



# 2024 Cal 25 Nationals

## September 26 - 29, 2024

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD USA

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



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*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 regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the CAL 25 National Rules and Specifications (V3.4.3 dated November 20, 2023 and the Annapolis Fleet Addendum to the CAL 25 National Rules and Specifications.
- 1.2 Crew Restrictions: In addition to the restrictions in the CAL 25 National rules, the crew for each race day shall be named on the Crew Declaration Form prior to the close of registration. The crew named must be carried on that race day except in the event of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, in which case the protest committee's written approval of a substitution must be obtained prior to the first race of the day in which the substitute is to compete.
- 1.3 RRS Appendix V shall apply.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SIs) shall be posted before 0900 on the day it shall take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it shall take effect or by the protest time limit, whichever is later.

### 3 CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND INFORMATION MEETING(S)

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=16358>
- 4.2 The race office can be reached by email at [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) 410-858-4964. Forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on Channel 71. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after Racing.
- 4.4 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.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall 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 Race Signal AP. The approximate time of the next warning will be posted on the notice board and announced to competitors. This changes Race Signals.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The first warning signal on each day of racing is scheduled for 1100 hrs.

6.2 Racing days are as follows:

- (a) Friday: Three or more races may be run
- (b) Saturday: Up to three races may be run
- (c) Sunday: Up to three races may be run
- (d) No warning signal shall be made after 1530 hrs on Sunday, September 29.

## **7 CLASS FLAG**

No class flags are required. The warning signal will be a flag with the Cal 25 Class insignia on a white background or a numeral one pennant.

## **8 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. See Appendix A

## **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 The courses are described in SI Appendix A.

9.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will post on a placard the course to be sailed and announce on VHF radio the course, the approximate distance between the signal vessel and the windward mark, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Starting marks and finishing marks will be lime green inflatables or MarkSetBots. All other marks of the course will be orange inflatables including mark 1a. New marks used in accordance with SI 13 will be yellow inflatables.

## **11 THE START**

11.1 The races will be started using RRS 26. In the event of multiple starts, the race committee will announce the next class to start prior to the warning signal.

11.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end, and either the course side of the starting mark or the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.

11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **12 RECALLS**

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

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

13.1 To change the position of the next mark, the RC shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 When a change mark is used to replace a weather mark, no offset mark shall be used.

13.3 After a start, if flag C is flown over flag Q, then the course change applies only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33(c).

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
Cal-25	30 minutes	120 minutes	20 minutes

If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit the Race Committee shall abandon the race. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*

- 15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office via email (see SI 4.2).
- 16.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered by the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks after the last race of the day or after the RC signals "No more racing today," whichever is later. *This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.*
- 16.4 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.5 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.6 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 which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 A minimum of one (1) race shall constitute a series.
- 17.2 The first sentence of A2.1 is changed to read "Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded."
- 17.3 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place plus two (2) more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A 5.2 and A 10.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors beyond the final entry list shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee. See NOR 1.2.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or the race office at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20.2 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) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail to [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org)) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 20.3 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
- 20.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 20.3 based on information received

from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

**21 INSURANCE**

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

**22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

22.1 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 competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, which are assumed by the competitor.

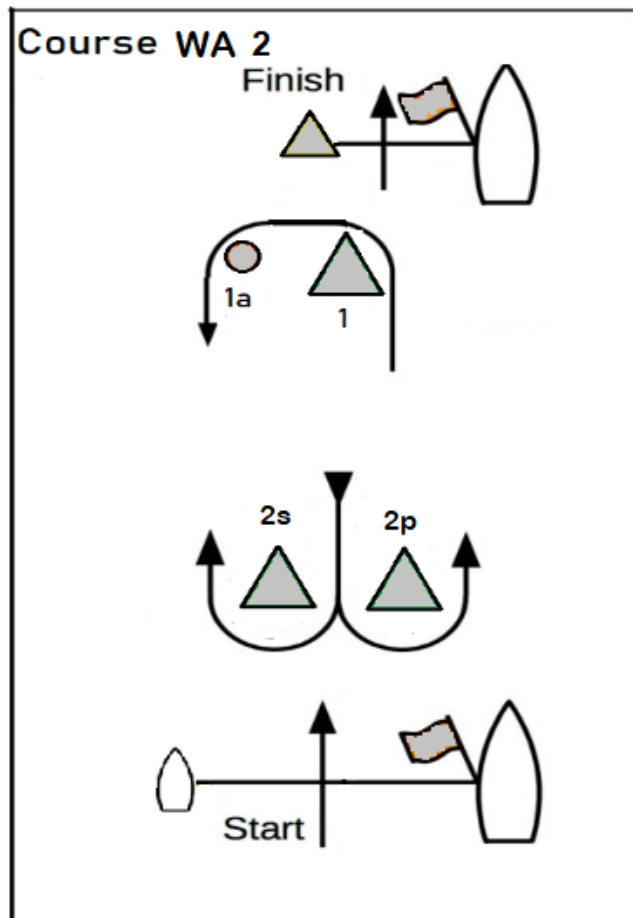
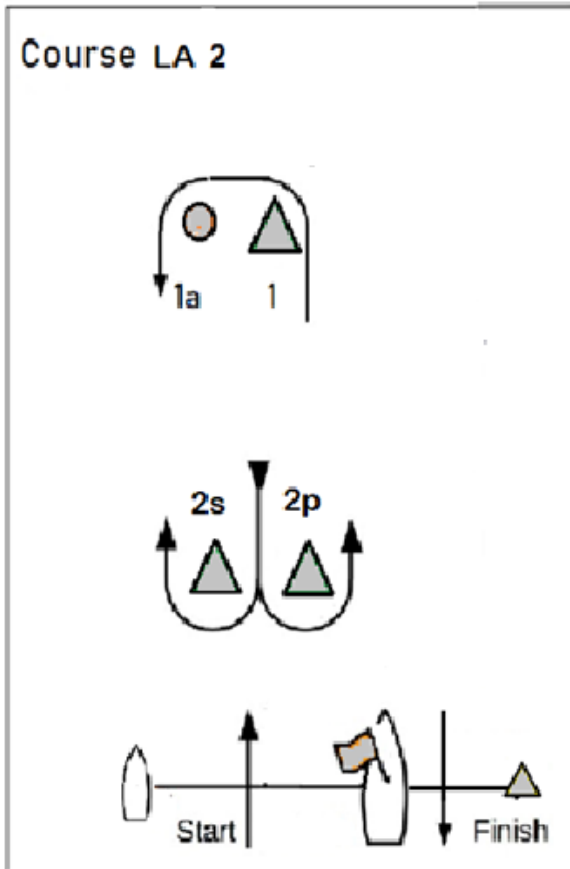
**23 AWARDS**

23.1 Daily Awards will be presented for each day

23.2 Overall awards will be presented for the top five finishers

23.3 The National Championship Regatta Perpetual Trophy and the Charlie Husar Memorial Trophy will be awarded.

# Appendix A



<b>Course LA 2 Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish</b>	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
<b>LA 2</b>	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

<b>Course WA 2 Windward/Leeward - Windward Finish</b>	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish

# RACING AREA

