Annapolis YC Double Handed Distance Race  
September 28-29, 2019  
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas  

NOTICE OF RACE  
(includes Amendments 1, 2 and 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 RULES  
1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).  
1.2 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations (SER) Coastal apply with the following changes:  
   (a) For the J/105 Class only, SER 2.4.4.1 is replaced by J/105 CR 7.11.  
   (b) SER 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 take precedence over any conflicting requirement in the class rules. This changes J/105 CR EXHIBIT 7.3C - USCG safety items.  
   (c) SER 3.6 Coastal requirements are deleted and replaced with “A boat shall carry U.S. Coast Guard (or applicable government entity) flares meeting day-night requirements not older than the expiration date.”  
   (d) SER 3.7.2 is deleted and replaced with: Each crew member shall have a water activated, self-igniting light permanently attached to their personal flotation device (PFD).  
   (e) SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2 are changed to add: For the J/105 Class only, the requirement of these SERs may be met by having two VHF radios with at least one being a handheld VHF radio with DSC/GPS capability with MMSI number properly registered to the boat.  
   (f) SER 3.16.2 is deleted and replaced with: Each crew shall have a GPS equipped, AIS or 406MHz EPIRB based, Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) permanently attached to their personal flotation device (PFD). The PLB shall be registered to the owner and the MMSI of the boat.  
   (g) SER 3.19.1 is changed to add: For the J/105 Class only, the requirements of this SER may be met by having a magnetic compass.  
1.3 If there is a conflict between a class rule (CR) and the corresponding SER, the CR takes precedence. If there is a requirement in a SER that is not addressed in the CRs, the SER takes precedence. This rule does not apply to a SER referenced in NoR 1.2.  
1.4 The following J/105 Class Rules are changed:  
   (a) CR 3 - Membership and Eligibility and CR 7.5 - restrictions on driver torso, are deleted.  
   (b) CR 5.2 is changed to the extent that the NoR may state that a CR takes precedence over the applicable SER.  
1.5 Each competitor shall have a cellular phone on board capable of receiving SMS messages.  
1.6 RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.  

2 ADVERTISING  
2.1 The organizing authority (OA) reserves the right to require boats to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20.  

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY  
3.1 The regatta is open to boats in the J/105 Class and monohull boats in the ORC Class between 25 feet and 42 feet length overall. However, boats built to the 6.50 Classe Mini rule may enter the ORC Class. Boats entering in the ORC Class shall have a current 2019 ORC International or ORC Club certificate.  
3.2 Monohull boats of the same design with a minimum of 5 entries by 1700 on Friday, August 16, 2019 may request a one design start. Approval of an additional class start will be made by a change to the NoR.  
3.3 Boats shall race with a double handed crew. For the J/105 class, the boat shall race with a mixed, double handed crew comprised of one male and one female.  
3.4 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at: https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9531.  
3.5 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.  

4 ENTRY FEES  
4.2 The entry fee of $250.00 is due by 1700 on Friday, August 30, 2019. After that time, the entry fee is non-refundable.  
4.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website and/or the sailing instructions.
5 SCHEDULE
5.1 The warning signal for the first class is scheduled for 1200 on Saturday, September 28, 2019.
5.2 The awards ceremony will be held after racing at AYC on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The time of the awards ceremony will be posted on the event website.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
6.1 The sailing instructions, with a general description of the marks of the course, will be available on the event website no later than September 15, 2019.

7 VENUE
7.1 The regatta venue will be the Annapolis Yacht Club.
7.2 The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay, between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Point Lookout.

8 THE COURSE
8.1 The course will comprise government marks and inflatable drop marks and will be designed to take approximately 24 hours to complete.
8.2 A detailed description of the courses will be posted by 1200 on Friday, September 27, 2019.
8.3 The race committee may change or shorten the course during the race using VHF radio and electronic messaging. This changes RRS 32 and 33.

9 SCORING
9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
9.2 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time on Time Triple Number ratings.

10 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS
10.1 As required by SER 4.3.2, each crew member shall have taken a US Sailing Safety at Sea course within the last 5 years. This requirement may be met by taking the US Sailing Online Coastal Safety at Sea Course (https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses/).
10.2 The VHF handheld radio required by SER 3.8.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.
10.3 SER 3.16.2 is changed to require that each crew shall wear a personal locator beacon at all times while afloat. SER 3.16.2 is also changed to allow the substitution of the specified EPIRB beacon with a Personal AIS MOB beacon.
10.4 RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The display of flag Y is not required.

11 COMMUNICATIONS
11.1 The official notice board is electronic and located at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9531.
11.2 The OA may require each boat to carry GPS tracking devices on board while racing.

11.3 On the water, the race committee may make announcements and courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio and text message, including verbal announcements for changing or shortening the course. This changes RRS 32, 33, 35 and Race Signals.
11.4 Descriptions of RC announcements over VHF radio and the specific channels to be used will be stated in the SIs.

12 PRIZES
12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top performers in each class based on the number of entries.
12.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
13.1 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.

14 MEDIA
14.1 Photograph and Video Rights: Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.
14.2 Each boat will be required to provide and carry an action camera (GoPro3, iPhone, or equivalent) for on board video which will be used in the production of a race highlights video. The specific requirements and instructions for using the camera will be on the event website.

15 INSURANCE
15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION
16.1 For more information contact:
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