



2017 Halloween Howl October 28-29, 2017

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
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 The "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Sailing Office of the AYC Sailing Center.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be made from a pole on the boat hoist at the AYC Sailing Center closest to the bridge.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The event schedule will be:

Date	Time	
Saturday	0830-0930	Registration
	0930	Competitors' Meeting at AYC Annex Tents
	0945	Green Fleet Competitors' Meeting at AYC Junior Tents
	1030	First warning signal
Sunday	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First warning signal
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Prize Giving, Costume party, chili bar, and trick-

or-treating at AYC Annex
Tents

- 5.2 The race committee will run as many races as practical each day.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for the RWB fleet will be a flag with an Optimist class logo. The class flag for the Green Fleet will be a solid green flag.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area for the RWB Fleet will be in the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River. The Green Fleet will sail in the Severn River near the mouth of Spa Creek. See Attachment 1, Race Area.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment 2.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 For the RWB course: The starting marks, finishing marks and mark 1a will be yellow cylinders. All other marks will be orange cylinders. New marks (see SI 12.1) will be orange tomatoes.
- 9.2 For the Green Fleet: Marks will be orange tomatoes.

10 THE START

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 The race committee will announce via loudhailer 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).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit is 90 minutes.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the AYC Sailing Center. Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. These may alternatively be delivered by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.

16.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available at the race office. They can be delivered there or by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.

16.4 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the Sailing Office at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.

17 SCORING

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

17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed a competitor's series score will be the total of all of her race scores. When from six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a competitor's series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. When eleven (11) or more races have been completed a competitor's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

17.4 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) with a whistle attached to the PFD 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.

18.2 [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.

18.3 [DP] Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

18.4 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.

19 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT

19.1 Boats are allowed only one hull, dagger-board, rudder (including tiller and extension), mast, boom, sprit, and sail during the regatta. Substitution of damaged equipment must be approved by the race committee as soon as practical.

20 [DP] SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

20.1 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.

20.2 Support vessels may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.

20.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF channel 71.

20.4 All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

- 20.5 Except in the case of emergency, support vessels 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.
- 20.6 Boats shall not have any communication or assistance while afloat with support vessels that are not in compliance with SI 20.

21 PRIZES

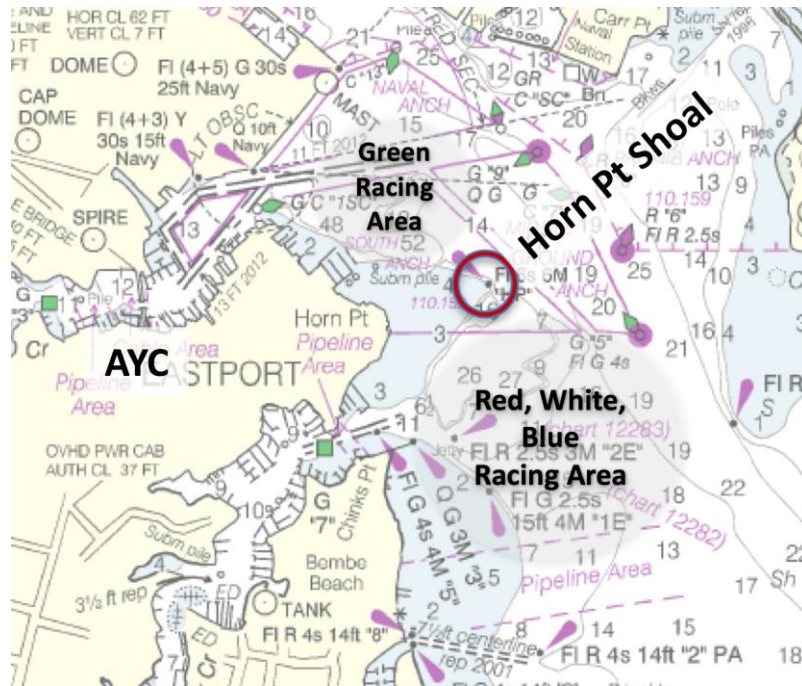
- 21.1 Prizes will be given to first, second and third places in all classes.
- 21.2 Prizes will be given to first through fifth places for overall standing in the Optimist Red/White/Blue fleet.

- 21.3 Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green fleet.
- 21.4 An award will be given for the Best Costume at the Halloween Costume and Awards Party.
- 21.5 Awards will be presented after racing at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 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

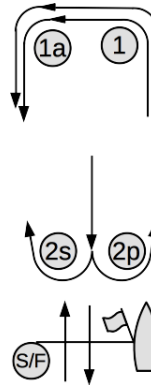


SI ATTACHMENT 2 - Courses

Red/White/Blue Fleet Course

The mark rounding order will be:

Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish.



Green Fleet Course

The mark rounding order will be:

Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish.

