



SERC SPRING REGATTA

May 10, 2014

The Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

The Annapolis Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (OA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 63.7 (Conflict Between the NOR and SI) is replaced with: "If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and one in the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall apply."

2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the 1st Deck of the AYC Clubhouse outside of the Skipjack Lounge.

3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day they will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast the AYC Clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag "AP" with two sound signals means races not started are postponed. Before lowering flag AP, with one sound signal, the approximate time of the warning signal will be posted and will be at least 40 minutes after flag AP is lowered.
- 4.3 Flag "L" over one or more numeral pennant(s) with one sound signal means notice to competitors number ___ has been posted.
- 4.4 Flag "N" over "A" and three sound signals means all races scheduled today but not started are cancelled.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

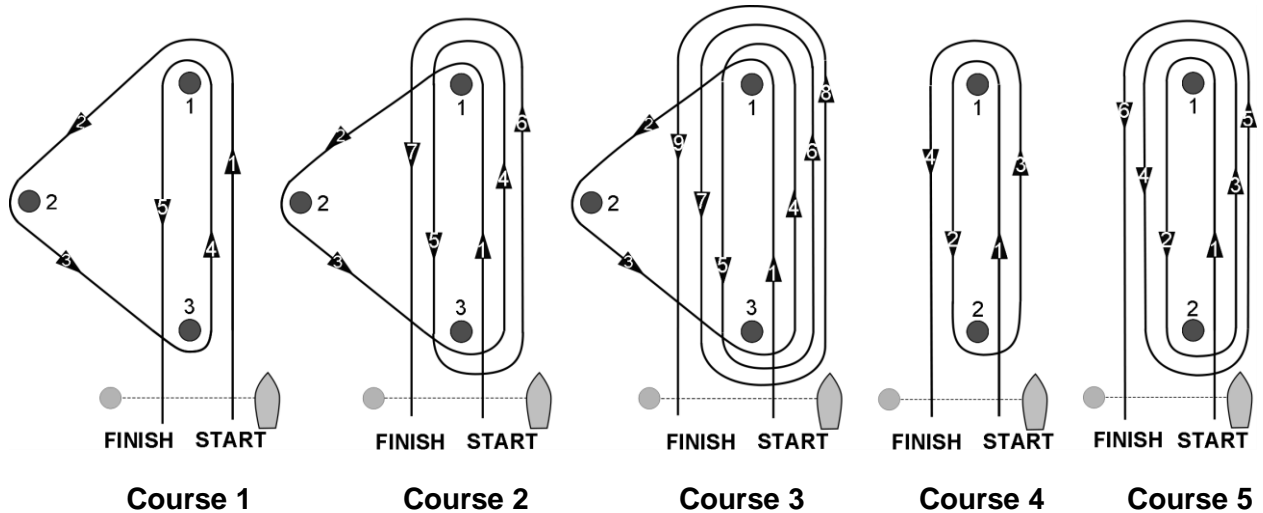
- 5.1 Three races are scheduled.
- 5.2 Rendezvous is 1030, ½ mile NE of the entrance to Back Creek, on the Severn River.
- 5.3 The warning signal for the first race of the day will be made at 1100.
- 5.4 No starting signal will be made after 1500.

6. **CLASS FLAGS** – Boats are not required to fly class Flags.

7. **RACING AREA** – The racing area will be in the proximity of the mouth of the Severn River. See Addendum No. 1, Race Area.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale) and description below.



Course 1: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 2: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 3: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 2, 1, Finish Downwind

Course 5: Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, Finish Downwind

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the course to be sailed will be displayed on a number board.

9. MARKS

9.1 The leeward, weather and reach marks of the course will be orange tomato type.

9.2 The starting and finish pin may be an orange tomato type or yellow cylinder.

10. THE START

10.1 Starts shall be in accordance with RRS/US Appendix S.

10.2 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard of the orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

10.3 The starting order for the first race will be: Alerion 28, Harbor 20, Herreshoff 12.5.

11. **RECALLS** - The race committee will attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by transmitting sail numbers over VHF Channel 65A. Failure to transmit, hear or receive such transmissions, or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62 (Redress).

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line will be between the staff or halyard of the orange flag displayed on the race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

12.2 Flag A displayed at the finish means no more racing today.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM – Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One- turn and Two-turn Penalties will apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The race will be abandoned if no boat in that class has rounded the first mark within 30 minutes after the start.

