



ANNAPOLIS to NEWPORT RACE

JUNE 5, 2015

An invitation is extended to the following classes to enter the 35th Annapolis to Newport Race: High Performance Class (HPR); IRC; ORR; PHRF; Multihull; Plus 1; Double Handed; Performance Cruising, Classic and Corinthian Class.

This race is part of the Stamford Yacht Club Northern Ocean Racing Trophy & Double-Handed Ocean Racing Trophy; New England Lighthouse Series; the Chelsea Clock Mariner Trophy for combined performance in the Annapolis-Newport Race and Marblehead-Halifax Race and the Chelsea Clock Seafarer Trophy for combined performance in the 2015 Annapolis-Newport Race and 2014 Newport to Bermuda Race

The Annapolis Yacht Club and the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. are the Organizing Authority (OA). The U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron, New York Yacht Club and Ida Lewis Yacht Club will assist the OA.

NOTICE OF RACE_{v7}

(Incorporates NOR Amendments 1 & 2. Amendment 2 in italics)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); Part B - Steering and Sailing Rules of the Navigation Rules (COLREGS); Parts A, B, C of the 2015 IRC Rating Rule; the 2015 ORR Rule; and *the Ocean Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations and associated Appendices (US SER) found at: <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements>*
There will be no limitations on crew number or weight in the IRC Division, except as stated in NOR 14.1.
- 1.2 As permitted by IRC 11.2, a boat competing under IRC may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.3 For boats competing in the IRC Division, RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply except as modified by IRC rule 22.3 for boats rated for movable/variable ballast.
- 1.4 RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- 1.5 Except as allowed by RRS 41, Outside Help, and NOR 1.68, there shall be no boat-to-boat communications during the race. RRS 41(c) will be changed to read as follows: "Weather, current or navigational information available to all boats, including internet or broadcast information from sources available to all boats, whether on a subscription or free basis is allowed. Allowable services must provide the same information to all competitors and not provide boat specific weather or routing information. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Weather routing data developed specifically for the race may not be received while racing". Accessing information by any means during the race that is not available to all boats will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

- 1.6 For the Double-Handed Division RRS 41 will be changed to permit entrants to communicate amongst themselves while racing.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to carry event advertising provided by the OA.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Entry is open to any Mono Hull or Multihull boat with inboard auxiliary power, thirty three feet L.O.A. or greater, which conforms to the requirements of this Notice of Race.
- 3.2 Mono Hull Boats must have either:
 - (a) A minimum IMS Stability Factor or ORR Stability Limit of 110, or be a true sister ship of a boat in the US SAILING IMS Master File, or ORR File, that has a Stability Factor of at least 110. Certification of this requirement will be required on the Certificate of Compliance and Readiness; or
 - (b) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28 or a minimum IRC STIX of 32.
- 3.3 Multihull Boats must meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Multihull Association.
- 3.4 IRC entries must have ratings higher than 0.960.
- 3.5 ORR entries must have GPH ratings *NOT* higher than 675.
- 3.6 PHRF entries must have handicaps of 126 or lower. Classic or Corinthian Class entries may be accepted with higher handicaps at the discretion of the OA.
- 3.7 A PHRF Consortium will be formed to assign PHRF Handicaps for entries racing in PHRF – see Appendix A to be posted on the race website.
- 3.8 Performance Cruising PHRF Division requirements - see Appendix B to be posted on the race website.
- 3.9 Plus 1 PHRF Racing Class – see Appendix C to be posted on the race website.
- 3.10 Classic PHRF Class – see Appendix D to be posted on the race website.
- 3.11 Double-Handed PHRF Class – at least one crew member shall be at least 21 years of age as of the start of the race.
- 3.12 Any three boats from the same yacht club may register as a team competing for the Yacht Club Challenge trophy.
- 3.13 The OA reserves the right to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the preparatory signal for her class.

4 ENTRY AND DOCUMENTATION

- 4.1 Entries may be made online at www.annapolisnewportrace.com not later than Friday, May 22, 2015.
- 4.2 Documents that must be received by the race committee by 1700 Friday, May 22, 2015:
 - (a) A copy of the life raft inspection certificate(s) complying with *US SER*.
 - (b) A copy of the 406 EPIRB registration.
 - (c) The Crew List form (to be completed online)
 - (d) Online Liability and Media Waiver completed by all competitors (to be completed online)
- 4.3 Documents that must be received by the race committee by 1700 Wednesday, June 3, 2015:
 - (a) The Certificate of Compliance and Readiness.
 - (b) The *US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations, Ocean Category, Check List*.
- 4.4 Documents not submitted online may be submitted to the race committee by:
 - (a) Mail: PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404
 - (b) Email: info@annapolisnewportrace.com
 - (c) Fax: 410-269-8905

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$28.00 per foot, LOA for entries received by December 1, 2014. To determine the Entry Fee, a boat's LOA may be rounded downward to nearest lower whole number. (e.g: 39.71' = 39')
- 5.1 After December 1, 2014 the entry fee will be \$30.00 per foot, LOA.
- 5.2 After May 1, 2015 the entry fee will be \$35.00 per foot, LOA.
- 5.3 The entry fee must be paid by May 22, 2015 and is not refundable after May 22, 2015.
- 5.4 New York Yacht Club will offer competitors in the Annapolis to Newport Race a discounted entry fee for their [Annual Regatta](#) presented by Rolex on June 12-14, 2015 in Newport.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration: Wednesday and Thursday June 3 & 4, 2015 from 0900 to 1700 at The Annapolis Yacht Club main clubhouse, 2 Compromise Street, Annapolis MD 21401. Telephone: 410-263-9279; Email contact through the Annapolis-Newport website: www.annapolisnewportrace.com
- 6.2 A representative must be available in Annapolis beginning 1200 hours, Wednesday, June 3, 2015
- 6.3 The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1100 Friday, June 5, 2015.
- 6.4 The warning signal for the classes starting on Saturday, June 6, 2015 will be 1100.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be provided in the entry acceptance packet and will be posted on the event website.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 For classes starting Friday, June 5th, the course is from the start off of the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland, south down the Chesapeake Bay, leaving Nautilus Shoal buoy R "N2" to port, to the finish off Castle Hill Light on Newport Neck, Rhode Island. Course distance is approximately 460 nautical miles.
- 8.2 For classes starting Saturday, June 6th, the course is from the start off of the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland, south down the Chesapeake Bay, leaving the Chesapeake Light Tower to port, to the finish off Castle Hill Light on Newport Neck, Rhode Island. Course distance is approximately 473 nautical miles.

