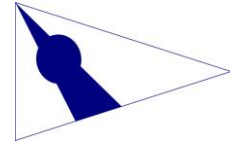




2016 FREE STATE TEAM RACE

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club &
Severn Sailing Association
Annapolis, Maryland, USA
July 16 & 17, 2016
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 **RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix D-Team Racing Rules, and the ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules.
- 1.2 RRS D1.1(d) is deleted.
- 1.3 RRS 63.4 is deleted.
- 1.4 RRS D5.2 is changed to read: "When a boat suffers a breakdown, she may request a scoring change by informing the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, she should keep racing and inform the race committee after finishing."
- 1.5 RRS D1.2(c) is changed to read: "A boat intending to request redress in the racing area shall inform the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If possible, she should keep racing and inform the race committee after finishing."

2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located at the Annapolis Yacht Club Junior Sailing Center.

3 **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 1030 hours on the day it will be effective. Oral changes in the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water, provided they are communicated to each boat before its warning signal. When the race committee flies flag L with one sound signal, all competitors should come within hail of the starting line boat for an oral change to the sailing instructions.

4 **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Saturday

Check / Weigh in (AYC Junior Building)	0900 - 1000
Competitors' Meeting	1000
First Warning Signal	1045
BBQ with complementary beer & soft drinks	1730

Sunday

Report Time	0900
No New Round Started After	1530
Awards	1630

5 **FORMAT**

- 5.1 The format will be determined by the regatta chair depending on time and conditions. Format may include, but is not limited to:
- 5.2 Double round robin with single final four or six
- 5.3 Double round robin
- 5.4 Single round robin with single final four or six
- 5.5 Single round robin

6 **BOATS & EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1 18 AYC 420s and 6 SSA FJs will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify any boat or cause them to be modified in any way. Competitors have the option of rigging the mainsheet purchase either 3:1 or 4:1.
- 6.2 The standing rigging shall not be adjusted.
- 6.3 The penalty for infringing instruction 6.1 and/or 6.2 will be disqualification from all races sailed while breaking these rules.
- 6.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the dock/boat committee immediately after arriving on shore or to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water.

6.5 Breakdowns will be decided using RRS D5.

7 **ROTATION**

The rotation of boats will be in accordance with the provided rotation sheet available at the competitors' meeting and online. Rotations will occur at the Severn Sailing Association.

8 **MARKS**

Start and finish marks will be yellow cylinders. All other marks will be orange balls.

9 **COURSES**

- 9.1 The Digital "N" course will be used and is illustrated in Appendix 1.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing lines will be between a staff from which an orange flag is displayed on a boat and the course side of a nearby mark.

10 **STARTING SYSTEM**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix S.

11 **RECALLS**

- 11.1 RRS 29.1 is modified as follows: When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall display flag X. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have properly restarted, but no later than one minute after the starting signal.
- 11.2 RC will attempt to hail sail numbers along with displaying flag X. Not hailing and/or a vessel not hearing her number hailed shall not be grounds for redress.

12 **PROTESTS**

- 12.1 A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity, inform both the Race Committee Finish Boat and the protested boat of intent to protest. Failure to do so may be grounds for closing the protest (changes RRS 63.5).
- 12.2 Expedited protests may be held using three-minute justice, detailed as follows:
- 12.3 For each protest, the protest committee will consist of one person appointed by the protesting boat, one person appointed by the protested boat, and a judge designated by the OA. These people shall not be competitors involved in the race in which the incident occurred.
- 12.4 The hearing will begin as soon as all parties are present. If no one objects, the protest will be considered valid. Each party will have approximately one minute to present its case. The protest committee may question the parties and/or call witnesses. Each party will be allowed to question the other party. After the parties are excused, the protest committee will find facts, make a decision, and communicate that decision to the parties orally.
- 12.5 In the event of damage or injury, a more formal hearing may occur. A competitor may not request the reopening of an expedited protest hearing after the decision has been made. This changes RRS 66.

13 **SCORING**

- 13.1 The regatta will be scored in accordance with RRS D4.
- 13.2 Scores will carry over throughout the event.

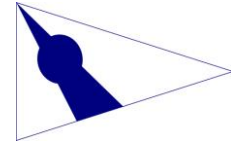
14 **SAFETY**

- 14.1 Competitors who require assistance from rescue boats should so signify by waving arms overhead. A competitor who retires



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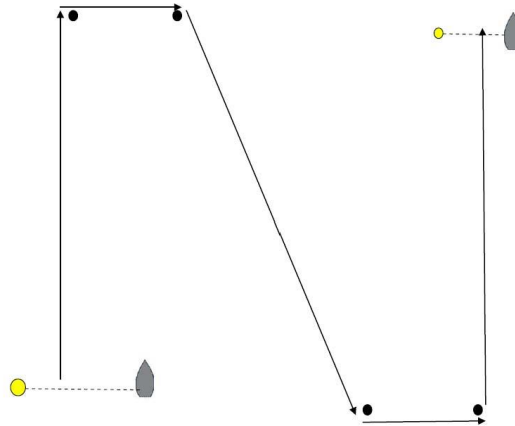
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- 14.2 from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Starts will not be delayed to accommodate capsized boats.
- 14.3 Un-seamanlike, unsafe, or reckless boat handling that damages or risks damage to boats or endangers competitors or

- 14.5 spectators will be grounds for disqualification and removal from the event.
- 14.5 Boats shall not put trash in the water. **Sailors ashore shall place trash in the appropriate receptacles** (Changes RRS 55). Breach of this rule will be grounds for disqualification.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

