



# Naval Academy Sailing

## 68th Race to Oxford

Saturday, September 9, 2023

CBYRA Sanction # \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Naval Academy Sailing. The host is Navy Offshore Sailing.

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this 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 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 will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Sailing Instructions (SIs), and this Notice of Race (NoR)
- 1.2. J105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J/105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated a Level 1A. J/105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>.
- 1.3. [DP] For all monohull boats competing, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as changed below.
  - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
  - (b) The following SER will also apply:
    - SER 2.4.1, Lifelines
    - SER 3.24.1, Lights
    - SER 3.35, Rigging; Halyards
- 1.4. [DP] For all multihull boats competing, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-specialregulations>) will apply as changed below.
  - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
  - (b) The following SER will also apply:
    - SER 3.24.2, Lights
    - SER 3.35, Rigging; Halyards
- 1.5. 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.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the notice board approximately 3 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The official notice board is electronic and will be located at [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries must be made through the event listing on [Yacht Scoring](#).
- 4.2. Entries will be accepted until Thursday September 7th.
- 4.3. Entry is open to boats in the following classes: Alberg 30, J/30, J/105, PHRF, PHRF Cruising, ORC, ORC Cruiser, CHESSS, CRCA Racer, CRCA Cruiser, and Multihull.
  - 4.3.1. Boats competing in a handicap class shall have a valid 2023 rating certificate submitted no later than Thursday, September 7th.
- 4.4. For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of three (3) valid entries by 1200 on Thursday September 7th (see NoR 4.2).
  - 4.4.1. To be considered a valid entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements including the waiver, current rating certificate, and have paid all fees.

- 4.5. The OA will post assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Thursday, September 7th. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, September 8th.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. Early registration and entry fee of \$55 (\$50/CBYRA members) are due by 1700 on Monday, September 4th. After that, registration with an entry fee of \$65 (\$60/CBYRA members) will be accepted until 1200 on Friday, September 9th. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes, at minimum, racing and awards.

**6. SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION**

- 6.1. There is no onsite registration for boats competing.
- 6.2. The first warning signal for the race is scheduled for 0900. Classes will be started in approximate "reverse order" with slower classes starting first.
- 6.3. Competitors should expect to rendezvous in the vicinity of Annapolis Area Government mark R "2" (CBYRA mark X)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday	0800-0845	On-the-Water Check-in w/ Race Committee
	0900	First Warning Signal

**7. VENUE**

- 7.1. The race will be a point-to-point race using government marks from Annapolis, MD to Oxford, MD.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The start will be at or near Annapolis Area Government Mark R "2", as detailed in the SIs.
- 8.2. After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
- (a) Thomas Point Light, passed to starboard,
  - (b) Bloody Point Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
  - (c) R"84", passed to port,
  - (d) R"80A", passed to port,
  - (e) G "9", rounded to port,
  - (f) R "10", passed to starboard,
  - (g) Choptank River Light, rounded to port.
- 8.3. The finish will be near the entrance to the Tred Avon River, at or near R"2", as detailed in the SIs.
- 8.4. The race committee may shorten the course by class at any of the rounding marks of the course.
- 8.5. The time limit for any class is 1900.
- 8.6. If one boat in a class finishes prior to the time limit, the race will be scored for that class.

**9. SCORING**

- 9.1. RRS Appendix A4 Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.
- 9.2. Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring.

**10. DECISION TO RACE**

- 10.1. Competitors participate in the Race to the Lighthouses entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 DECISION TO RACE states, "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Attention is also drawn to RRS 46 PERSON IN CHARGE and Nearshore SER 1.2 RESPONSIBILITY.

**11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 11.1. As a condition of entry each skipper shall submit an online Liability Waiver prior to racing.
- 11.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident

**12. PRIZES**

- 12.1. Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters. Awards will be mailed.
- 12.2. The OA anticipates that the Aloha Cup will be awarded to the best corrected time in all PHRF classes.

**13. SOCIAL**

- 13.1. Skippers, crews, and guests are invited by Tred Avon Yacht Club to the Hammond Memorial Party for a la carte dinner, cash bar, and live music Saturday afternoon and evening. Contact Tred Avon Yacht Club 410-226-5269 for tickets.
- 13.2. The NoR for the Hammond Race, to be held Sunday hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club, can be found here [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta\\_uploads/24302/2022HammondRaceNOR.pdf](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/regatta_uploads/24302/2022HammondRaceNOR.pdf)

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15. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact the Navy Offshore Sailing office.

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