



2018 Wednesday Night Races

April 25 - August 29, 2018

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

AYC Racing Website: <http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing>

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

1.1 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 2018 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. 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 the event website: <http://bit.ly/ayc-wnr-onb>.
- 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. See the event website for further information or to register for the program.
- 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 18 is \$225. The entry fee for registrations received after 1700 on April 18 will be \$275.
- 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.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The regatta will consist of three series:

(a) First Series - April 25 through May 30

(b) Second Series - June 6 through July 18 (no racing on July 4)

(c) Third Series - July 25 through August 29

- 4.2 A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the AYC Annex tent (114 6th Street, lower parking lot) at 1630 on April 25.
- 4.3 The first warning signal for the first race of each Wednesday is scheduled for 1800.
- 4.4 After racing, all competitors are invited to a post-race social at the AYC Annex tent. The location may change as construction on AYC properties progresses. Changes will be posted on the event website.
- 4.5 An awards ceremony and party will be held at the AYC Clubhouse (2 Compromise St) at 1900 on September 5.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the event website by 1700 on April 18.
- 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 25.

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 AYC Annex tent (114 6th Street, lower parking lot). The location may change as construction on AYC properties progresses. Changes will be posted on the event website.
- 6.3 ***Due to construction, there will be limited member parking at AYC properties on Wednesday nights and non-member parking is unavailable. Competitors are strongly encouraged to minimize the number of cars that park near AYC properties. Please plan in advance, be courteous to our neighbors, and honor local parking regulations. Additional information about parking will be posted on the event website.***

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 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

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

9 [DP] DOCKING

- 9.1 Boats may tie up to and raft off docks owned by AYC, but may not extend over the AYC property line.
- 9.2 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.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 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 Six races are scheduled in each series. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 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."
- 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-Time scoring and "Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)" ratings. The A and B factors will be specified in the SIs.

12 COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at <http://bit.ly/ayc-wnr-onb>.

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 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:
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Event Chair: Bobby Frey,
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