

Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta
North Sails Rally Race and Beneteau Class Distance Races
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Annapolis, MD
May 13 - 15 2022

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, Severn Sailing Association, and Storm Trysail Club, Chesapeake Station. 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 (RRS).
- 1.2** 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 <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/> as they become available. [DP]
- 1.3** The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 63.1 and 63.2.
- 1.4** Per RRS 42.3 (h), a competitor may use their engine or other method to propel themselves to avoid impeding or interfering with commercial vessel traffic that is underway, provided that competitor does not gain a significant advantage. Any use of the boat's engine is to be reported in writing to the race committee. [DP]
- 1.5** RRS 47 A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. [DP]
- 1.6** Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area. [DP]

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** Sailing Instructions for the North Sails Rally Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board immediately prior to the event.
- 2.2** Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The Official Notice Board is located online at: <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/>
- 3.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio ch 71.
- 3.4** 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. [DP]



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4. ADVERTISING

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

4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, bow numbers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

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 RACES

Friday: 1100 Warning signal for Beneteau Class Distance Race

Saturday: 1100 Warning signal for Beneteau Class Distance Race.

1110 Warning signal for ORC and ORC Cruiser

1115 Warning signal for ORC DH

1120 Warning signal for Cal 25, PHRF Spin and PHRF Non-Spin

Sunday: 1100 Warning signal for Beneteau Class Distance Race

7. COURSE

7.1 The start will be at GC"1" off Hackett Point

7.2 The courses to be sailed by the Beneteau class (and the Rally classes on Saturday, May 14) will be posted on the Official Notice Board by no later than 09:30 hours of each race day using some or all of the Government Buoys listed below which will be rounded to port or starboard as designated:

R "88"

R "86"

GRC "SR" off Thomas Point Light

G "1" off West River

R "2" off Severn River

G "5" in Severn River

Three highest spans of the William P. Lane Memorial Bridges

RW "LP" Mo (A) north of William P. Lane Memorial Bridges

R "6" in Craighill Channel

7.3 Competitors should be aware that the Beneteau class may be sailing a different course than the Rally classes and should be aware of a possible course change between the Beneteau class and the Rally class

7.4 The finish (unless the course is shortened) will be at G "5" in Severn River

8. MARKS

Marks shall be government buoys as described in the course.

9. THE START

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

9.2 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 Hackett Point.



9.3 The race committee will attempt to hail on VHF 71 any boats that are OCS.

9.4 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

The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag displayed on the RC vessel and the course side of G5 in the Severn River.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11.2 RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply.

12. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1600 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.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

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

13.2 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 or by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.

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

13.4 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.

13.5 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.

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

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

14.1 [DP] A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any RC vessel, by hail or VHF Ch 71, or by calling 443.795.1040, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area.

14.2 [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.

14.3 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 14.2 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.

15. 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.



16. SCORING

16.1 PHRF will be scored using Time-on-Time (TOT).

16.2 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and rating prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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. 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.

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

18. 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.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded, after racing on North Sails Saturday, to the top three finishers of each qualifying class.

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. ENVIRONMENTAL

Sailing World is working with Sailors for the Sea powered by Oceana to certify affiliated events as Clean Regattas. As a team, elevate our commitment to sustainability, follow the Clean Regatta Checklist and commit to being a Clean Regatta competitor. Please bring your reusable water bottles, recycle, and follow sustainable practices to keep our waters clean. Visit www.sailorsforthesea.org to learn more.

