



Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association Bylaws

February 1, 2025
CRCA Executive Committee

I. Name

The name of this association shall be “Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association,” also referred to as CRCA.

II. Purpose and Objectives

1. CRCA’s primary goal is to establish and support a racing community of boats, owners, and crew that comprise primarily cruising-oriented boats in the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay regions.
2. CRCA will ensure as level a playing field as possible by using an objective handicap rating system for mixed fleets in a wide variety of courses and conditions.
3. CRCA supports the publication, scoring, and awards for multiple series over the course of the sailing season. CRCA works directly with race Organizing Authorities (OAs) and Race Committees (RCs) for events in which CRCA members are participating to provide scoring services using our handicap scoring system.

III. Organization: Officers, Committees, and Duties

1. Officers
 - a. President. The President oversees the strategic development of the Association in accordance with its stated purpose and objectives, and represents, or designates other Officers to do so, CRCA in its dealings with other organizations. The President may re-assign responsibilities amongst the CRCA Officers and Committees as necessary to ensure member services are provided effectively and efficiently. The President appoints members to open positions prior to elections. The President runs meetings of the Executive Committee.
 - b. Vice President. The Vice President is responsible for all methods of communication between CRCA and its members, including but not limited to emails, newsletters, the CRCA webpage, and the CRCA Facebook page. The purpose of these communications is to support members and to inform them and other interested persons about CRCA activities and involvement on the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays and in CBYRA races. The Vice President coordinates the promotion and marketing of CRCA.
 - c. Treasurer. The Treasurer monitors and manages the Association’s financial accounts— income, expenditures, and the balance of funds. They prepare annual budgets and regular financial statements. The Treasurer, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, approves financial obligations (e.g., the budget) and expenditures. Expenditures above \$500 require the signature of both the Treasurer and another Officer (President, Vice President, or Secretary).
 - d. Secretary. The Secretary records the minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee, and hosts virtual meetings. The Secretary assists the Vice President with communications with members and with promotion and marketing of CRCA. The Secretary develops and manages the CRCA processes, procedures, tools, and data to support clubs and OAs that use CRCA systems.

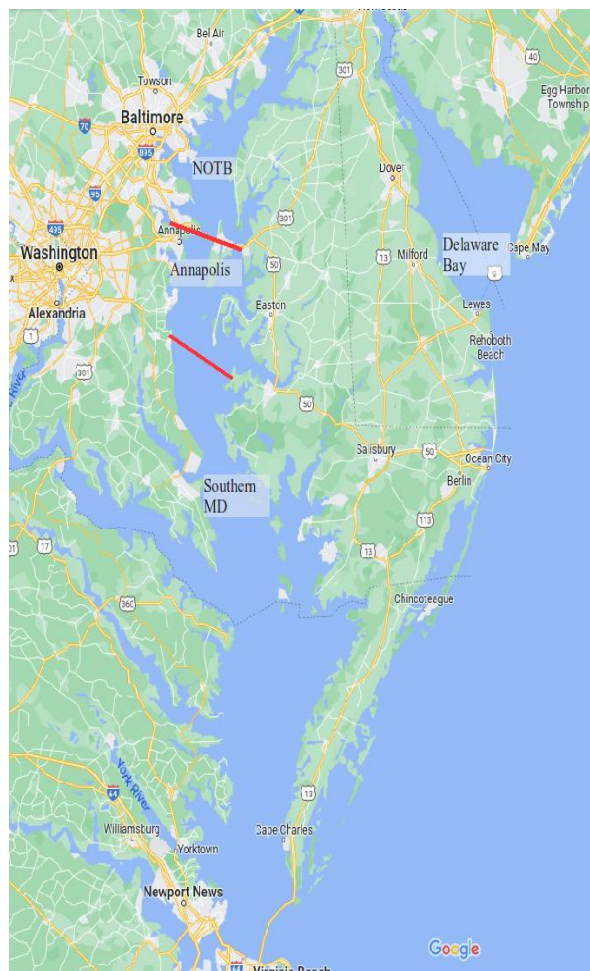
2. Fleet Captains / Fleets / Regions

Fleet Captains are responsible for the members of their fleet and assist them with their participation in CRCA. FCs shall interact with clubs & OAs in their fleet's region to facilitate the participation of CRCA classes in races. They will work before a race to ensure that CRCA members meet all CRCA requirements and that they are registered in the correct class. All necessary information will be passed to the OA. Fleet Captains may appoint Executive Officers to assist in carrying out these duties.

