



AYC FALL HARBOR REGATTA
10 September 2016
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Event Website: www.annapolisyc.com/racing

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Boats may not protest other boats for breaking sailing instructions (SI) marked [NP] (no protest). This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking SI marked [DP] (discretionary penalty) or for breaking RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No signals will be made ashore. Signals may be flown from the race committee signal boat while docked at AYC's Sailing Center or Clubhouse.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The racing schedule is as follows:

Racing Day	Time	Scheduled Event
Saturday 10 September	1030	Rendezvous with the fleet ½ mile NE of the entrance to Back Creek.
	1100	First warning signal for the first race of the day.
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time.
	After Racing	Awards presentation at AYC Clubhouse – 12 Dock Street

- 5.2 A total of 3 races are scheduled.
- 5.3 At the rendezvous time and location, a race committee boat will display flag L and proceed to the starting area.

6 CLASS FLAGS

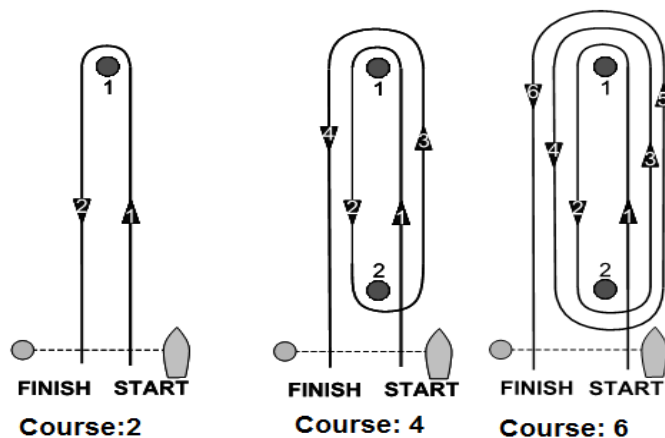
Boats are not required to fly class flags.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. See Attachment 1, Race Area.
- 7.2 Attachment V shows the layout of the regatta venue.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale). The marks and the order in which they are to be passed are listed below:



Course 2: Start, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 6: Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish Downwind

- 8.2 When the course number is followed by the letter “A”, mark 1 will be replaced by a different mark A to be located between mark 1 and the center of the course.
- 8.3 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Starting/finishing mark and mark A will be yellow cylinders. Marks 1 and 2 will be orange tomato type marks.
- 9.2 A race committee signal boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat, and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starts will be run in accordance with RRS/US Appendix S (SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM).
- 10.2 The starting order will be Alerion 28, Harbor 20, and Herreshoff 12.5.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

11 RECALLS

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting sail numbers over VHF Channel 69. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The position of a mark may be adjusted without signaling a change of course. Any adjustments will be made before any boat is on the leg to the affected mark. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The race will be abandoned for a class if no boat in that class has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start.

15.2 In each class, the time limit is 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest or at the protest desk located at the Sailing Office at the AYC Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Protests may also be delivered via email to protestcommittee@annapolisyc.org

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boats docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.

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

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

16.5 RRS/US Appendix T, Section D (Arbitration), will apply.

16.6 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, 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. Hearings will be held in the Sailing Office at the AYC Sailing Center.

17 SCORING

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

17.2 One completed race is required to constitute a series.

17.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16 and 69.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 [NP] A boat may 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.

18.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place in each class.

19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$US 300,000 per event or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA

