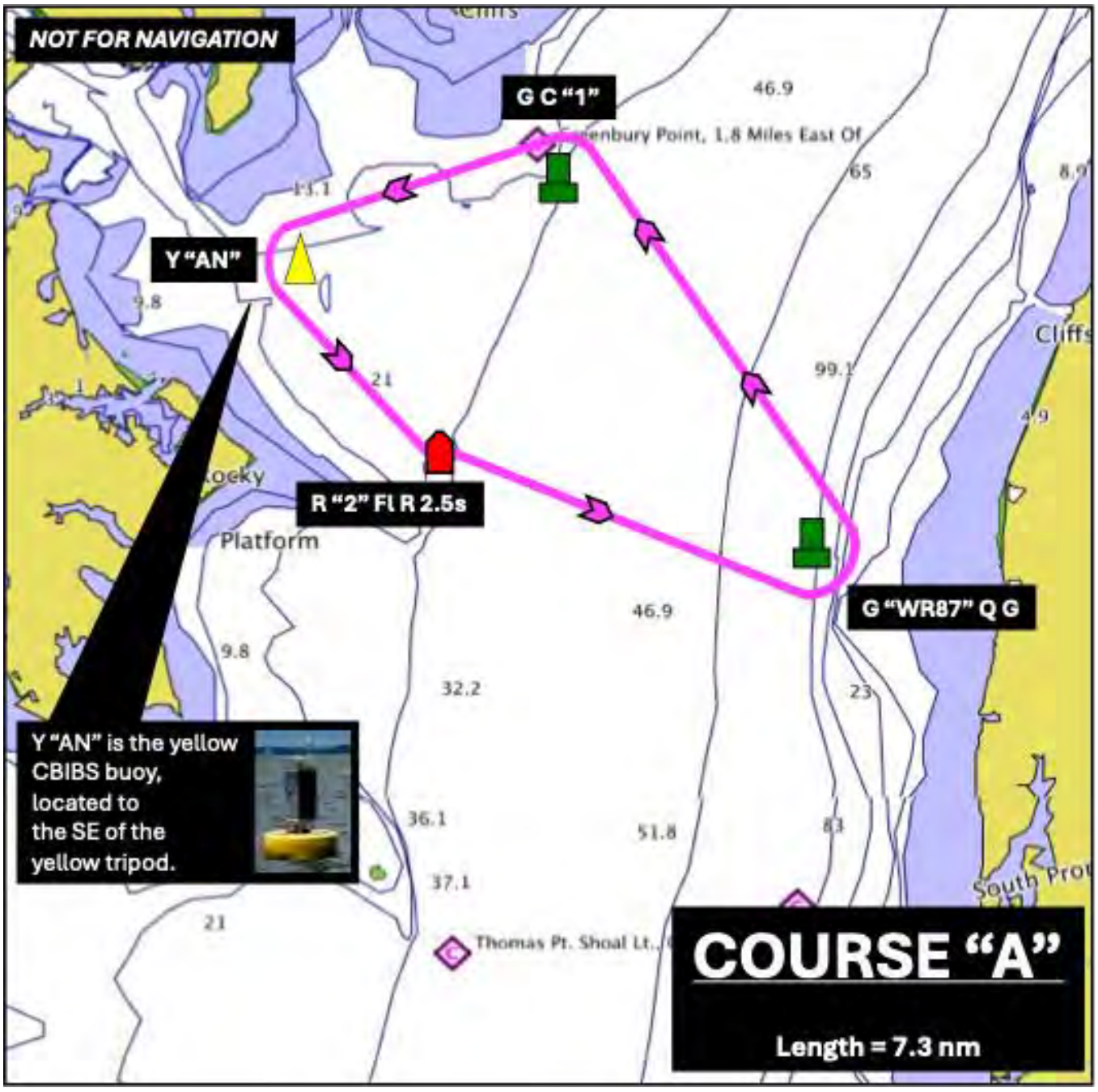
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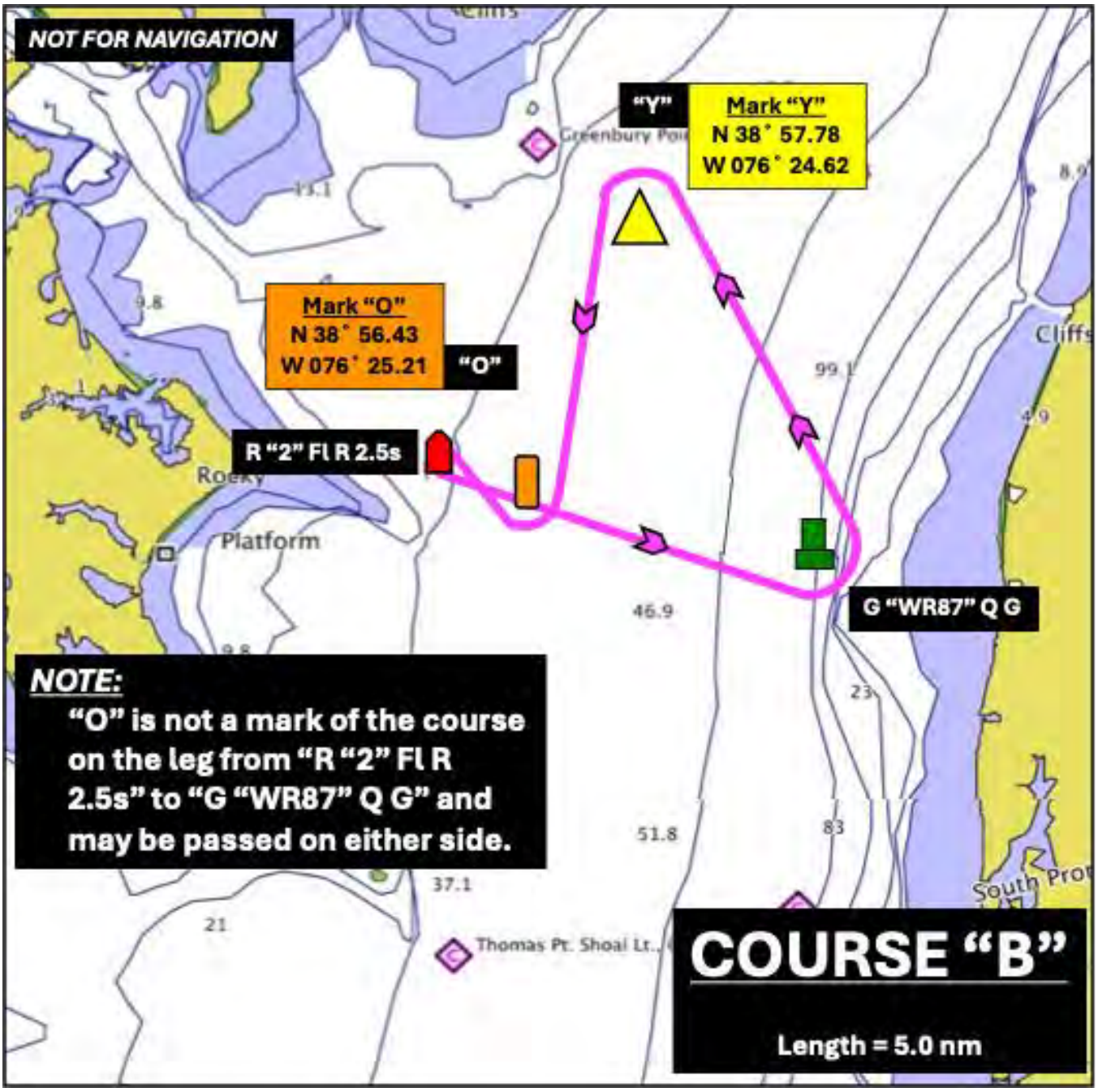
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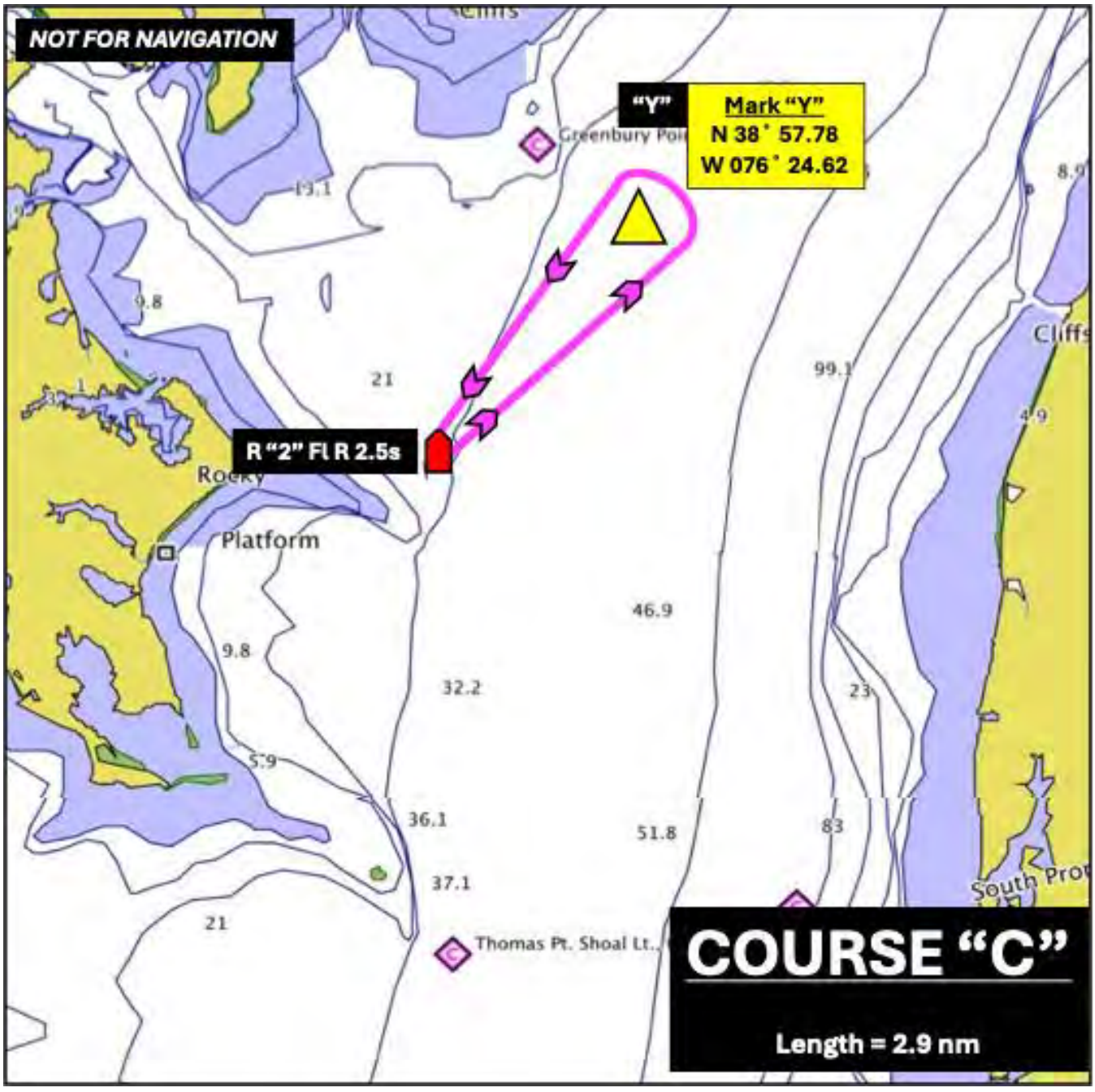
FOUNDING SPONSOR

Attachment A:

Course Diagrams




NOT FOR NAVIGATION
"Y"
Mark "Y"
N 38° 57.78
W 076° 24.62
Mark "O"
N 38° 56.43
W 076° 25.21
"O"
R "2" Fl R 2.5s
G "WR87" Q G
Platform
Greenbury Point
Thomas Pt. Shoal Lt.
NOTE:
"O" is not a mark of the course on the leg from "R "2" Fl R 2.5s" to "G "WR87" Q G" and may be passed on either side.
COURSE "B"
Length = 5.0 nm


NOT FOR NAVIGATION
"Y"
Mark "Y"
N 38° 57.78
W 076° 24.62
R "2" Fl R 2.5s
Platform
Thomas Pt. Shoal Lt.
COURSE "C"
Length = 2.9 nm