



# 2020 Wednesday Night Races

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

## 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).

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at: <http://bit.ly/ayc-wnr20>.

2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats via VHF radio.

(a) In the starting areas, the race committee will use the following radio channels to communicate course and recall information:

Club starting line (Herreshoff 12½): VHF 81A

Inner starting line (Harbor 20): VHF 69

Outer starting line (All other classes): VHF 65A

(b) After starting, the race committee will use VHF 65A for any further communications.

2.3 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email to [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org).

2.4 Forms are available online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.

2.5 Forms shall be filed **by email** to the race office. NOTE: The front desk of AYC will not accept forms in person.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 1500 on the day it will take effect.

### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The regatta will consist of two series:

(a) First Series: June 3-July 22

(b) Second Series: July 29-September 2

4.2 Fleet splits and scheduled racing dates and warning signals are contained in SI Attachment A.

4.3 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.

4.4 [NP] 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.

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

### 5 FLEET ASSIGNMENTS AND FLAGS

5.1 Fleet flags and the assignment of classes to fleets will be included in SI Attachment A.

5.2 When a fleet flag is flown under any visual race signal, it applies to all classes in that fleet. This changes the preamble to RRS Race Signals.

5.3 [DP] In all classes except the Harbor 20 and Herreshoff 12½ classes: Fleet flags shall be displayed prominently at the bow and stern, except that boats that do not have a bow pulpit are not required to display a fleet flag at the bow.

### 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 No official signals will be flown ashore. The electronic notice board will be used for official notifications.

6.2 When the clubhouse is open, courtesy signals may be displayed from the flag pole at the AYC Clubhouse.

### 7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment B.

7.2 No later than the **warning** signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed for the fleet whose warning signal has been made. This changes RRS 27.1.

### 8 MARKS

8.1 See SI Attachment B.

8.2 Whether or not she is racing, a boat shall not touch or compel another boat to touch an anchored race committee vessel that is also a starting or finishing mark. The penalty for breaking this SI shall be DNE. A boat may only be exonerated under RRS 64.1(a) for breaking this SI, if the boat that compelled her to break this SI is a party to a valid protest of the incident. This changes RRS 31 and 64.1.

## 9 THE START

9.1 See SI Attachment B for the location and description of the starting lines.

### 9.2 For the Herreshoff 12½ class:

- (a) The starting line will be the Club Starting Line.
- (b) Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.

### 9.3 For the Harbor 20 class:

- (a) The starting line will be the Inner Starting Line.
- (b) The race committee starting vessel will display the fleet flag for the Harbor 20 class when it is on station. The flag will be removed with multiple sounds shortly before the first warning signal. This is not a time signal.
- (c) Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.

### 9.4 For all other classes:

- (a) The starting line will be the Outer Starting Line.
- (b) The race committee starting vessel will display flag F (white with red diamond) when it is on station. Flag F will be removed with multiple sounds shortly before the first warning signal. This is not a time signal.
- (c) Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.

9.5 A race committee starting vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee vessel, and the race committee vessel are all part of the starting mark.

9.6 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.7 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.

## 10 RECALLS

10.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.2 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS/US Appendix U1 and U4 modified such that the race committee shall promptly make a sound signal.

10.3 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS/US Appendix U1 modified such that the race committee shall promptly make two sound signals. The last sentence of RRS 29.2 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."

## 11 THE FINISH

11.1 See SI Attachment B. **NOTE: While restrictions on socializing at the clubhouse remain in place, the race committee intends to shorten and finish all "outer start" classes at N"8".**

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, applies as changed below.

12.2 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) no later than 1100 on the day after the incident.

12.3 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 RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b), the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

12.4 For penalties after racing, RRS/US Appendix V2 will apply, changed such that the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

## 13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 13.

13.2 The time limit for all boats is:

(a) June 3 through July 22: 2040 hours

(b) July 29 through September 2: 2020 hours

13.3 If no boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race for that class.

13.4 If at least one boat meets the requirements of SI 13.3, then a boat still racing at the time limit will be scored with points for 'Did Not Finish' and will be given a scoring abbreviation of TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

14.1 The protest time limit is 1100 on the day following the incident.

- 14.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office (see SI 2) within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Scoring inquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office (see SI 2). When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 14.4 The list of protest notifications and penalty acknowledgements will be posted by 2000 the day after a race. For protests/requests filed by the protest committee or race committee, posting of this list constitutes notification required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 The protest hearing schedule including date, time, and location of the hearing will be posted by 2000 the day after a race. Hearing may be held online. For online hearings, connection details will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing.

## 15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2 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."
- 15.3 Up to 8 races are scheduled for the first series. Up to 6 races are scheduled for the second series.
- 15.4 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.5 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.
- 15.6 Corrected times for classes using PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring with a boat's Circular Random rating. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by  $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$ .
- 15.7 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings. The race committee will announce the course type ("Inshore/Windward Leeward" or "Coastal/Long Distance") and the wind speed rating (Low, Medium, or High) on VHF radio prior to the warning signal. If the race committee does not make such an announcement, the race will be scored with Coastal/Long Distance - Light ratings.

## 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area, shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 2) at the first reasonable opportunity.

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

- 17.1 AYC reminds all our boats that it is important to respect for the rights of vessels that are not racing. The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat based on information that a boat may have broken a government right-of-way (i.e., inland) rule (see RRS Preamble to Part 2) in an incident with a vessel that is not racing.
- 17.2 Boats shall not touch anchored, moored, or docked vessels.
- 17.3 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 SI will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin.
- 17.4 Boats SHALL NOT tie up to and raft off docks at the AYC Clubhouse. Only boats that launch out of the AYC Sailing Center, may tie up at the docks at the AYC Sailing Center and only in accordance with posted AYC policies.
- 17.5 A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 17.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 17 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author of the statement present. Such incident may also be reported to the protest committee for action under RRS 69 (Misconduct) or the AYC Board of Governors for disciplinary action. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

## 18 PRIZES

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