



2017 Wednesday Night Races

April 26 - August 30, 2017

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (with Amendment #1)

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

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

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at:

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

2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio as follows:

Herreshoff class: VHF 65A

Harbor 20 class: VHF 69

All other classes: VHF 65A

2.3 All forms or other notifications to be submitted to the race office shall be submitted by one of the following:

(a) by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org

(b) on the night of a race only, in person with the race committee or protest committee

(c) in person at the Front Desk of the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street)

(d) for verbal notifications only: by VHF radio or by telephone at 410-858-4964

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 1500 on the day it will take effect.

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 (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 When flag L (black and yellow check) is displayed ashore over a numeral pennant, it means notice number "X" has been posted. This changes RRS Race Signals L.

4.4 When flag N (blue and white check) is flown ashore, it means "No racing today". When it is flown over one or more fleet or class flags, it applies only to those fleets or classes. This changes RRS Race Signals N.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The event will consist of three series:

(a) First Series - April 26 through May 31

(b) Second Series - June 7 through July 19 (no racing on July 5)

(c) Third Series - July 26 through August 30

5.2 The scheduled warning time is:

Herreshoff class: 1815

Harbor 20 class: 1815

All other classes: first warning at 1800

5.3 A Skippers' Meeting will be held at that AYC Sailing Center Tent (550 Severn Ave) at 1630 on April 26.

5.4 An Awards Ceremony will be held at the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street) at 1900 on September 13.

6 FLEET ASSIGNMENTS AND FLAGS

6.1 When a fleet flag is flown under any visual race signal, it applies to all classes in that fleet, and only to those classes. This changes the preamble to RRS Race Signals.

6.2 Fleet flags and the assignment of classes to fleets will be included in SI Attachment A which will be available at the Skippers Meeting and posted no later than 1630 on April 26.

6.3 Boats in the Harbor 20 and Herreshoff 12.5 classes are not required to fly fleet flags.

6.4 [DP] In all other classes, 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 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment B.

7.2 No later than the **preparatory** signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the course to be sailed for the fleet whose warning signal has been made. For the Harbor 20 and Herreshoff 12.5 classes, this will be done by hail on VHF or loudspeaker. This changes RRS 27.1.

7.3 If the race committee changes the course designation from what is being sailed by the previous fleet; it will indicate a course change by displaying a lime green flag. The lime green flag will be lowered one minute before the start. These are not timed signals.

8 MARKS

8.1 See SI Attachment B.

8.2 Whether or not she is racing, a boat shall not touch or cause another boat to touch an anchored race committee vessel 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.

9 THE START

9.1 See SI Attachment B for the location and description of the starting lines.

9.2 For the Herreshoff class:

- (a) The starting line will be the Club Starting Line.
- (b) Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U.

9.3 For the Harbor 20 class:

- (a) The starting line will be the Inner Starting Line.
- (b) The race committee starting vessel will display a flag with the Harbor 20 logo when it is on station. The flag will be removed with multiple sounds one minute before the first warning signal.
- (c) Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal being the fleet flag.

9.4 For all other classes:

- (a) The starting line will be the Outer Starting Line.
- (b) The race committee starting vessel will display flag F (white with red diamond) when it is on station. Flag F will be removed with multiple sounds one minute before the first warning signal.
- (c) Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal being the fleet flag.

9.5 A race committee starting vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee vessel, and the race committee vessel are all part of the starting mark.

9.6 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.7 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10 RECALLS

10.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, the timeliness of broadcast or the order in which boats are announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.2 General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2 except the last sentence is deleted and replaced by: "The starting order and timing of subsequent starts will proceed as if there had been no general recall. The recalled fleet will be restarted after the last fleet in the scheduled starting order. If more than one fleet has been recalled, they will restart in the order they were recalled."

11 THE FINISH

11.1 See SI Attachment B.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, applies as changed below.

12.2 RRS 44.3(b) is changed such that a boat taking a scoring penalty shall inform the race committee by submitting a Penalty Acknowledgment Form to the race office (as described in SI 2.3) no later than 1100 on the day after the incident. Penalty Acknowledgment forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest and at the race office.

12.3 If taken at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident, the penalties will be:

(a) For breaking a rule of Part 2 or RRS 30.2 at the time of the incident, the percentage will be 20%, but not less than 2 places.

(b) For breaking RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) at the time of the incident, the percentage will be 10%, but not less than 1 place.

(c) For a boat that complies with some, but not all the requirements of 44.3(a) and 44.3(b), the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

12.4 For penalties after racing, RRS/US Appendix V2 will apply, changed such that the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 12.3.

13.2 The time limit for all boats is:

(a) April 26, May 3: 2020 hours

(b) May 10 through August 2: 2040 hours

(c) August 9 through August 30: 2020 hours

13.3 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.

13.4 If at least one boat meets the requirements of SI 13.3, 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). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

14.1 Protest forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest and at the race office (as described in SI 2.3). Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available on the notice board, at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest, and at the race office. They can be delivered to the race office (as described in SI 2.3). When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

14.3 [deleted]

14.4 The protest time limit is 1100 on the day following the incident.

14.5 The list of protest notifications (SI 14.3) and penalty acknowledgements (SI 12.2) will be posted by 2000 the day after 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).

14.6 The protest hearing schedule including date, time and location of the hearing will be posted by 2000 the day after a race. Normally hearings will be scheduled for the following Wednesday night PROMPTLY after the racing.

15 SCORING

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

15.2 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: "A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, was TLE, did not come to the starting area, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished."

15.3 Six races are scheduled in each series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.4 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.5 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.

15.6 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Distance scoring.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee or race office (as described in SI 2.3) at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 [DP] [NP] INTERACTION WITH NON-RACING VESSELS AND PROPERTY

17.1 AYC reminds all our boats that it is important to respect for the rights of vessels that are not racing. The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat based on information that a boat may have broken a government right-of-way (i.e., inland) rule (see RRS Preamble to Part 2) in an incident with a vessel that is not racing.

17.2 Boats shall not touch anchored, moored, or docked vessels.

17.3 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.

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

17.5 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.

17.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 17 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. Such incident may also be reported to the protest committee for action under RRS 69 (Misconduct) or the AYC Disciplinary Committee. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class in each series.

18.2 Junior Sailor Streamer Program: Recognition and prizes will be given to boats that race with AYC Junior Program sailors as members of the crew.

18.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

19 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.