



AYC Free State Team Race

July 8-9, 2017

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC)
Assisting Club: Severn Sailing Association (SSA)
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

Event Website: <http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix D - Team Racing will apply. RRS D2 will not apply.
- 1.3 The ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4 RRS D1.2(c) is changed to read: "A boat intending to request redress in the racing area shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, she should keep racing and inform the race committee after finishing."
- 1.5 [DP] RRS 40 is replaced with: "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 are not permitted."
- 1.6 Competitors shall not take or use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs aboard the boats. Breaking this rule will be considered misconduct and subject to action under RRS 69.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at:
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/default.aspx?p=.NETEventView&ID=376867&ssid=307802> or

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Written changes to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted no later than 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral changes to the SIs may be made on the water, provided they are communicated to each boat before its warning signal. When the race committee starting vessel flies flag L with one sound signal, all competitors should come within hail of the starting vessel for an oral change to the sailing instructions.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals flown ashore will be flown from the flagpole at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Onsite check-in will be 0900-1000 on July 8 at the AYC Sailing Center's Sailing Office.
- 5.2 A daily briefing will be held at 1000 each morning in Sailing Center tent.
- 5.3 The first warning signal each day is scheduled for 1030.
- 5.4 No new round of racing will be started after 1530 on the last day of the regatta.
- 5.5 Prizegiving will be held as soon as practical after racing concludes.

6 FORMAT AND ROTATION

- 6.1 The regatta format will be determined by the OA based on the number of teams and racing conditions. Possible formats may include round robins for all teams or groups of teams, and a knock-out series for some teams.
- 6.2 The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet provided at the daily briefing and on the notice board. Rotations will occur at the SSA.

7 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 420s and FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way except as permitted in the SI.
- 7.2 Competitors may rig the mainsheet for either a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.
- 7.3 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 7.4 The penalty for breaking this SI will be disqualification from all races sailed while breaking these rules.

8 BREAKDOWNS and DAMAGE

- 8.1 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the bosun immediately after arriving on shore or to the race committee finish vessel on the water.

- 8.2 RRS D5.2 is replaced with: "When a boat suffers a breakdown, she may request a scoring change by informing the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, she should keep racing and inform the race committee after finishing."
- 8.3 Breakdowns will be decided in accordance with RRS D5.
- 9 RACING AREA**
The racing area will be the Severn River just off SSA as shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 10 THE COURSES**
The course will be a "digital-N" course as shown in SI Attachment 2.
- 11 MARKS**
Starting and finishing marks will be yellow cylinders. All other marks will be orange balls.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 13 RECALLS**
- 13.1 RRS 29.1 is replaced with: "When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall display flag X. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have properly restarted, but no later than one minute after the starting signal."
- 13.2 The race committee will attempt to hail sail numbers along with displaying flag X. The following will not be grounds for redress: failure of a boat to hear the hail, failure of the race committee to make any hails, the timeliness of hail, or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
The race committee may move a mark without signal provided no boat has started a leg to the moved mark. This changes RRS 33.
- 15 THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress shall, as soon as practical after finishing, inform the race committee finish vessel. This changes RRS 63.5.
- 16.2 Protests and requests for redress will be handled in accordance with RRS D1.2 and SI 16.4.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 20 minutes after the protesting team first returns ashore after the incident.
- 16.4 Expedited Hearings: Unless deemed otherwise by the protest committee (PC), hearings will be held using an expedited protest procedure as follows (This changes RRS 63):
- (a) The PC will consist of a person designated by the OA, and one person appointed by each party. The PC shall not include competitors involved in the race in which the incident occurred.
- (b) The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are assembled.
- (c) If no one raises an objection the protest will be determined to be valid and the PC determined not to have a significant conflict of interest.
- (d) Each party will be given about 1 minute to state their case.
- (e) The PC may question the parties and/or call witnesses.
- (f) Each party will be given about 1 minute to question the other party.
- (g) The parties are excused. The PC will determine the facts and make their decision.
- (h) The PC inform the parties of the decision orally.
- (i) The PC shall be equipped with the current RRS for use by the PC and parties to the protest.
- (j) A boat may not request that an expedited hearing be reopened after a decision has been made (This changes RRS 66).
- 17 SCORING**
RRS Appendix D4 will apply.
- 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 Competitors who require assistance from rescue vessels should so signify by waving arms overhead.
- 18.3 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 18.4 Un-seamanlike, unsafe, or reckless boat handling that damages or risks damage to boats or endangers competitors or spectators will be grounds for disqualification and removal from the event.
- 18.5 [NP] [DP] A boat shall 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.

18.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18.5 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

19 PRIZES

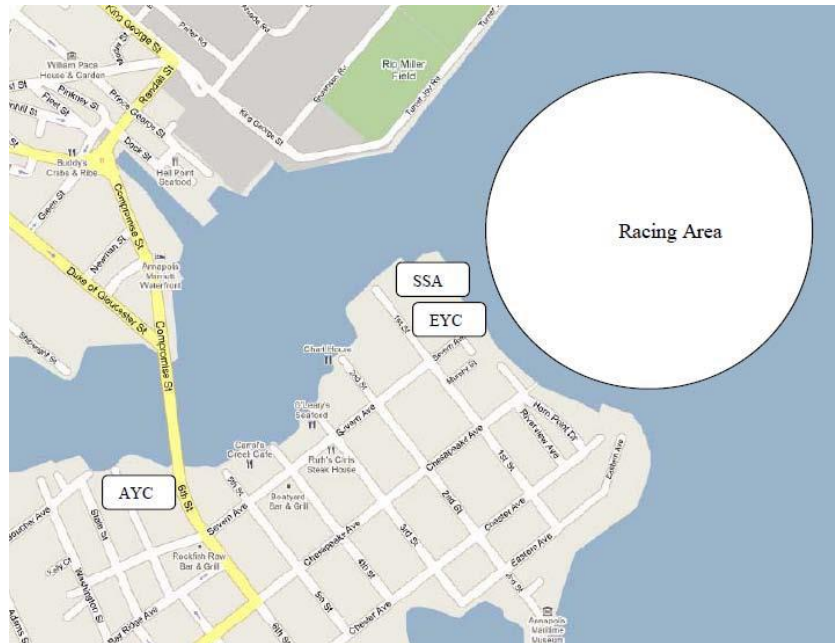
19.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 places in the regatta.

19.2 Awards will be presented after racing at the AYC Sailing Center.

20 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.

SI ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA



SI ATTACHMENT 2 - COURSES

