

# See the Volvo Ocean Race's IN PORT RACE



## The Round the World Race

**In Port Race:**  
Saturday,  
April 29

North of the Bay Bridge on the Eastern side of the bay (north of Love Point)

*Spectator craft should monitor VHF Channel 17 for Race Commentary and special safety information.*

- For race updates and information on other Volvo Ocean Race activities go to [www.oceanracechesapeake.org](http://www.oceanracechesapeake.org) or tune your radio to 1430AM WNAV.
- 8:00–9:00 a.m. Race Boats leave Baltimore Inner Harbor for the race course (approximately 20 miles to the race area using the main ship channel).
- 10:00–12:00 a.m. Spectator craft transiting to the race course from Baltimore and Annapolis will need to transit at slow speed when there is a high level of boat traffic.
- 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. A diamond shaped Spectator Exclusion Zone, within a regulated area established by the U.S. Coast Guard, will be established to ensure the safety of spectator craft and the VOR race boats.
- 11:30 a.m. Race boats maneuver in the Race Area and near the Starting Line, which will be located within a 2-mile radius circle around 39° 05' 07" N by 076° 19' 05" W. The location of the Starting Line will be dependent on the wind direction and announced on VHF Channel 17.
- 12:50–1:00 p.m. Race Starting Sequence with the Warning Signal at 12:50; the Preparatory Signal at 12:55; and the Start Signal at 1:00.
- 1:00–3:30 p.m. Approximate Race Time (could go later if the start is delayed).

### Spectator Craft

- Spectator craft should monitor VHF Channel 17 for commentary about the racing and special safety information broadcasts. Use VHF Channel 9 for hailing. Keep non-distress radio traffic off VHF Channel 16. Race updates will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until one hour after the last race boat has finished.

- For safe viewing, spectator boats can watch the race from areas that don't impede commercial traffic and are outside the diamond-shaped Spectator Exclusion Zone.
- The Spectator Exclusion Zone includes a Starting Area and a diamond shaped Race Area defined by Picket Boats with White Flags and Inflatable Buoys. The diamond will be approximately 4 nautical miles long and 4 nautical miles wide.
- Any position along the diamond shaped exclusion zone perimeter can be used for race viewing. The race course will be set up in a windward / leeward configuration with the legs approximately 3–3.5 nautical miles long. A total of 6 to 10 legs will be sailed depending on wind strength. The Finish Line will be located to leeward in the same general location as the Start Line.
- The race course axis is dependent on the wind direction. It may be necessary to shift the course axis if there is a substantial wind shift. In that case, spectator craft on either side of the race course will be directed by official marshal boats and USCG Auxiliary assets to relocate as the Spectator Exclusion Zone is adjusted. Please monitor VHF 17 and adhere to the directives of any Official Boats.
- Spectator craft cannot enter the Spectator Exclusion Zone. Only the racers and official boats identified by special flags will be permitted in the zone which will be patrolled by federal, state, and local authorities.
- Spectator craft are to keep a minimum of 150 feet from the Spectator Exclusion Zone perimeter to allow for official boats to patrol the perimeter. Spectator craft are not allowed to anchor in the vicinity of the Exclusion Zone due to the possibility of a wind shift which would then require adjusting the Spectator Exclusion Zone.
- Spectator craft cannot enter the restricted viewing area in the vicinity of the Starting Line which is reserved for syndicate and VOR flagged vessels.
- Anyone violating established restricted areas will be subject to arrest and/or fines.
- Any person or operator of any vessel in the regulated area must stop immediately when directed to do so by any official patrol and then proceed only as directed. When authorized to transit within the regulated area, all vessels shall proceed at the minimum

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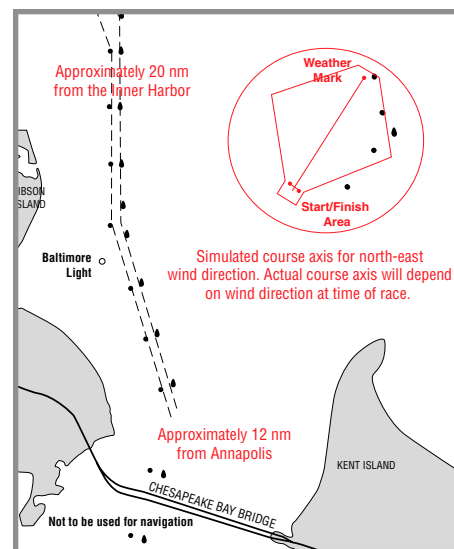


Diagram by Chris Holme based upon information provided by the National Ocean Service Coast Survey.

speed necessary to maintain a safe course that minimizes wake near the race course and near other persons and vessels in the designated spectator areas. This will include an area within 500 feet of the Spectator Exclusion Zone.

- When the race boats conclude racing for the day and exit the regulated area established by the U.S. Coast Guard to transit back to Baltimore, spectator craft should stay at least 250 feet away from the racers, aft of their beam and avoid passing across their bows at any time. If you are approached by one of the race boats, hold your position and let the race boat avoid you.
- Spectator craft must: Give way to large commercial vessels and tugs with barges; not tie up to any navigation buoys or beacons; not anchor in navigable channels; keep a safe distance from bridge abutments; and follow instructions from Official Patrol vessels.
- For area navigation details see Chart 12278.

### On-Water Courtesy

- Observe the "Rules of the Road" and use common sense at all times.
- Sailboats must keep their sails down in the area adjacent to the Spectator Exclusion Zone. By doing so you will help on-water spectators see the race; you will not interfere with the racers' wind patterns; and you will not be confused with a race boat.