14.2 RRS 35 (Time Limit) is replaced by: “If the first boat in her class does not finish within one and one half hours, the race will be abandoned for that class. Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not subsequently retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 A boat displaying a red flag and intending to protest, is encouraged to inform the race committee as soon as possible after finishing by a hail that includes the sail number of the protested boat.

15.2 The protest time limit in RRS 61.3 (Protest Time Limit) is 1 hour after the race committee signal boat docks. Protest forms are available at the front desk of the AYC clubhouse. Protests shall be filed with the race committee at the 2nd deck bar at AYC.

15.3 The protest hearing will be held as soon as all parties to the protest are present or at 1530 on the AYC second deck.

15.4 A list of filed protests will be available at the 2nd deck bar and shall constitute notification for **ALL** parties under RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A (Scoring) will apply, except each boats score shall be the total of all her race scores.

16.2 One completed race is required to constitute a regatta.

17. SAFETY

17.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communications on channels 9, 13, 16 and 65A.

17.2 RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices) is replaced by: “It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant.”

17.3 A boat that retires from a race, or between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17.4 Boats may not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Competitors must take evasive action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

17.5 Boats shall not enter US Coast Guard “Exclusion Zones”. These zones rank as "obstructions".

17.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking Sailing Instruction 17.4 and 17.5 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2 (Race Committee Protest), 60.3 (Protest Committee Protest), and 61.3 (Protest Time Limit).

18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

18.1 The race committee may attempt to provide information on VHF Channel 65A as a courtesy. In all cases race signals shall govern.

18.2 A boat may not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF Channel 9, 13, 16, or with the race committee on VHF Channel 65A. While racing, a boat shall not receive ANY communication not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

19. **PRIZES** - First through third place prizes will be awarded at 1600 in the 2nd deck bar at AYC.

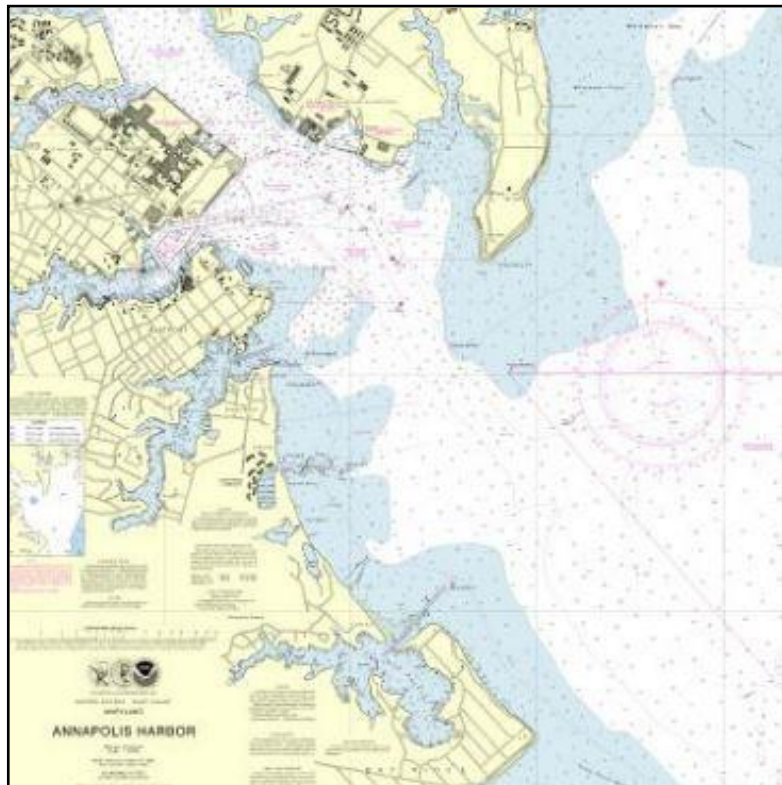
20. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY** - Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. **INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (US\$) per event or the equivalent.

Social - Awards will be presented at 1600 on the Second Deck at The Annapolis Yacht Club. A party is scheduled after racing at 1800 (location to be announced separately).

ADDENDUM No. 1 RACING AREA

The marks on this page are specified in their anticipated 2014 configuration. They have been verified. It is the responsibility of competitors to ascertain the actual characteristics and locations of these marks.



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