



Halloween Howl October 24-25, 2020

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



NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this 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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The "USODA Conditions for Sanctioned Regattas and Championships" will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] Competitors shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD shall be wearable and be 100% dependent on foam for flotation. The PFD shall be the proper size for the wearer, and in good and serviceable condition. USCG Type III PFDs meet this requirement.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Boats in the Optimist class are invited to participate.
- 2.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at: <https://bit.ly/ayc-hh20>.
- 2.3 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Early registration and entry fee of \$60 are due by 1700 on Monday, October 12. After that, registrations with a fee of \$75 will be accepted until 0930 on Saturday, October 24. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 3.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, Halloween Costume and Awards Party with food on Sunday after racing. Additional details will be included on the event website or the sailing instructions.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Onsite registration will be between 0800 and 0930 on Saturday, October 24.
- 4.2 The racing days will be Saturday, October 24 to Sunday, October 25.
- 4.3 The warning signal for the first race of the regatta is scheduled for 1030.
- 4.4 Multiple races may be sailed each day, to be further detailed the sailing instructions.
- 4.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last scheduled day of racing.
- 4.6 A Halloween Costume and Awards Party will be held after racing on Sunday.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the notice board approximately 5 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 The racing area will be the Severn River for the Red, White, and Blue fleets, and either the Severn River or Spa Creek for the Green fleet.
- 6.2 The regatta venue will be the AYC Sailing Center, 510 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be drop mark courses.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the sailing instructions.

9 SAFETY

- 9.1 The race committee may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.
- 9.2 Competitors without a designated support boat shall inform the organizing authority at registration.

10 [DP] COACHING

- 10.1 All persons aboard support vessels shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD shall be the proper size for the wearer, and in good and serviceable condition. Inflatable PFDs are permitted.
- 10.2 Support vessels may be responsible for up to a maximum of 10 sailors.
- 10.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to support persons on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 10.4 All support boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.
- 10.5 Except in the case of emergency, support vessels shall not enter the racing area from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or permission is given by the race committee to do so.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats in each class.
- 11.2 Prizes will be given to first through fifth places for overall standing in the Optimist Red/White/Blue fleet.

- 11.3 Participation awards will be given to all competitors in the Optimist Green fleet.
- 11.4 An award will be given for the Best Costume at the Halloween Costume and Awards Party.
- 11.5 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 Non-AYC members may organize guest cards at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse.
- 13.2 For more information contact:
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