

Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta
North Sails Doublehanded Distance Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Annapolis, MD
May 1, 2021

Sailing World and the Annapolis Yacht Club are co-organizing authorities (OA) for this regatta. The Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) is the host club and will provide race management assisted by Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn Sailing Association. This is an official US Sailing sanctioned event.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR or SIs 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.

1.2 Boats shall race with only two 2 people aboard.

1.3 [DP] For ORC and PHRF Non-Spin, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply.

1.4 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.

1.5 Per RRS 42.3 (i), a competitor may use their engine or other method to propel themselves so as to avoid impeding or interfering with vessel traffic, provided that competitor does not gain a significant advantage.

1.6 RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times while on deck except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The display of flag Y is not required.

1.7 Rule 52 is changed to permit wind vanes and (or) auto-pilots during racing.

1.8 Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area. [DP]

1.9 All boats are required to abide by the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions with regard to the COVID-19 virus. Links to these documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at:

https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13226 as they become available. [DP]

2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.



3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=13226.

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to provide information on VHF radio channel 68

3.3 [DP] [NP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

4.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACE

Initial Warning Signal is scheduled to be made at 1100.

7. CLASSES

7.1 The class flag for all starters will be a yellow flag.

7.2 All boats will race in one class.

8. COURSE

8.1 The start and finish (unless the course is shortened) will be at G C "1" off Greenbury Point

8.2 The course to be sailed will be announced, and repeated, on VHF radio between 1030 and 1045 on Saturday, May 1, 2021 using some or all of the Government Buoys listed below which will be rounded to port or starboard per the announcement:

R "88"

R "86"

R "84A"

G C "85A"

G "1" FI G 4s BELL at entrance to Eastern Bay

G "1" FI G 4s off West River

GR C "SR" off Thomas Point Light

9. MARKS

Marks shall be government buoys as described in the course.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.





10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and course side of GC "1" off Greenbury Point.

10.3 The race committee will attempt to hail, on VHF 68 boats identified as OCS, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).

10.4 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and RRS/US U5.

10.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag displayed on the RC vessel and the course side of Government Buoy GC "1" off Greenbury Point.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

12.2 RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply.

13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1800 hours. If there is a postponement before the first warning signal, the time limit will be extended by the duration of that postponement, but not to exceed one hour.

14. HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

14.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice> or on the event web site under General Race Forms. They shall be delivered to the race office by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.

14.3 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.

14.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable. The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results of the scoring inquiry. Except on the last day of the event, if this time limit is after 2000 hours, it is extended to 0830 the following morning. This changes rule 62.2.

14.5 The protest committee intends to conduct hearings either in person at the AYC Sailing Center OR via tele- or video- conferencing. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.



15. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

15.1 [DP] A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel, by hail or VHF Ch 68, or by calling 410.353.0477, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area.

15.3 [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

15.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 15 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

16. SCORING

Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Double Handed certificates using All Purpose, single number Time-on-Time ratings.

17. ADVERTISING

17.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

17.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g, boom stickers.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded.

20. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

21. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, WAIVERS, PERSONAL CONDUCT

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Acceptance of the Rules. The OA and AYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



21.2 The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

21.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA

