



Halloween Howl 22-23 October 2016

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Event Website: www.annapolisyc.com/racing



NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats will not be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.
- 3.2 Red, White, and Blue Fleet competitors must be members of USODA.

4 CLASSIFICATION

There will be no sailor classification requirements beyond those stated in applicable class rules.

5 FEES AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Registration and entry fee of \$70 are due by 0900 22 October, 2016. Entry fees paid before 1700 14 October will be discounted to \$60. Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable.
- 5.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register on line at www.annapolisyc.com/racing.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes racing, post-race social and food, and the awards ceremony
- 5.4 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event schedule will be:

Date	Time	
22 Oct	0830-0930	Registration
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	0945	Green Fleet Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First warning signal
	After racing	Costume party, taco bar, and trick-or-treating
23 Oct	1030	First warning signal
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Prize Giving at the AYC Junior Sailing Center

7 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTION

No pre-regatta measurements or inspections will be required.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration. They will be posted on the event website by 1700 19 October, 2016.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing areas.

9.2 Attachment V shows the layout of the regatta venue.

10 THE COURSES

The courses for the Red, White, and Blue fleets will be the USODA trapezoid course. The course for the Green fleet will be a triangle.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12 SCORING

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

12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

12.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. When 11 or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores.

13 SAFETY

13.1 No boat may launch until flag L is displayed from the flag pole at the Junior Sailing Center.

13.2 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Inflatable type PFDs and "floatation aids" (e.g. Zhik, Baltic) are not permitted.

13.3 Failure to comply with SI 13.2 will be grounds for penalty, at the discretion of the protest committee, up to disqualification from any or all races sailed on the day of the violation instructions.

13.5 Competitors will supply the equipment to meet the requirements of SI 13.2.

13.6 The race committee may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.

13.8 Competitors without a designated support boat shall inform the Organizing Authority at registration.

14 COACHING

14.1 Coaches shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Inflatable type PFDs and "floatation aids" (e.g. Zhik, Baltic) are not permitted.

14.2 Coach/support boats may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.

14.3 The race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to coaches/support boats on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

14.4 Except in the case of emergency, coach, support, and spectator boats shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or permission is given by the race committee to do so.

15 BOAT AND TRAILER LOGISTICS

15.1 Coach boats (single point lift only) may be launched at AYC's Sailing Center on Friday, October 21 between 0900-1900 under the supervision of AYC staff. Coach boats can be hauled out at Truxton Park following racing on Sunday. Powerboat trailers shall not be kept at AYC.

15.2 Sailboat trailers may be kept and unloaded at AYC starting 1600 Friday, 21 October. Trailers must be removed by 1800 Sunday 23 October.

15.3 Parking is not allowed at AYC for the duration of the event except for AYC members with valid 2016 stickers.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 3rd for Opti White, Blue, Red and Green.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded to 1st through 5th Overall in the Opti RWB fleet.

16.3 A prize will be awarded to the top girl in the Opti RWB Fleet.

- 16.4 A prize will be awarded to the winner of the Best Costume Competition (held Saturday after Racing).
- 16.5 All Green fleet competitors will receive participation awards.
- 16.6 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

18 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.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 Guest Cards may be organized at the Front Desk of the AYC Clubhouse.
- 19.2 For more information contact:

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ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA

