



Annapolis Yacht Club

2016 Wednesday Night Races

April 27, 2016 – August 31, 2016

Sailing Instructions

The organizing authority (OA) is the Annapolis Yacht Club

1. RULES

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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the AYC web site <http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing>. Race results may also be posted on the AYC Sailing Center bulletin board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 1500 hours on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm on the flagpole at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.
- 4.2. When flag AP (red and white vertical stripes) is displayed ashore, “1” minute is replaced with “not less than 20-minutes” in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag “L” (black and yellow check) over a numeral pennant means notice number “X” has been posted. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.4. Flag “N” over “A” and 3 sounds, all racing is cancelled for that evening.
- 4.5. Flag “N” over a fleet flag and 3 sounds, all racing for that fleet 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 27, 2016 at 1630 at the Sailing Center.

First Series Racing Begins: Following Skipper's Meeting. First gun 1800

- First Series Racing: April 27, 2016 through June 1st.

Second Series Racing Begins: June 8th through June 29th

- Lay Day: July 6th.

Second Series Racing Resumes: July 13th through July 20th.

- Third Series Racing: July 27th through August 31st.

- Last day of racing: August 31st.

- Awards Ceremony: September 14th

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. Whether or not she is racing, a boat shall not touch or cause another boat to touch an anchored race committee boat that is also a starting or finishing mark. The penalty for breaking this SI shall be DNE. A boat may only be exonerated under 64.1(a) for breaking this SI, if the boat that compelled her to break this SI is a party to a valid protest of the incident. This changes RRS 31 and 64.1.

8. THE FINISH

8.1. Classes will finish inside the harbor between the RC flag on or near the AYC "L" dock and the flagpole with yard arm at the Annapolis City Marina.

8.2. The race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 only at Nun R8. When the “S” flag is displayed over a fleet flag, it applies only to that fleet. This changes “Race Signals”.

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. Penalty Acknowledgement forms are available at <http://annapolisyc.com/racing/penalty>
- 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 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 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:

- April 27 May 4 2020 hours
- May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3 2040 hours
- August 10, 17, 24, 31 2020 hours

10.3. If no boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 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. Instructions for electronic notification are available at <http://annapolisyc.com/racing/protest>. A completed protest or redress form meets this requirement.
- 11.2. Protests and requests for redress shall be in writing and delivered by 1100 on the day following the incident to:
- a) protestcommittee@annapolisyc.com, or
 - b) the AYC Front Desk (12 Dock Street).

Protest forms are available at <http://annapolisyc.com/racing/protest>.

- 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 at the Sailing Office at the AYC Sailing Center unless scheduled otherwise.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Six races each are scheduled for series 1, 2 & 3. 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 action under RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct) hearing by the protest committee.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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

17. PRIZES

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

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

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.

