



Co-Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland, USA and Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Solomons, Maryland

http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas

# **NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 For all monohull boats competing, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <a href="https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations">https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations</a>) will apply as changed below.
  - (a)In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.3 For all multihull boats competing, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at will apply as changed below.
  - https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safe
    ty-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations)
    - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.4 All crew aboard a boat without lifelines, a multihull or any boat racing double handed, must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times when on deck. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5 All boats in all classes are to have a minimum crew of two persons.
- 1.6 ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at http://www.orcches.org

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at

https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16357

- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

# 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Multihull, PHRF A, PHRF B/C, ORC Open, ORC Performance Cruiser, J/105 and CHESSS (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 3 paid entries by 1200 on Wednesday, September 18.
  Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum will be returned.
  4.3 Boats shall enter online at:
  - https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16357
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats in the Multihull classes shall have a valid rating from the Chesapeake Multihull Association. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org">http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org</a>
- 4.8 Boats in an ORC class shall have the appropriate valid ORCi, ORC Club, or ORC Non-Spinnaker rating certificate. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/#rating-rules-handicapping-systems">https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/#rating-rules-handicapping-systems</a> or <a href="http://orc.org">http://orc.org</a>
- 4.9 Boats in a PHRF class shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit http://www.phrfchesbay.org
- 4.10 The OA will post class assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 18. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, September 18.

# 5 FEES

5.1 Early entry fee of \$60 is due by 1700 on Monday, September 9. After that, registrations with an entry fee of \$85 will be accepted until 1200 on Wednesday, September 18. Entry fees are non-refundable. 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards.

#### 6 **SCHEDULE**

6.1 The first warning signal for the race is scheduled for 0930. Classes will be started in approximate "reverse order" with slower classes starting first.

#### 7 **VENUE**

7.1 The race will be a point-to-point race using government marks from Thomas Point, Annapolis, MD to Solomons, MD.

# THE COURSE

- 8.1 The start will be near G/R can "SR" located near and east of Thomas Point Light.
- 8.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
  - (a) Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
  - (b) R"84", passed to port,
  - (c) Sharps Island Light passed to port,
  - (d) Restricted Area marks "G" and "H" north and near of Cove Point, passed to starboard.
  - (e) G"77", rounded to starboard.
- 8.3 The finish will be near the entrance to the Patuxent River as detailed in the SIs.
- 8.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding mark G"77".
- 8.5 The time limit to finish is 1900 hours. Boats not finishing by 1900 hours will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored two places greater than the number of boats finishing in that class, but not worse than the number of starters.

# **SCORING**

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.
- 9.2 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time ratings where TCF = 650 / (550 + TOD handicap). The race committee will assign the course type rating on race day as detailed in the SIs.
- 9.3 Corrected times for ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind speed for handicapping prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.
- 9.4 Corrected times for Multihull classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

### **RISK STATEMENT**

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks,

which are assumed by the competitor.

#### 11 **INSURANCE**

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

# 12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 6 or more starters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 9 or more starters.
- 12.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
  - (a) Pavana Trophy: best overall corrected time in ORC.
  - (b) America's Trophy: this event will be part of the season series for overall performance in ORC.
  - (c) AYC J/105 Regatta Series Trophy: this event will be part of the season AYC series for overall performance in the J/105 class.
- 12.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

# 13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For more information contact AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org,410.858.4964.