Each Fleet will select its own FC. If a Fleet does not put forth an FC for a given season, then the Executive Committee will appoint an interim FC until that Fleet selects an FC.

The CRCA area is composed of three regions on the Chesapeake Bay and one area on the southern Delaware Bay, each with an associated Fleet Captain, as follows:

- a. North of the Bridge (NOTB). All locations on the Chesapeake Bay north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.
- b. Annapolis. All locations between and including the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Herrington Harbor.
- c. Southern Maryland. South of Herrington Harbor to Fishing Bay.
- d. Delaware Bay. Includes Lewes and Cape May areas.



3. Committees

- a. Executive. The Executive Committee (EC) is responsible for undertaking the ongoing business of the association in alignment with the association's stated purpose and objectives. The EC is responsible for maintaining and updating the bylaws each year as necessary. The Executive Committee will determine the annual dues to be paid by Full Members in consideration of the budget and financial status presented by the Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of the Officers. The Fleet Captains shall receive copies of meeting minutes, and are welcome to attend meetings on an as-needed basis, but are not required to attend.

- b. Technical. The Technical Committee (TC) is composed of the Officers and Fleet Captains. The Chair of the TC will be selected by the members of the committee. CRCA is committed to providing technical support to OAs in the use of our handicapping system. This includes the selection of wind ranges and course types to determine the ratings used for races. The TC also determines class assignments and reviews appeals. The TC is responsible for maintaining and updating the class rules each year as necessary.
- c. Nominating. The Nominating Committee will include one person from each fleet, chosen by the Fleet Captains, and the Secretary, who will chair the committee. The Nominating Committee will solicit candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

4. Meetings

- a. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held the first Saturday of February each year. The Executive Committee or the President may call special meetings of the Association whenever the Committee or the President determine it necessary.
- b. Notices of every meeting of the Association shall state the time and place of the meeting and the purposes thereof, and shall be emailed to all members of the Association and/or other pertinent parties at least ten days before in-person meetings or seven days for online meetings.

5. Amendments

An amendment to these bylaws may be proposed by any Full Member. After review by the Executive Committee, a formal amendment may be created and presented to the membership for a vote. An amendment may be approved by a 2/3 majority of the Full members voting.

6. Elections

At the time of the announcement of the annual meeting, the membership will be informed of the current slate of officers and will be solicited for nominations. Officers will be voted on by the voting membership at the annual meeting using procedures provided at the time of announcement. The voting membership comprises all Full Members. All officer candidates must be Full Members in good standing at the time of their nomination and throughout the fulfillment of their position. Candidates who receive a simple majority of the votes cast will become officers.

Elected Officers shall serve one-year terms, elections being held every year.

Nominations for Fleet Captains shall be proposed by the members of each fleet. Fleet Captains shall be elected by their Fleet members by a simple majority of voters at the annual meeting. Voting membership comprises all Full Members in a fleet. All Fleet Captain candidates must be Full Members in good standing at the time of their nomination and throughout the fulfillment of their position.

Fleet Captains shall serve one-year terms, elections being held every year.

7. Membership

- a. All members must own a sailboat that has a current EZ Certificate.
- b. CRCA membership is structured into two levels.

Full Member

1. Joins CRCA as a Full Member.
2. Pays the annual dues. The Executive Committee will determine the annual dues to be paid by Full Members in consideration of the budget and financial status presented by the Treasurer.
3. Can compete in CRCA's Fleet Championships and in CRCA's Boat-of-the-Year Championship.
4. Has the right to vote on association matters.

Participant Member

1. Joins CRCA as a Participant Member.
2. Participant Membership is free.
3. Not eligible to compete in CRCA Championships.
4. Does not have the right to vote on association matters.

IV. Communication / Information

CRCA's primary method of making announcements will be through email.