



CHESSS Class Rules- 2016

As Adopted December 5, 2015

1. Safety- CHESSS follows 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 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.

5. CHESSE Class Identification- CHESSE is authorized by CBYRA to fly 3rd Repeater. During CHESSE 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, CHESSE members shall race under a valid PHRF, or CMA rating certificate.

6.2 When participating in CHESSE 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.

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