



# Cocktail Class Wooden Boat Racing Association

## CCWBRA OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE

[More detailed information about this event may be found at [www.ccwbra.com](http://www.ccwbra.com)]

### Event Information

# Tidewater Cup 2026

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|---------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| Date of Event:            | May 9, 2026   | Name of Site:    | <i>the Tides Inn</i>   |
| Physical Address of Site: | The Tides Inn, 480 King Carter Dr, Irvington, VA 22480    |                  |  |
| Phone Number of Site:     | 877-665-5977  | Website Address: | www.TidesInn.com   |
| Site's Contact Person     | Mike Sheffield – 540-522-4254                             | Email Address:   | <a href="mailto:rapphokies@gmail.com">rapphokies@gmail.com</a>   |
| Race Director:            | Curt Bluefeld- 703-328-3417<br>Art Gilbert – 410-456-9903 | Email Address:   | <a href="mailto:cbluefeld@comcast.net">cbluefeld@comcast.net</a><br><a href="mailto:adgilbert64@gmail.com">adgilbert64@gmail.com</a> |

### Registration Information

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Early Registration:       | Sunday, May 3, 2026, 11:59 p.m. | Cost Per Driver: | \$75  |
| Late/Onsite Registration: | Saturday, May 9, 2026           | Cost Per Driver: | \$100 |

#### Notes:

Drivers must be paid Racing Members of CCWBRA on day of race. Race registration fees are waived for any youth driver; however, the youth driver's family must have a current Racing Membership.

All boats must display their CCWBRA safety-inspection sticker, their state boat registration number, and have CCWBRA-assigned racing numbers.

### Schedule of Events

| <u>Day/Date</u>     | <u>Time</u> | <u>Activity</u>   |
|---------------------|-------------|---|
| Friday, May 8       | 4:00-6:00pm | Safety inspections and launching                                |
|                     | 6:30pm      | Cocktail party on the beach: cash bar                           |
| Saturday, August 16 | 7:30-8:30am | Safety inspections, launching and course set up (plan to help!) |
|                     | 9:45am      | Mandatory driver's meeting                                      |
|                     | 10:00am     | Racing begins   |
|                     | 12:30pm     | Lunch on your own at the Fish Hawk Oyster Bar                   |
|                     | 4:00pm      | Racing ends   |
|                     | 6:00pm      | Cocktails and awards on the beach (cash bar)                    |

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## 4 racers

### Standard Races Planned for This Event (race order to be confirmed on race day)

To minimize engine changes and running races with only three drivers, the following changes to our normal racing schedule are anticipated:

- The early and late classics will be combined into a single group. Drivers will need to choose which engine class they wish to race. Separate awards, however, will still be awarded for each class.
- All race classes will be mixed (no separate women's classes).

Drivers must ballast up to the minimum weight for that class. Each driver is responsible for bringing their own ballast, which should consist of water jugs. (A gallon of water weighs 8 lbs.) Each driver is on the honor system for carrying the correct amount of ballast in their boat while racing.

Depending on time constraints and the number of racers in the 6hp Tohatsu class, a modified round robin race consisting of two or more rounds of Tohatsu 6 HP racing may be run with different randomly selected racers in each group. A single championship race consisting of three races will then be run for the 6 lowest scoring racers.

If time permits following the formal racing classes, quarter mile Bootlegger Drag Races will be held.

| CLASS                        | HP | MOTOR  | MINIMUM WEIGHT   |
|------------------------------|----|--|------------------|
| Early and Late classic Mixed | 6  | 1975 and older OMC, Evinrude, or Johnson stock motors (2-stroke)         | 165 <sup>1</sup> |
| Post-1979 Mixed              | 6  | Any year OMC, Evinrude, or Johnson stock motors (2-stroke)               | 165 <sup>1</sup> |
| Tohatsu 4-stroke Mixed       | 6  | Tohatsu MFS6CS, MFS6CDS, MFS6D(W)S or MFS6D(W)DS stock motors (4-stroke) | 165 <sup>1</sup> |
| Mixed 8 HP                   | 8  | Any year or make stock motors (2- or 4-stroke)                           | 200              |

- Note 1: If number of drivers requires collapsing all weights into a single Mixed, then drivers must ballast up to 200 lbs.
- Note 2: Heavyweight Driver weight must meet minimum weight requirement without ballast.
- Note 3: Drivers weighing under 200 lbs. must ballast up to 200 lbs. to compete in the 8 HP class.
- Any motor built prior to 1976 that utilizes a 1976 or later lower unit, or powerhead, or gears MUST run in the Late Classic class.
- Classes may be combined or eliminated, depending on the number of drivers in each class.
- A driver may compete only in one race per motor category.
  - A driver may not enter both the Mixed and Heavyweight events.
  - The race director may combine Women with Mixed classes, depending upon numbers at any given race.
  - The Mixed 8 HP race is open to both men and women (with ballast as required).
  - Drivers racing in the finals must race in the same boat in which they qualified.

