



# 2017 Wednesday Night Races

April 26 - August 30, 2017

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

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

## NOTICE OF RACE

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

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Boats of the Alberg 30, Etchells, Harbor 20, Herreshoff 12½, J/22, J/24, J/30, J/70, J/80, J/35, J/105, Farr 30, Farr 40 and PHRF classes are invited to participate.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2017 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating. A boat's rating when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 The race committee will determine the starting order and PHRF splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 2.6 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at: <http://www.annapolisyc.com/default.aspx?p=.NETEventView&ID=3768713&ssid=307802>
- 2.7 Junior Sailor Streamer Program: To encourage junior participation, AYC plans to assist teaming up AYC Junior sailors with competing boats and give awards and recognition for participants. Register for the program on the event website.
- 2.8 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for registrations received by 1700 on April 19 is \$215. The entry fee for registrations received after 1700 on April 19 will be \$265.
- 3.2 Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable.
- 3.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, weekly post-race socials, and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website or the sailing instructions.

### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The event will consist of three series:

- (a) First Series - April 26 through May 31
- (b) Second Series - June 7 through July 19 (no racing on July 5)

(c) Third Series - July 26 through August 30

- 4.2 The first warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1800.
- 4.3 A Skippers' Meeting will be held at that AYC Sailing Center Tent (550 Severn Ave) at 1630 hours on April 26.
- 4.4 An Awards Ceremony will be held at the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street) at 1900 on September 13.

### 5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the event website by 1700 on March 27.
- 5.2 The starting order for all classes, and the PHRF splits will be available at the Skippers' meeting and on the event website by 1630 on April 26.

### 6 VENUE

- 6.1 The racing area will be the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 6.2 The regatta venue will be the tent at the AYC Sailing Center, 550 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

### 7 THE COURSES

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

### 8 [DP] CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS

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

### 9 [DP] DOCKING

- 9.1 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that break this rule will be responsible for all charges to the Yacht.
- 9.2 Boats may tie up to and raft off docks owned by AYC, but may not extend over the AYC property line.

### 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed in the SIs.

### 11 SCORING

- 11.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

- 11.2 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."
- 11.3 Six races are scheduled in each series. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.4 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.5 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.
- 11.6 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Distance scoring.

## **12 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1 The official notice board will be located electronically on the event website.
- 12.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 12.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

## **13 PRIZES**

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

- 13.2 Junior Sailor Streamer Program: Recognition and prizes will be given to boats that race with AYC Junior Program sailors as members of the crew. Details will be included in the SIs and on the event website.
- 13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## **14 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.

## **15 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.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 Non-AYC members may obtain guest cards at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street).
- 16.2 For more information contact:  
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