



ANNAPOLIS to NEWPORT RACE 2015

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.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS including Amendment No. 1

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; the 2015 A2N PHRF Regulations; and the Ocean Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations and associated Appendices (US SER) as amended.
- 1.2 RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is changed to read, “If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.3 The RRS of Part 2 are replaced by the applicable right-of-way rules of the COLREGS or the Inland Navigation Rules, as determined by the COLREGS Demarcation Lines, between 2030 and 0545 EDT. Competitors are reminded that the Chesapeake and Narragansett Bays are restricted channels and that sailing vessels do not have right-of-way over a vessel under power that may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 1.4 Except as allowed by RRS 41, Outside Help, there shall be no boat-to-boat communication during the race. RRS 41(c) is 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 that is not available to all boats, by any means during the race, will be considered a violation of RRS 41.
- 1.5 IRC 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight in the IRC Division except as stated in NOR 14.1. 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.

- 1.6 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. RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- 1.7 For boats competing in the Double-Handed Division, RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply. RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- 1.8 For boats competing in the PHRF Division RRS 51, Movable Ballast, and RRS 52, Manual Power, will apply except for boats rated with movable/variable ballast.
- 1.9 For boats competing in the Performance Cruiser and Classic/Corinthian Divisions, RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply. Boats with canting keels, canting centerboards or variable ballast are not eligible. RRS 52, Manual Power is modified to permit entrants to use power-driven winches and furlers.
- 1.10 For boats competing in the Double-Handed Division RRS 41 is modified to permit entrants to communicate amongst themselves while racing
- 1.11 In the event any lifesaving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is not possible the loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Coast Guard and to the race committee in Newport.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Before the start notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website. Notices will also be posted on the bulletin board located on the lower deck of the Annapolis Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 2.2 After the start notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Newport Yachting Center.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 hours Wednesday 3 June 2015.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals ashore will be made at the yard arm of the staff at the Annapolis Yacht Club clubhouse. Flag L over a numeral pennant means notice to competitors number "numeral" has been posted.

5 SCHEDULE

The warning signal for boats starting on Thursday 4 June 2015 will be at 11:00. The warning signal for boats starting on Friday 5 June 2015 will be at 11:00. Class divisions will be posted and provided in the skipper's packet available 1630 Wednesday 3 June 2015.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The race committee signal boat will display numeral pennant 1 as the class flag for purpose of identifying the start. Boats need not display class flags.

7 CHECK IN

There is a **MANDATORY** check in. No later than 10 minutes prior to the warning signal, all competitors shall check in with the main signal boat by passing close astern and hailing their sail number and class and receiving acknowledgement from the RC. Boats failing to check in that are recorded as finishers in the race will be penalized by having 60 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The IRC 2, ORR, PHRF 2, PHRF Double Handed, Performance Cruising 2, Performance Cruising 1 and Classic/Corinthian classes shall sail the following course: The northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel shall be left to port and the southern island of the Chesapeake

Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel shall be left to starboard. The Nautilus Shoal buoy R "N2" shall be left to port. Block Island may be passed on either side to the finish at Castle Hill Light.

- 8.2 The IRC 1, PHRF 1, Class 40 and Multihull classes shall sail the following course: The northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel shall be left to port and the southern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel shall be left to starboard. The Chesapeake Light Tower (Fl (2) Wh 15 s 118 ft) shall be left to port. Block Island may be passed on either side to the finish at Castle Hill Light.

9 THE START

The start will be near the outer end of the Annapolis Harbor Channel. The starting line will consist of three committee boats: a starboard end RC boat, a mid-line main committee boat and a port end RC boat. The starting line will be a 2-part line and will be between the luff of the orange flags on the mid-line signal boat and the luff of the orange flags on the port and starboard end committee boats. The mid-line boat may not be on a straight line between the port and starboard end boats.

10 RECALL

- 10.1 The race committee will attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by announcing their racing numbers on VHF 73. Failure to transmit or receive such notification will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.2 A boat identified as OCS, which fails to return, will be penalized by having 30 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

11 FINISH

- 11.1 The finish will be in the East Passage Narragansett Bay on a line bearing 300 degrees Magnetic from the Lighthouse (Iso R 6s 39ft) on Castle Hill, Newport Neck, Rhode Island.
- 11.2 The finishing line shall be crossed not more than 200 yards from the Lighthouse.
- 11.3 A yacht crossing the line at night shall use a bright light to illuminate her sail numbers. A handheld flashlight is not sufficient for this purpose. Whether conditions of visibility require it or not, a boat shall identify herself to the race committee by calling on VHF Channel 73 when finishing.
- 11.4 A boat shall take her own finishing time and report this to the race committee at its Newport Headquarters at the Newport Yachting Center either in person or by telephone within two hours of her finish (443-370-1578). A boat failing to comply with this requirement will be penalized by having 30 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44 shall not apply for breaches of rules of Part 2.
- 11.2 RRS 64.1(a) (Penalties and Exoneration) is modified by adding: "The penalty for breaking a rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be either time added to a boat's elapsed time or disqualification."

13 TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit. Boats which have not finished by 0800 on Wednesday 10 June 2015 shall use every means at their disposal to report their positions and their estimated times of arrival to the race committee (443-370-1578).

14 ABANDONMENT

- 14.1 Boats abandoning the Race shall notify the race committee at Race Headquarters in Newport (443-370-1578), or the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16 as soon as possible. Due to the possibility of a U.S. Coast Guard search for a missing boat at immense cost and risk to personnel, prompt notification of abandonment is mandatory.
- 14.2 Boats abandoning the race shall complete and forward to the race committee a copy of the US SAILING Questionnaire Concerning Withdrawal.

15 RENDERING ASSISTANCE

- 15.1 Attention is drawn to the responsibility imposed by good seamanship and RRS 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger).
- 15.2 Boats are reminded to log positions and times when stopping to render assistance in compliance with RRS 1.1. A request for redress by a boat rendering assistance shall be made as soon as possible after reaching port.

15 PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged in writing with the race committee at the Newport Headquarters Newport Yachting Center as soon as possible after reaching port.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The shorter course is approximately 460 nautical miles and the longer course is approximately 473 nautical miles from Annapolis to Castle Hill Light House at the entrance to the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.
- 16.2 All handicap boats will be scored Time on Time.

17 GPS TRANSPONDER

Each boat is required to carry a GPS transponder, supplied by the organizing authority. 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 shall be returned to race headquarters at the Newport Yachting Center as soon as practical after finishing for refund of the deposit.