

# 2016 Dana Dillon Memorial New Year's Madness Race 1 January 2016

Co-Sponsored by  
Old Point Comfort Yacht Club & Hampton Yacht Club

**Course:** This is a Chase Start, with slower boats starting first, faster boats starting last, similar to the 'Round the Lights Race and the Gaboon Race. The course will be mercifully short, approximately 6 nautical miles. Generally, the course is "*Around the Hampton Bar and into the OPCYC Bar*".

**Mandatory Skippers Meeting:**

1000 at HYC. Start times and course description, along with a great hot breakfast. Breakfast for skippers is included in the entry fee. Breakfast is also available for crew members at a nominal charge, beginning at 8 AM. Visiting boats may raft up at the end of the HYC piers during the skippers meeting.



**Classes:**

**PHRF Spinnaker** (All ratings),  
**Non-Spinnaker** (2 headsails),  
and **Cruising Class**.

Special "Cruising Credits" will be added to the handicap ratings of boats in Cruising class that carry "Go-Slow" cruising gear such as extra ground tackle, dinghies, wind vanes, old sails, etc. Forms for applying for cruising credits will be available at [www.opcyc.org](http://www.opcyc.org) and at the skippers meeting. An OPCYC rep will be available to assist in applying for credits. All boats must be able to meet the safety requirements of PHRF 4P to compete. See the PHRF 4P requirements at [www.phrfchesbay.com](http://www.phrfchesbay.com).

**Racing Rules:** RRS as adopted by US Sailing except as modified by these sailing instructions. Courtesy ratings will be assigned to Cruising Class entrants without a valid PHRF rating.

**Start:** Between an orange flag on the HYC dock and a blue rock on the other shore. The first Warning is at 1125 with the first Start at 1130. A sound signal will be made every five minutes thereafter until the last boat starts. Starting time assignments will be made based on PHRF handicap rating plus Spinnaker and Cruising adjustments as applicable. The list of early registrants and start times will be posted on the OPCYC website ([www.opcyc.org](http://www.opcyc.org)) and will be updated as registrations are received. Start times will be available at the mandatory skippers meeting. We will attempt to start the race unless the actual or forecast wind is over 25 knots sustained.

**Finish:** Between the OPC Marina Pier and G "3" Phoebus Channel.

**Keep Clear of Starters:** To keep clear of boats that are in the act of starting the race, all racers must stay at least 100 yards north of the start line until within 4 minutes of their start. Penalty for breaking this rule is being thrown off the pier into Mill Creek during the post-race party.

**Protests:** Due at OPCYC clubhouse within one hour of the last boat finishing, and heard ASAP the same day.

**Post Race Party:** All skippers and crew are invited to the post-race party and awards presentation at the OPCYC clubhouse starting at 1530. The party starts at 1530; no earlier, no later. Each yacht will receive a participation award as a minimum. You must be present at the awards ceremony or someone else will drink your award. Great food and libations for both skipper and crew are included in the entry fee.

**Entry Fee:** Entry fee is \$25 *if received by 5 PM Monday, 28 Dec*, otherwise \$40. Entries can be mailed or dropped off at the OPCYC "drop box" or the HYC outside "drop box." Entries must be received by mail or be in the box by 5 PM on 28 Dec to avoid the \$15 "late fee." So get yours in early! Make checks out to **OPCYC** and mail to:

**OPCYC, c/o Mark Wolfe, 111 West Woodland Road, Yorktown, VA 23692**

**Security/Access to Ft. Monroe:** Open to all!

**Questions?** Call Mark at 757.206.7903

See you on the water on 1 January 2016 for a little **New Year's Madness!**