



2020 AYC Wednesday Night Races

Spring/Summer 2020

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

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

NOTICE OF RACE (including Amendment #2)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this document 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 this document 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 For ORC and PHRF classes, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply.

2 COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at <https://bit.ly/ayc-wnr20>.
- 2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 2.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats of the Alberg 30, Cal 25, Etchells, Farr 30, Harbor 20, Herreshoff 12½, J/22, J/30, J/35, J/70, J/80, J/105, V-boats (see NoR 3.5), ORC, and PHRF classes are invited to participate.
- 3.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at the event website: <https://bit.ly/ayc-wnr20>.
- 3.3 For a one-design class to be scored as a separate class for a series, it must have a minimum of 5 entries by 1700 on the day of the first race of the series.
- 3.4 The person in charge entering a boat shall be a regular, active participant on the boat for the regatta and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.
- 3.5 [NP] Every competitor shall sign the WNR Liability and Waiver Agreement before they participate in any race of WNR. The document will be available electronically on the event website (<https://bit.ly/ayc-wnr20>).

- 3.6 The V-Boats class is comprised of boats in the Viper 640 and VxOne classes. The class rules of their respective classes will apply. They will be race as a single combined class, with results based on order of finish.
- 3.7 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a current and valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. A boat's rating when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 3.8 Boats in an ORC class shall have a valid ORC International or ORC Club certificate, see <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orc/>. A boat's certificate when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 3.9 The race committee will determine the starting order and the ORC class splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 3.10 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee will be \$150.
- 4.2 The entry fee is payable in full no later than 1700 on the day of a boat's first race. The entry fee is non-refundable except for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum for a start (see NoR 3.3).
- 4.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of two series:
First Series: June 3 - July 22
Second Series: July 29 - September 2
- 5.2 Classes may race **every other** Wednesday according to a schedule published in the sailing instructions.
- 5.3 A Skippers' Meeting will be held electronically at 1900 on Monday, June 1. This will be an online meeting using Zoom. Zoom meeting details will be posted by 1200 on Monday, June 1.
- 5.4 The first warning signal for the first race of each Wednesday is scheduled for 1800.

5.5 While the clubhouse is closed due to pandemic restrictions, competitors shall NOT gather and socialize at the club except on their own boats. When the clubhouse is able to re-open, social restrictions will depend on clubhouse policies, to be posted on the notice board.

5.6 A prizegiving party is scheduled to be held at AYC at 1900 on September 9.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website approximately one week before the first scheduled race.

7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

7.2 The regatta venue will be AYC.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mix of government marks and drop marks as described in the sailing instructions.

9 [DP] CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS

9.1 While racing, boats shall not contact anchored, moored or docked vessels.

10 [DP] DOCKING

10.1 Unless modified by the sailing instructions, boats SHALL NOT tie up to and raft off docks at the AYC clubhouse. Only boats that launch out of the sailing center, may tie up at the docks at the AYC Sailing Center and only in accordance with posted AYC policies.

10.2 Boats shall NOT tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to AYC. Boats that break this rule will be responsible for all charges to AYC.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed in the sailing instructions.

12 SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System will apply.

12.2 Up to 8 races are scheduled for the first series. Up to 6 races are scheduled for the second series.

12.3 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12.4 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."

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

12.6 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and "Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)" ratings. The A and B factors will be specified in the sailing instructions.

12.7 Corrected times for ORC will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings. The race committee will assign the course type ("Inshore/Windward Leeward" or "Coastal/Long Distance") and the wind speed rating (Low, Medium, or High) on race day as detailed in the sailing instructions.

13 PRIZES

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

13.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the sailing instructions):

- (a) Charles Dell Trophy: best overall performance.
- (b) Fred W. Carlson Trophy: best overall performance in ORC.
- (c) Geiger Memorial: best overall performance in PHRF.
- (d) Harvey Clap Trophy: first place in the Etchells class.
- (e) Spadone Trophy: first place in the Herreshoff 12½ class.

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

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 Non-AYC members may obtain guest cards at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse.

16.2 For more information contact:

AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose,
lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964
Event Chair: Bobby Frey,
bobbyfrey1@verizon.net, 410.703.3291



**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control, and other agencies, governments, and individuals. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. The Annapolis Yacht Club (“the Club”) has put in place certain preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Club cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. In the event you or your child(ren) contract COVID-19 at the Club or at an event sponsored thereby, it is unclear whether liability insurance is available to the Club and its representatives. Accordingly, the Club is requiring the execution of this Release, Waiver, and Covenant as an absolute condition precedent to your participation in Wednesday Night Races.

Participating in Wednesday Night Races and related activities could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19. For purposes of this release, waiver, and covenant, you must assume that whatever being done to protect you will not be sufficient. If you are not willing to assume the risk, release all claims, and promise not to sue, you are not permitted to participate.



Name of Participant

Child’s name (if applicable)

Vessel name

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By signing (manually or electronically) this agreement, I

1. **acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk** that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in Wednesday Night Races, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, negligence, gross negligence, willfulness or intentional acts of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.
2. **voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility** for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren) and my participation in Wednesday Night Races (“Claims”).
3. **on my behalf, and on behalf of my children, hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless** the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, negligence, gross negligence, willfulness, and intentional acts of the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.
4. **hereby certify** that my child(ren) and I are covered by health insurance.

I understand that I have no factual or legal basis to bring any action against the Club, its board of governors, officers, general manager, employees, volunteers of the Club, fellow members and non-members who may have been present or involved in any way.

Name of participant or guardian

Signature

(date)