



Annapolis Yacht Club

2015 Wednesday Night Races

April 22, 2015 – September 2, 2015

The Organizing Authority is the Annapolis Yacht Club (OA)

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the AYC web site <http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing>. Notices will also be posted on the bulletin board located outside the first floor lobby of the AYC Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 1700 hours on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm at AYC Clubhouse.

4.2 RRS "Race Signals" is changed so that flag "AP" (red and white vertical stripes) may be displayed with 2 sound signals on the day of the race. If the "AP" is lowered with one sound, the first warning signal will occur not less than 20 minutes after that signal. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until this signal is made.

4.3 Flag "L" (black and yellow check) over a numeral pennant means notice number "X" has been posted.

4.4 Flag "N" over "A" and 3 sounds, all racing is cancelled for that evening.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The event will consist of three series.

5.2 The Schedule of Races is as follows:

- Skipper's Meeting: April 22, 2015 at 1630
- First Series Racing Begins: Following Skipper's Meeting. First gun 1800
- First Series Racing: April 22, 2014 through May 27th.
- Second Series Racing Begins: June 3rd through June 24th
- Lay Day: July 2st.
- Second Series Racing Resumes: July 8th through July 22nd
- Third Series Racing: July 29th through September 2nd

- Last day of racing: September 2nd
- Awards Ceremony: September 16th

6 FLEET FLAGS

- 6.1 See Attachment "A1" for fleet flags.
- 6.2 The Harbor 20 and Herreshoff class are not required to fly fleet flags.
- 6.3 Fleet flags shall be displayed prominently at the bow and stern except fleet flags at the bow are not required on boats with no bow pulpit.

7 COURSES, STARTING, RECALLS

- 7.1 See Attachment "A" and "A1" for all classes except Harbor 20 & Herreshoff classes.
- 7.2 See Attachment "B" for the Herreshoff class
- 7.3 See Attachment "C" for the Harbor 20 class.
- 7.4 A boat in the starting area, whether or not she is racing, shall not touch or cause another boat to touch an anchored race committee boat that is also a starting mark. The penalty for breaking this SI shall be DNE. When a boat is compelled to break this rule by another boat breaking a rule, she shall be exonerated provided a valid protest is filed against the other boat. This changes RRS 31 and 64.1(a).

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 Classes will finish inside the harbor between the RC flag on the AYC 2nd deck and the flagpole with yard arm at the Annapolis City Marina.
- 8.2 A fleet may be finished at R8 if the race committee boat on station displays the "S" flag over the fleet pennant.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 Penalties at the time of the Incident
 - a) RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply. The boat's penalty score shall be the score for the place worse than her actual finishing place by the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) as defined below:
 - (1) for breaking a rule of Part 2 or RRS 30.2 the penalty will be 20% of boats finishing in her class, but not less than 2 places nor worse than Did Not Finish.
 - (2) for breaking RRS 31 (but not SI 7.4) the penalty will be 10% of boats finishing in her class, but not less than 1 place nor worse than Did Not Finish..
 - b) RRS 44.3(b) is changed by adding: "A boat taking a Scoring Penalty shall complete a Penalty Acknowledgment Form before 2200 on the night of the incident. This form may be submitted in writing at the AYC front desk or electronically in accordance with Attachment E.
 - c) A boat that complies with some, but not all of the requirements of 44.3(a) and 44.3(b) will receive a penalty of 30% of boats finishing in her class, but not less than 3 places nor worse than Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
 - d) If the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 9.2 Penalties after racing
 - a) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 (but not SI 7.4) while racing may take a penalty after she has finished or retired and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a 30% of boats finishing in her

class, but not less than 3 places nor worse than Did Not Finish.

10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 10.
- 10.2 A fixed time limit for **all** boats is established as follows:
 - a) April 22, 29, May 6 2020 hours
 - b) May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5 2040 hours
 - c) August 12, 19, 26, September 2 2020 hours
- 10.3 If no boat in a class sails the course as required by rule 28 and finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race for that class.
- 10.4 If at least one boat meets the requirements of SI 10.3, then a boat still racing at the time limit will be scored with points for 'did not finish' and will be given a scoring abbreviation of TLE (Time Limit Expired).

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the race committee not later than 2200 hours on the night of the incident. This notification may be filed either in writing at the AYC front desk, or electronically in accordance with Attachment E. A completed protest or redress form meets this requirement.
- 11.2 Protests and request redress shall be filed no later than 1900 the day following the incident. They may be filed in writing at the AYC front desk, or electronically in accordance with Attachment E.
- 11.3 The list of expected protests will be posted on the event website by 2300 on the night of a race. For protests/requests filed by the protest committee or race committee, posting of this list constitutes notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.4 The protest hearing schedule will be posted on the event website by 2000 the day after a race.
- 11.5 Hearings will normally be held on the following scheduled Wednesday IMMEDIATELY after the race or abandonment, unless scheduled otherwise.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Six races are scheduled for series 1 & 3, seven for series 2. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 RRS Appendix A9 is not in effect.
- 12.5 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is replaced by: "A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished."

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16 and 65A.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 Boats shall not enter US Coast Guard "Exclusion Zones". These zones rank as "obstructions".
- 13.5 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 13.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS

60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

13.6 Boats may not protest other boats for breaking SI 13.3. This changes RRS 60.1.

14 CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS

14.1 Boats shall not make contact with anchored, moored or docked vessels.

14.2 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that break this SI will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin and may be subject to protest by the race committee.

14.3 Boats may tie up to and raft off of docks owned by AYC, but may not extend over the AYC property line.

15 INLAND RULE

15.1 A boat which may have broken a rule of the Inland Rules may be subject to a report to the USCG or DNR, may be referred to the AYC Disciplinary Committee or may be subject to a RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct) hearing by the Protest Committee.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 The race committee may make courtesy announcements on VHF Channel 65A.

17 PRIZES

17.1 The number of prizes awarded will depend on the average number of boats not scored DNC in each class for each series. When the average is 5 or fewer boats, prizes will be award to the top 3 boats. When the average is 6 or more boats, prizes will be awarded to the top 4 boats.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.

19 INSURANCE

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