



2021 Fall Race to Solomons
Saturday September 25, 2021
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) 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 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 [DP] The applicable US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), will apply as stated in the notice of race.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors racing aboard any boat which is being double handed to wear personal flotation devices at all times when above deck.
- 1.5 [NP] MANDATORY CHECK-IN - A race committee check-in boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards north of the starting line. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the check-in boat, hail her sail number and the number of persons on board, and receive a verbal confirmation by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty (see RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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 which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14303>
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 69. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat 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 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE

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

6.2 The starting order will be posted to the notice board no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 22.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern. The class flags are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class flag</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Class flag</u>
CRCA	White	ORC Cruiser	Green Flag
Multihull	Flag F or W	ORC DH	Flag H
J/35	Flag K	PHRF A0/A1	Pennant 9
J/105	Pennant 4	PHRF A2	Pennant 2
ORC I	Pennant 1	PHRF B	Pennant 6
ORC II	Pennant 8	PHRF C/D	Pennant 7
ORC III	Pennant 3	PHRF Non-Spin	Pennant 5

7.2 [DP] All boats shall clearly display their assigned class flag at the stern.

7.3 The OA will post assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 22. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, September 24.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The start will be at or 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) G"77", rounded to starboard.

8.3 The finish will be at Drum Point Light (FL R 2.5s "4").

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

9.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce the next class to start on VHF radio.

9.3 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark, which will be a green inflatable cylinder.

9.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other competitors.

9.5 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).

9.6 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.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee Signal Vessel and Drum Point Light (FL R 2.5s “4”).

10.2 If the race committee is not on station:

(a) the finishing line will be a line extending 300 feet on a bearing of 150 degrees magnetic from Drum Point Light (FL R 2.5s “4”).

(b) A boat shall record her finish time when Drum Point Light (“4”) bears 330 degrees magnetic and shall report her finish time as soon as practicable to the race office (see SI 3.2).

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.

11.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 There is no race time limit.

13 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office (see SI 3). Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

13.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available at the race office (see SI 3). When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

13.3 The protest time limit for each boat is 60 minutes after the boat finishes.

13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.5 As soon as practicable after a protest is filed, 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 SCORING

14.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

14.2 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The race committee will determine the course type rating (“Handicap (Spinnaker)” or “Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)”) prior to scoring the race. A boat’s corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$.

14.3 Corrected times for the ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will determine the proper course type and the wind speed rating prior to scoring the race.

14.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration. These handicaps will be determined solely by the CRCA class.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

- 15.2 [NP] [DP] 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.
- 15.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (see SI 3) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 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 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters (boats starting in at least one race), 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters
- 16.2 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 AYC's season series for overall performance in ORC.
- 16.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 16.4 Awards will be presented during the post-race regatta gathering at the SMSA Clubhouse.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.'