

## Labor Day Weekend Challenge

**Date:** September 5, 6, and 7 2020

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Distance:** 24.2 NM (Day 1)  
16.7 NM (Day 2)  
Return Home (Day 3)



**Challenge Objectives:** To develop and share singlehanded sailing skills as part of a three (3) day sail.

- Basic Singlehanded sailing skills
- Close quarter boat handling
- Shorthand Anchor
- Sailing off Anchor
- Watch

Challenge participants are encouraged to anchor or raft-up as a group to share their experience with others, ask questions and enjoy boat tours.

**Start Time:**

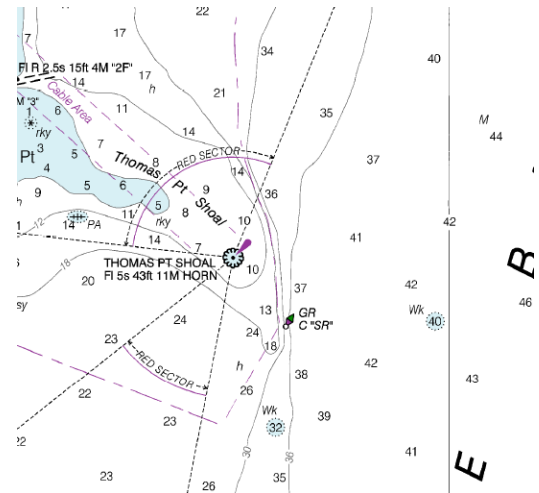
**Challenge:** 10:00 AM or any time on the day of the Challenge.

**Time Limits:** Any time the day of the Challenge.

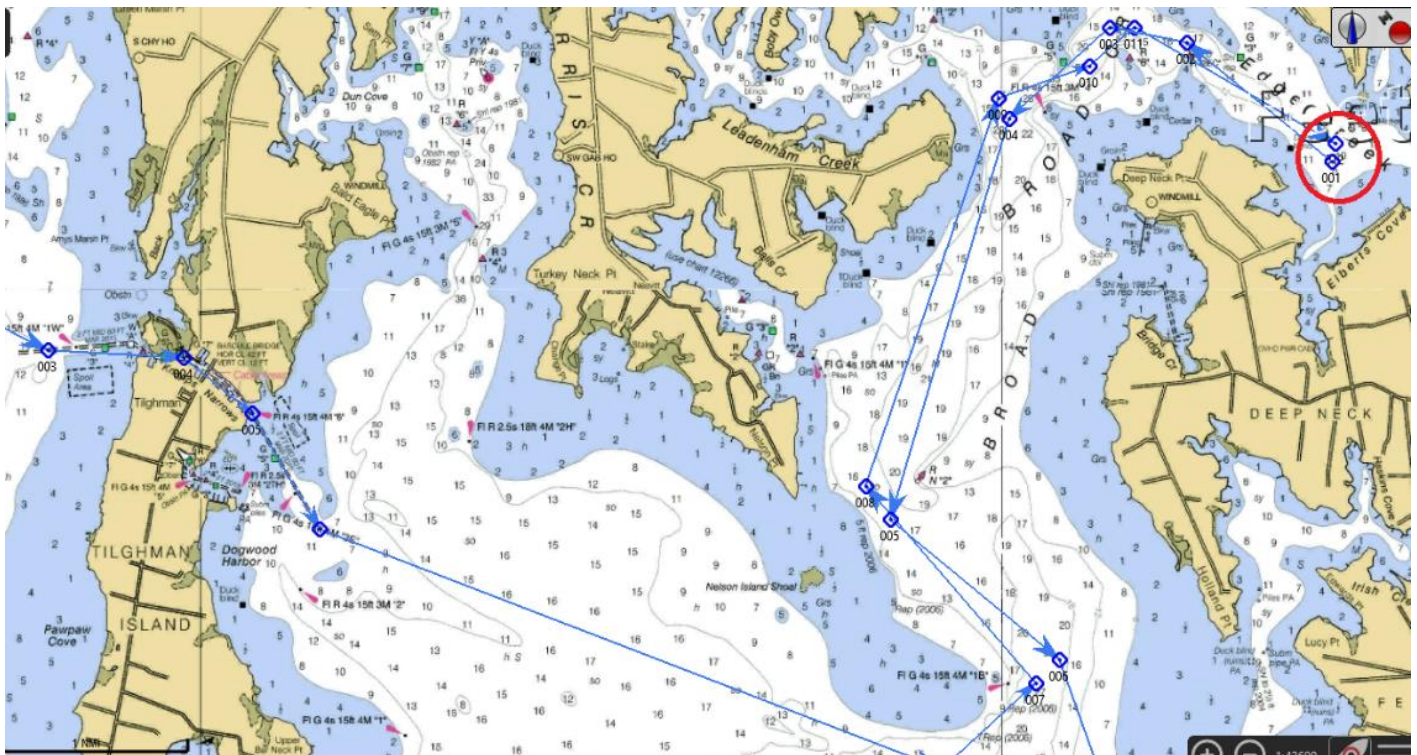
## Day 1

### CHALLENGE Instructions:

Start – Both Challenger boats will gather in an area off of Thomas Point near red-green buoy “SR” south east of the light house. At or about 10:00 AM the Challenge start will be announced on channel 72 along with the names of the boats participating in the challenge.



Sailing: Challenge boats will start sailing from red-green SR south, towards R 84, toward Sharps Island. Challenge boats may pass through Knapps Narrow or sail around Blackwalnut Point skipper's choice. Once in the Choptank River proceed up Broad Creek to the finish line. The boats should anchor or raft up east of the finish line anchorage. A boat flying a CHESSS burgee will be at anchor and monitoring channel 72.





Finish - is an imaginary line between G 7 and R 6 off Mulberry point. Challenge sailors are encouraged to drop sails at a time and location that is comfortable for the member based on their experience and traffic. The purpose of a CHESSS challenge is to develop new skills and improve existing singlehanded or shorthanded boating skills both under sail and power.



Following the Challenge, boats will raft up or anchor together to share their experience and lessons learned. A boat flying a CHESSS burgee will be at anchor east of the finish line monitoring channel 72.

## Day 2

### Start Time:

**Challenge:** 10:00 AM or any time on the day of the Challenge.

### Challenge COURSE:

Start: The start line will be finish line. Wind & weather permitting sailors are encouraged to sail off anchor under the watch of other challenge participants.

Sailing: Challenge boats will start sailing from the anchorage in Edge Creek south around Benoini Point north into the Tred Avon River to Tripp Creek where boats will anchor for the night.

There are several marinas in Oxford for participants who prefer a marina stay. **Marina arrangements are the responsibility of the individual participants.**



**Special Instructions:** Participants are encouraged to monitor channel 72 during the challenge to communicate with others participating.

For those participating in the Challenge motoring is permitted. Participants not able to start with the group are requested to submit to the CHESSS Challenge Committee a log when convenient, that will include:

- Start Time
- Finish Time
- Total Nautical Miles Traveled
- Motoring to include start time, stop time, and distance motored
- GPS log in an acceptable format, you would like to sail the challenge at date and time other than the published date to [CHESSSCHALLENGE@gmail.com](mailto:CHESSSCHALLENGE@gmail.com) .

**Lesson Sharing:** Challenge Participants will meet to discuss and share lessons learned. Participants are encouraged to tour boats, ask questions, and share what works and does not work from their perspective.

**COVID Protocols:** When rafting, it is anticipated that maintaining a 6 foot distance will be easy and convenient if members remain on their own boat. Any members boarding another member's boat for social reasons are requested to maintain distance or wear a mask if distancing is not possible. Please use caution if sharing food and beverage among members.