### Special Notes Regarding This Event

- **INSPECTIONS:** All boats will be inspected or re-inspected. See the latest Racing Handbook for safety requirements.
- **RULES:** All drivers are expected to review and abide by the CCWBRA's Racing Handbook and updates, understand racing procedures, and come equipped with the required safety equipment. The Racing Handbook may be found at [www.ccwbra.com/pages/about-us](http://www.ccwbra.com/pages/about-us). These rules may be modified by race officials at this race event. Race participants will be notified at the Drivers Meeting of any changes to these rules.
- **HEATS:** Each class will race qualifying heats and a championship heat. Each heat will consist of three races. The number of qualifying heats will be based on the number of registered drivers for that class with each heat limited to

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no more than six boats for 6 h.p. races and five boats for 8 h.p. races. Each championship heat will consist of the top six finishers from the qualifying heats for 6 h.p. races and the top five finishers for 8 h.p. races.

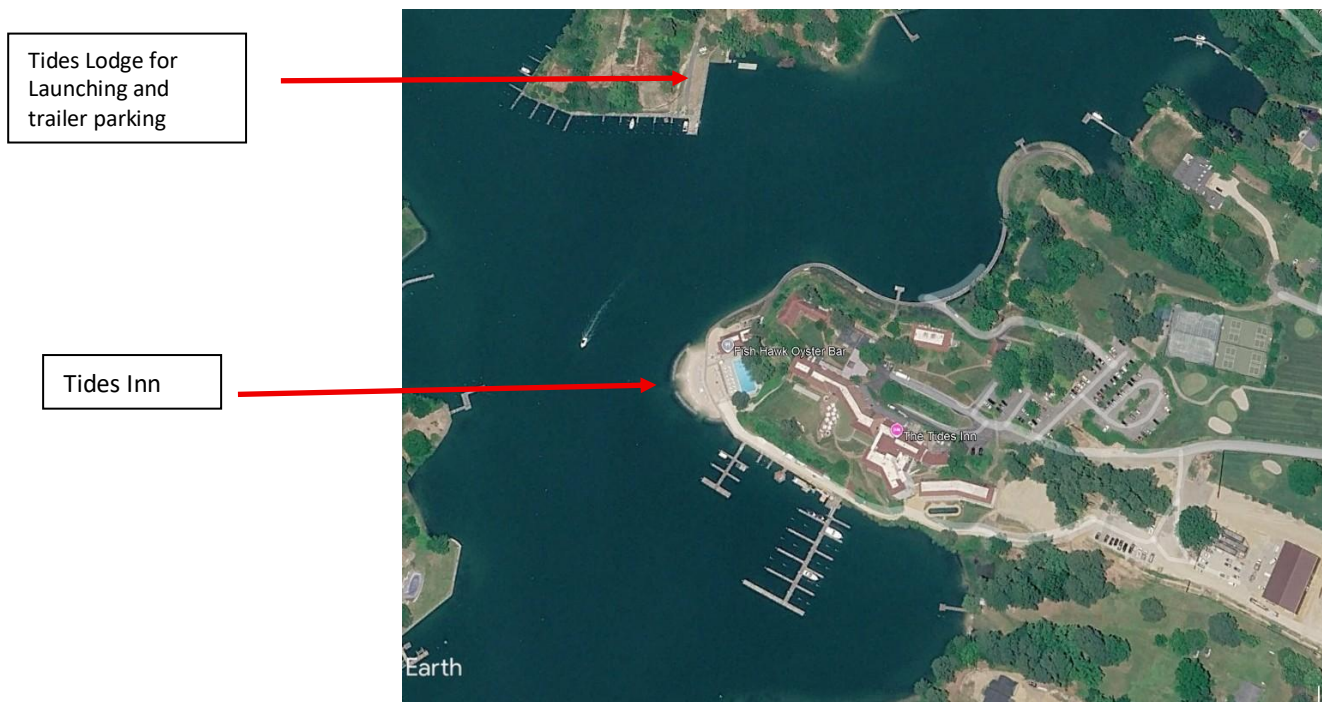
- **DRIVERS:** A minimum of three (3) drivers will be required to run a racing class. If there are not sufficient drivers in one class, they will race with the mixed class for that horsepower group. Engine classes will not be mixed, except that Early Classic and Late Classic may be combined if there are not sufficient engines for each category.
- **RISK:** All competitors are ultimately responsible for the inherent risks associated with boat racing. It is the competitor's decision to enter any CCWBRA-sanctioned race event and to start or continue any race. Each competitor shall accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes onshore activities before, during, and after such race event.
- **SCORING:** The Low-Point Scoring System as shown in the CCWBRA Racing Handbook will apply.
- **AWARDS:** awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class at an awards ceremony following the races.
- **ALCOHOL and DRUGS:** The consumption of alcohol and/or drugs is not permitted by any person either racing or present on the dock.

## Additional Information

The Tides Inn is a waterfront resort located on Virginia's historic Norther Neck, just under three hours from Washington, DC and one hour from Richmond. A number of rooms will be available for CCWBRA members at the Family and Friends rate of \$105 - \$165 depending on room size.

Additional accommodation is also available at the Holiday Inn Express in Kilmarnock VA (10 minutes away). Drivers may also choose to camp at the Tides Lodge across the creek although amenities are few.

Trailer access to the racing area is not available so boats will launch from the Tides Lodge across the small creek from the Inn. Dockage and a pit area for engine changes, boat adjustments, refueling and driver changes are available at the racing site.



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