



# 2017 Halloween Howl October 28-29, 2017

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

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



## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 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.
- 1.3 [DP] 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" are not permitted.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Boats in the Optimist class are invited to participate.
- 2.2 Red, White, and Blue Fleet competitors must be members of USODA.

### 3 FEES AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$70. Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable.
- 3.2 Entries fees paid before 1700 on October 14 will receive a \$10 discount.
- 3.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, Halloween Costume and Awards Party with food on Sunday after racing. Additional details will be included on the event website or the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 Boats wishing to enter shall register on line at: <http://www.annapolisyc.com/default.aspx?p=.NETEventView&ID=3768702&ssid=307802>
- 3.5 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Onsite registration will be available between 0800 and 0930 on October 28.
- 4.2 The racing days will be October 28-29.
- 4.3 A competitors' meeting will be held at 0930 on each scheduled day of racing.
- 4.4 The warning signal for the first race of the regatta will be 1030.
- 4.5 Multiple races will be sailed each day, to be further detailed the sailing instructions (SIs).
- 4.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of the regatta.

- 4.7 A Halloween Costume and Awards Party will be held after racing on Sunday, October 29.

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available on the event website by 1700 on September 28.

### 6 VENUE

- 6.1 The racing area will be on the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River for the Red, White, and Blue fleets, and on the Severn River or Spa Creek.
- 6.2 The regatta venue will be the AYC Junior Sailing Center, 550 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

### 7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be drop marks courses.

### 8 SCORING

RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as modified by the SIs.

### 9 SAFETY

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 Competitors without a designated support boat shall inform the organizing authority at registration.

### 10 [DP] COACHING

- 10.1 All persons aboard support boats 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" are not permitted.
- 10.2 Support boats may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.
- 10.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 10.4 All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.
- 10.5 Except in the case of emergency, support 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.

## **11 [DP] BOAT AND TRAILER LOGISTICS**

- 11.1 Coach boats (single point lift only) may be launched at AYC's Sailing Center on Friday, October 27 between 0900-1800 under the supervision of AYC staff. Coach boats can be hauled out at Truxton Park following racing on Sunday, October 29. Powerboat trailers shall not be kept at AYC.
- 11.2 Sailboat trailers may be kept and unloaded at AYC starting 1600 Friday, October 27. Trailers must be removed by 1800 Sunday, October 29.
- 11.3 Parking is not allowed at AYC for the duration of the event except for AYC members with valid 2017 stickers.

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 Prizes will be given to first, second and third places in all classes.
- 12.2 Prizes will be given to first through fifth places for overall standing in the Optimist Red/White/Blue fleet.
- 12.3 Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green fleet.
- 12.4 An award will be given for the Best Costume at the Halloween Costume and Awards Party.

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

## **13 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.

## **14 INSURANCE**

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

## **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 15.1 Non-AYC members may organize guest cards at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street).
- 15.2 For more information contact:
  - AYC Regatta Manager: Linda Ambrose,  
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  - Junior Program Director: Jane Millman,  
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