



**2024 Mustang Survival
Annapolis to Bermuda Ocean Race
Bermuda Ocean Race Association, Inc.**

**Assisted by
Eastport Yacht Club and Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club**

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Annapolis, MD, USA to Bermuda

Notice of Race

COVID STATEMENT

At the time of publication of this Notice of Race (NoR) pandemic-related public health restrictions are in place in both Maryland and Bermuda. It shall be the responsibility of the Captain of each boat to ensure that the boat and its crew comply with any such restrictions in effect prior to, during, and after the race, and that the health and safety of the crew is safeguarded. Further, by taking part in any of the events covered by this NoR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are also responsible for complying with any regulations in force at the time with respect to COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures applicable in Maryland, Bermuda, or by virtue of the race rules. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be construed as misconduct. Captains should also be prepared to attend meetings/hearings while in Annapolis and Bermuda. 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. A boat may not base a request for redress on issues related to any race or government pandemic-related restrictions. This changes RRS 62.1. 15.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

- 1.2. [DP] The 2024 Annapolis to Bermuda Safety Equipment Requirements (A2BSER), based on the Ocean Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations and associated appendices, will apply. The Organizing Authority (OA) will publish the 2024 A2BSER on the Annapolis to Bermuda (A2B) web site (www.bermudaoceanrace.com) on or before January 1, 2024.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between any rule in this NoR and a rule in the sailing instructions (SI), the SIs will apply. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. [DP] RRS 41(c) is replaced with: "Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such "at a cost" information shall not include private forecasts or advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats or their situation."
- 1.5. [DP] If 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 US Coast Guard and to the race committee in Bermuda.
- 1.6. When boats meet between sunset and sunrise, for the purposes of keeping clear, they should act with the expectation that if they come within two of the longer boat's overall lengths of each other, the protest committee will conclude that the right-of-way boat needs to take avoiding action and that the other boat is not keeping clear.
- 1.7. Boats are strongly encouraged to review the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) carefully before the race. The Chesapeake Bay includes narrow channels and traffic separation zones where the right-of-way rules between vessels are quite different than when racing boats meet under the RRS. Often under the COLREGS, a sailing vessel is the give-way vessel and must take clear action well in advance to avoid close-quarters situations. Note also that the Chesapeake Bay is subject to inland rules until the international rules take effect.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on or before May 1, 2024 on the event website, www.bermudaoceanrace.com.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to any monohull or multihull sailing boat that meets the requirements of this NoR.
- 3.2. Boats must have an overall length of no less than 30 feet. Boats less than 30 feet LOA may apply to the OA for a waiver of this rule.
- 3.3. Boats may enter one of the following divisions: Multihull, PHRF, One Design, ORC, ORR, ORC Cruiser. Any division must be comprised of a minimum of three (3) boats.
- 3.4. A boat with a navigator skilled and experienced in traditional pilotage and celestial navigation at sea may elect to compete using celestial navigation. This election must be made on or before May 1, 2024. Boats that elect to compete in the Celestial Navigation Class will be scored using the ORR handicap rating. Specific rules

governing the Celestial Navigation Class will be made available by February 1, 2024 as a special Addendum to the NoR.

- 3.5. A division not listed here may be included upon formal petition to the OA. Such petition must be received by the OA by April 1, 2024 and must be endorsed by at least one member of the OA to be considered. Similarly, waivers to these eligibility rules may be granted by the OA on a case-by-case basis to accommodate special classes of boats (e.g., Mini 6.5).
- 3.6. A division may be divided into multiple classes or consolidated at the discretion of the OA. Such class divisions will be published in the SIs.
- 3.7. Division eligibility will be governed by its respective organization (see below) or measurement rule. All entrants shall submit a valid rating certificate as may be required by May 1, 2024. In the case of ORC, and ORR, a partial measurement certificate will be accepted.
 - 3.7.1. PHRF entries will be governed by the rules of PHRF of the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.
 - 3.7.2. Multihulls will be governed by ORR-MH.
 - 3.7.3. One Design entries will be governed by the rules of the official association or organization of the particular class.
 - 3.7.4. Cruising classes will be governed by the rules of the division in which they are registered (i.e., ORC Cruiser Division).

4. FEES

- 4.1. The following entry fee schedule applies to all registered boats:

Payment Received By	Entry Fee
January 1,2024	\$1,400
March 1, 2024	\$1,700
After March 1, 2024	\$2,400

- 4.2. Boats wishing to enter shall register on the event web site: www.bermudaoceanrace.com and submit a non-refundable application fee of \$200 USD.
- 4.3. The entry fee must be received by the date noted above for an entry to be paid in full.
- 4.4. Any fees in addition to the non-refundable application fee are not refundable after March 1, 2024 unless specifically specified by the OA. The OA reserves the right to make exceptions to the entry fee amounts at its sole discretion.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall pay all fees and successfully complete all registration, documentation, and inspection requirements by May 30, 2024.

