



# Annapolis to Bermuda Ocean Race 2018

## June 8, 2018

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the Bermuda Ocean Race Association, Inc. supported by the Eastport Yacht Club and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club.
- 1.3 The notation [DP] in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 [DP]The 2018 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 OA will publish the 2018 A2BSER on the A2B web site by January 1, 2018.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 For all classes, power driven winches and mechanical or electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.7 [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."
- 1.8 RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply
- 1.9 [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.
- 1.10 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.

- 1.11 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 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The race 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.
- 3.3 Boats may enter one of the following divisions: IRC, Multihull, PHRF, One Design, ORC, or ORR. Any division must be comprised of a minimum of three (3) boats.
- 3.4 A division not listed here may be included upon formal petition to the OA. Such petition must be received by the OA by January 1, 2018 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).
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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, 2018. In the case of IRC, ORC, and ORR, a partial measurement certificate will be accepted.
- PHRF entries will be governed by the rules of PHRF of the Chesapeake Bay, Inc.
  - Multihulls will be governed by the Chesapeake Multihull Association
  - One Design classes will be governed by the official association or organization of the particular class

## 4 FEES and ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats wishing to enter shall register on the event web site: [www.bermudaoceanrace.com](http://www.bermudaoceanrace.com) and submit a non-refundable application fee of \$50 USD.
- 4.2 For entries received and paid by December 31, 2017, the entry fee is \$800 USD.
- 4.3 For entries received on or after January 1, 2018, the entry fee is \$900 USD
- 4.4 All entries must be by May 1, 2018 and are not refundable after that date.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall pay all fees and successfully complete all registration, documentation, and inspection.

## 5 CAPTAIN and CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 A boat must have logged over 500 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 submit with the entry resumes of their sailing experience demonstrating their competence to participate in an 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, 2018.
- 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 or class rules.
- 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 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration shall be completed by May 1, 2018
- 6.2 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 1200 and 1600 on June 7, 2018.
- 6.3 There will be a mandatory pre-race briefing at 1700 at Eastport Yacht Club at 1700 on June 7, 2018. The captain of each boat will be responsible for receiving all information distributed at this meeting.
- 6.4 The warning signal for the first start will be at 1330 on June 8, 2018 in the vicinity of Severn River buoy R"2" (FI R 2.5 Bell).

## 7 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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 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 on the unit's return, will be required.

- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Each boat shall carry a satellite telephone for safety and position reporting during the race.
- 7.5 While racing, the use of drones or other remotely controlled equipment not aboard the boat is prohibited.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SlIs will be available on the event web site before May 1, 2018.

## 9 COURSE

The course is as follows (distance is approximately 753 nm);

- (a) Start off the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis MD.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Finish off St. David's Light on the eastern shore of Bermuda.
- (d) Marks of the course to be honored when approaching Bermuda will be detailed in the SlIs.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed by the Sl.
- 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.

## 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 1, 2018.
- 11.2 Other handicap classes will be scored in accordance with their handicap ratings and formulas.

## 12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.
- 12.2 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.

## 13 MEDIA RIGHTS

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.

## 14 PRIZES

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

- **First to Finish Overall**
- **Fastest Corrected Time- Chesapeake Bay**
- **Fastest Corrected Time- Ocean Leg**
- **First, Second, and Third Place in each Class of 5 or more entrants**
- **First out of the Chesapeake Bay in each Class**
- **Storm Trysail Club Trophy-** Trophy is awarded to a club and to individual yachts. To qualify, it is necessary for at least 2 yachts 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. High point skippers also receive a small trophy to commemorate their achievement. To enter, indicate that you wish to compete and name the club of which you are a member.
- **Weems & Plath Navigator Trophy-** 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. Logs must be presented to the Officer of the Day at the POC desk.
- **Youth Recognition Trophy**
- Other Trophies as may be specified by the OA

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Guest privileges at Eastport Yacht Club may be established upon arrival for all competitors.
- 15.2 For further information please contact:  
Annapolis Bermuda Ocean Race Committee  
317 First Street  
Annapolis MD 21403  
Or go to: [www.bermudaoceanrace.com](http://www.bermudaoceanrace.com)