



2017-2018 AYC Frostbite Series

1st Series: November 5 - December 10, 2017

2nd Series: February 4 - March 18, 2018

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

Event Website: <https://bit.ly/ayc-fb1718>

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 [DP] Each boat shall race with at least three crew (including the skipper) that have a body weight of at least 100 pounds.
- 1.3 [DP] While racing, a boat's crew may not change sails, leave the cockpit, extend body limbs over the lifelines or emerge from a hatch beyond the waist.
- 1.4 [DP] RRS 50.2 (Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles) and RRS 50.3(c) (Use of Outriggers) are changed such that no Spinnaker Pole or Whisker Pole shall be used while racing. Any other outrigger type shall comply with RRS 50.3(a).

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The official notice board will be located electronically on the event website at <https://bit.ly/ayc-fb1718-onb>.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.
- 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) in person - with the race committee or protest committee or at the Front Desk of the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street)
 - (c) for verbal notifications only - by VHF radio or by telephone at 410-858-4964

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted before 1200 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole on the boat hoist at the AYC Sailing Center closest to the bridge.

- 4.2 Flag AP displayed ashore means: Races not started are postponed. The first warning signal will be made no less than 20 minutes after removal. Boats are requested not to leave the harbor until flag AP is removed.

- 4.3 Flag N displayed ashore means: All racing is cancelled today.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The event consists of two series:
 - (a) 1st Series - November 5 - December 10, 2017
 - (b) Hangover Bowl - January 1, 2018 (separate SI)
 - (c) 2nd Series - February 4 - March 18, 2018
- 5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1245. Two races are scheduled for each Sunday.
- 5.3 A Skippers' Meeting will be held at 1100 hours on November 5 in the tent at the AYC Annex lower parking lot (114 6th Street).
- 5.4 Prizegiving Party will be held at 1500 hours on March 25 at the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street).

6 FLEET FLAGS

- 6.1 See SI Attachment B.
- 6.2 A fleet consists of one or more classes that start together.
- 6.3 [DP] Fleet flags shall be displayed prominently at the bow and stern, except that boats with no bow pulpit are not required to fly fleet flags at the bow.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 See SI Attachment A.
- 7.2 No later than the preparatory signal, the race committee will display the course designation for the next fleet to start. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 7.3 When the course designation is changed, the race committee will display a lime green flag with multiple short sound signals no later than the preparatory signal for the first fleet to sail the changed course. The lime green flag will be lowered with no sound approximately one minute before the start. These are not timed signals. This changes RRS 27.1.

8 THE START

- 8.1 See SI Attachments A and B.
- 8.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 (Starting Signals) with the following addition: "An attention signal (flag F) will be displayed by the race committee signal when the committee is on station. Flag F will be removed with multiple sounds one minute before the first warning signal. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 8.3 *[DP]* Before a fleet's warning signal, all boats not in that fleet shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.4 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.5 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.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 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).
- 9.2 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."

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 See SI Attachment A.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, applies as changed below.
- 11.2 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 1800 on the day after the incident. Penalty Acknowledgment forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest and at the race office.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 For penalties after racing, RRS/US Appendix V2 will apply, changed such that the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 RRS 35 is deleted and replaced with: "If one boat sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes within the time limit, all boats that finish in that class within the time limit shall be scored according to their finishing places unless the race is abandoned. If no boat in that class finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race for that class. If at least one boat finishes in a class within the time limit, boats still racing in that class after the time limit shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired)." This changes A11.
- 12.2 For sequences of races started at or before 1445, the time limit is 2.5 hours from the respective starting time.
- 12.3 For sequences of races started after 1445, the time limit is 1.5 hours from the respective starting time.

13 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 The protest time limit is 1800 on the day of the incident.
- 13.4 The list of penalty acknowledgements will be posted as soon as practical after receipt. For protests/requests filed by the protest committee or race committee, posting of this list constitutes notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.5 The protest hearing schedule including date, time and location of the hearing will be posted as soon as practical after receipt of protests or requests for redress. Normally hearings will be scheduled for the following Sunday PROMPTLY after racing.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Twelve races are scheduled for the 1st Series. Fourteen races are scheduled for 2nd Series.
- 14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3 When 8 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 9 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

14.4 PHRF corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring.

14.5 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: "A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, 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."

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

15 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16 and 72.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race office at the first reasonable opportunity.

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

16.1 AYC reminds all our boats that it is important to respect for the rights of vessels that are not racing.

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

16.3 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat based on information that a boat which may have broken a rule of the Inland Rules in an incident with a vessel that is not subject to the RRS. The source of the information may be the other vessel, the USCG, or the Maryland DNR. The protest time limit does not apply. The incident may also be reported to the AYC Disciplinary Committee or to the protest committee for action under RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct). This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

17 [DP] DOCKING

17.1 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that violate this rule will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin and be subject to protest by the race committee.

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

17.3 For the 2nd Series:

(a) Boats wishing to tie up and raft off of docks owned by the NSHOF shall complete the dockage form available on the event website. Dockage is subject to availability and limited to the NSHOF North and South Piers and Parkside. Dock as noted on the Dock Layout available on the event website.

(b) Boats shall not dock on the DNR dock located north of the northernmost NSHOF dock. Larger boats and boats with slips at AYC are encouraged to use the AYC docks to leave room for the smaller boats to dock on the NSHOF docks.

(c) Shuttle service will be provided between the AYC Clubhouse parking lot at 3 Compromise Street and 12 Dock Street.

18 PRIZES

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

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

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 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.