5. CAPTAIN AND CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1. A boat must have logged over 400 miles of either racing or cruising, including overnight racing and/or cruising prior to the start of the race.
- 5.2. The Captain and Watch Captains must complete a summary of sailing experience in Yacht Scoring, demonstrating their competence to participate in ocean race.
- 5.3. A boat shall submit proof of attendance by the Captain and at least 30% of her crew at a recognized one-day or two-day Offshore Safety at Sea Seminar or equivalent seminar recognized by US Sailing. Seminar attendance shall be within the 5 years prior to May 1, 2024.
- 5.4. A boat shall submit proof that at least 2 members of the crew hold current certification in First Aid and CPR from a course recognized by US Sailing.
- 5.5. The crew shall consist of a minimum of 4 people unless otherwise modified by the SIs, class rules, or waiver. All race crew must be listed in Yacht Scoring.
- 5.6. The term Captain as used in this NoR means the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as “Captain” and who is the “person in charge” of the boat during the race as described in RRS 46. The Captain is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the NoR and SIs.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. There is a mandatory check-in for the captain and one crew member only at the Eastport Yacht Club, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403 between 1100 and 1500 Thursday, June 6, 2024.
- 7.2. There will be a mandatory pre-race Skipper Briefing (weather briefing) on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 1700. Location and/or connection information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. If the Skippers’ Briefing is conducted in person, the skipper and one crew are expected to attend the Skippers’ Briefing.
- 7.3. The warning signal for the first start will be at 1330 on June 7, 2024, in the vicinity of Severn River buoy R “2” FI R 2.5s.

8. EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 8.1. All boats competing in this race must be inspected by a person appointed by the OA for compliance with the A2BSER. Boats may be subject to inspection and re-inspection either before or after the race, including immediately after finishing. Inspection will be conducted according to procedures set forth by the OA Safety Committee. These procedures will be supplied to all boats that enter.
- 8.2. Boats shall carry a GPS tracking device supplied by the OA. The unit shall be mounted according to instructions supplied with the device, and a good faith effort shall be made to maintain its operation throughout the race. This unit will provide tracking

data which will be posted on the regatta web site during the race. A deposit, fully refundable upon the unit's return, will be required.

- 8.3. RRS Appendix G specifies the display of racing numbers on certain sails. In the event that none of these sails is set while starting or finishing, these numbers shall be displayed by alternate means.
- 8.4. Each boat shall carry a satellite telephone for safety and position reporting during the race.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The course is as follows (distance is approximately 753 nm):
 - 9.1.1. Start off the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis MD.
 - 9.1.2. Sail south down the Chesapeake Bay, leaving the northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to port and the southern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to starboard.
 - 9.1.3. Finish off St. David's Light on the eastern shore of Bermuda.
- 9.2. Marks of the course to be honored when approaching Bermuda will be detailed in the Slis.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty will be defined in the Slis.
- 10.2. The penalty for breaking a rule in the A2BSER or a rule not in Part 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee [DP].

11. SCORING

- 11.1. In classes using the PHRF rating system, corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by $(A/(B+PHRF \text{ Rating}))$. The A and B factors will be posted on the regatta website no later than May 30, 2024.
- 11.2. Other handicap classes will be scored in accordance with their handicap ratings and formulas.

12. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 12.1. RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 13.2. It is the sole responsibility of the 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.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1. 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 and event sponsors.

15. PRIZES

15.1. A complete list of prizes will be published in the SIs. Each finished boat will be given a participation plaque. The following trophies will be presented:

- **First to Finish Overall**
- **Fastest Corrected Time - Chesapeake Bay**
- **Fastest Corrected Time in Class – The OA will present class prizes up to the first three places on corrected time in each class, depending on the number of boats entered in the class.**
- **First out of the Chesapeake Bay**
- **Storm Trysail Club Trophy** - Trophy is awarded to a club and to individual boats. To qualify, it is necessary for at least 2 boats skippered by members of the same club to race. The club whose top two racers achieve the best combined score wins this beautiful trophy to display in its clubhouse until the next race. To enter, indicate that you wish to compete and name the club of which you are a member.
- **Weems & Plath Navigator Trophy** - The Trophy is awarded to the navigator whose logs and plotting sheets are found to be complete, neat and readable. The judge(s) will look for that navigator who exhibits conservative, knowledgeable and conscientious navigation incorporating proper dead reckoning, charting some celestial and some electronic navigation. This includes keeping a proper dead reckoning tract, the plotting of lines of position and other phenomena in the proper and traditional manner and exhibiting navigational enthusiasm. An entry form must be completed at the time of Registration on June 6, 2024. Logs must be presented to the Officer of the Day at the POC desk.
- **Youth Recognition Trophy**

15.2. Other Trophies as may be specified by the OA.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1. For further information please contact

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