9 PENALTIES

RRS 64.1 will be changed to allow the protest committee to impose penalties other than disqualification for violations of the *US SER* or other non-Part 2 RRS or COLREGS Part B rules.

10 RATINGS

- 10.1 Boats in the IRC or ORR Division must have a 2015 rating certificate on file. Further information is available at www.ussailing.org
- 10.2 Boats in the PHRF Division, Double Handed Division and the Performance Cruiser Division will be scored based on ratings assigned by the PHRF Annapolis-Newport Consortium.
- 10.3 Multihull Boats must have ratings assigned by the Chesapeake Multihull Association

11 CLASSES

Boats will race in classes within their divisions as assigned by the OA.

12 EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and Captain of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and that she is properly equipped and competently manned and sailed.

12.2 Boats must comply with the requirements of US SER Ocean as modified by this Notice of Race:
<http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>

12.3 It is strongly recommended that life lines be uncoated, however, lifelines installed after January 1, 2008 may be coated provided the coating in the vicinity of the terminal fittings is removed to allow inspection of the wire strands at the cable to fitting joint.

12.4 Sufficient fuel shall be aboard at the start to provide a cruising range under power of at least 100 nautical miles.

12.5 A Single Side Band radio may be substituted for the satellite phone required by US SER.

12.6 Each boat is required to carry a GPS transponder, supplied by the OA. The unit shall be mounted in accordance with the instructions supplied and a good faith effort made to maintain its operation throughout the race. The unit will provide tracking data which will be posted on the race website during the race. A deposit, fully refundable on the unit's return, will be required.

13 RACING NUMBERS

13.1 The RRS specify the display of racing numbers on certain sails. In the event none of these sails are set when starting or finishing, these numbers are to be displayed by alternate means.

13.2 RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.

14 CREW

14.1 The minimum crew aboard shall be four persons, except that there shall be only two persons aboard in the Double-Handed Division.

14.2 The term Captain as used in this Notice of Race means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is in charge of the yacht during the race per RRS 46. The Captain is responsible for the yacht, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

14.3 The Captain, Navigator and Watch Captains shall have successfully completed an Annapolis-Newport, Newport-Bermuda, Annapolis-Bermuda, Marion-Bermuda or Marblehead-Halifax Race in their respective capacities or provide a resume of their offshore experience on the entry form for review by the OA.

14.4 In addition to the requirements of US SER:

14.4.1 At least one crew member from each watch must have attended a Safety at Sea Seminar within the 3 calendar years preceding the start.

14.4.2 For the Double-Handed Division, both shall have previous offshore experience and both shall have attended a Safety at Sea Seminar within the 3 calendar years preceding the start.

There will be a seminar at the U.S. Naval Academy on March 28 & 29, 2015. A schedule of other seminars is available from US SAILING:

http://offshore.ussailing.org/SAS/Seminars/SAS_Calendar.htm.

15 SCORING

All Divisions will be scored Time on Time. ORR entries will be scored with Annapolis-Newport TOT ratings issued by US Sailing.

16 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Boats that also competed in the 2014 Newport to Bermuda Race are eligible for the Chelsea Clock Seafarer Trophy based on combined performance in these two races.

17.2 Boats also entering the 2015 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race are eligible for the Chelsea Clock Mariner Trophy based on combined performance in these two races. For information on the Marblehead-Halifax Race go to www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/.

17.3 This race is part of the Stamford Yacht Club Northern Ocean Racing Trophy and the Double-Handed Ocean Racing Trophy; and the New England Lighthouse Series. Entry in these series must be made separately. For more information go to www.stamfordyc.com/.

17.4 A list of prizes will be provided as an addendum to the sailing instructions. All entrants will be awarded a participation plaque. One-design classes with five entries or more will be given separate prizes.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

19 SOCIAL

19.1 Annapolis Yacht Club will have guest cards available to competitors for the week before the Start. New York Yacht Club Harbour Court and Ida Lewis Yacht Club will have guest cards available to competitors after arrival in Newport.

19.2 The Annapolis Yacht Club will host a reception on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 1800 at the clubhouse for all competitors.

19.3 Newport Yachting Center will be the Race Headquarters after the finish of the race. Dockage is available on a first-to-arrive basis. www.newportyachtingcenter.com. There will be a party at Newport Yachting Center on Monday, June, 8, 2015.

19.4 The Awards Party in Newport will be at the New York Yacht Club Harbour Court on Tuesday June 9, 2015 at 1700 hours.

20 MEDIA RIGHTS

By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority, the Annapolis Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club and the event sponsors.

21 CONTACTS

Event website: www.annapolisnewportrace.com

Annapolis-Newport Race Committee:

Email: info@annapolisnewportrace.com

Mail: Annapolis- Newport Race Committee, PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404

Before the start – Annapolis Yacht Club: Telephone: 410-263-9279; Fax: 410-269-8905

After the Start – Race Office at Newport Yachting Center Telephone: 443-994-4235