



2020 Fall Race to Solomons
Saturday September 26, 2020
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).
- 1.2 [DP] The “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as modified below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) The following SER will also apply:
 - SER 2.4.1, Lifelines
 - SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion
 - SER 3.14, GPS Receiver
 - SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through hull fittings
 - SER 3.24.1, Lights
 - SER 3.26, Radar reflector
 - SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=11747>.
- 2.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications made ashore will be posted on the notice board.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule will be:

Scheduled Warning Signal	Scheduled START Signal	Class
0930	0933	CRCA Cruiser, CRCA Non-Spinnaker
0935	0938	PHRF B, PHRF C, PHRF Non-Spin
0940	0943	CRCA Racer Cruiser and Performance Cruiser
0945	0948	CHESSS
0950	0953	ORC III
1955	1058	J/105
1000	1003	PHRF A2
1005	1008	ORC II
1010	1013	Multihull A, Multihull B
1015	1018	J/35, PHRF A1, PHRF A0
1020	1023	ORC I

5.2 Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no post-race party. Plans for presenting prizes will be posted on the notice board.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern. The class flags are as follows:

Class	Class flag	Class	Class flag
CHESSS	Pennant 3 rd Substitute	ORC I	Pennant 1
CRCA	White or Green flag	ORC II	Flag A
Multihull A	Flag W	ORC III	Pennant 3
Multihull B	Flag F	PHRF A0/A1	Pennant 9
J/35	Flag K	PHRF A2	Pennant 2
J/105	Flag V	PHRF B	Pennant 6
		PHRF C/D	Pennant 7
		PHRF Non-Spin	Pennant 5

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The start will be at G/R can "SR" unless the race committee *starting* vessel displays flag L and relocates the starting line. If the race committee starting vessels moves the starting line, it shall be announced on VHF radio.

7.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:

- Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
- R"84", passed to port,
- Sharps Island Light passed to port,
- G"77", rounded to starboard.

7.3 The finish will be at Patuxent River entrance mark "3".

7.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding mark G"77".

8 CHECK-IN

8.1 [NP] A race committee *check-in* boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 200 yards north of the starting line. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass close to the check-in boat, hail her sail number and the number of persons aboard, and receive a verbal response by the race committee. This shall *not* be done by VHF radio. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.

9.2 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of G/R can "SR", or, if the race committee has moved the starting line in accordance with SI 7.1, a short orange cylinder.

9.3 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.

- 9.4 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.5 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 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).
- 10.2 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) and RRS/US U5.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 11.2 The race committee intends to be on station recording finishes until approximately 2000 hours or until all boats have finished (whichever is earlier).
- 11.3 If the race committee is not on station:
- (a) the finishing line will be a line extending 300 feet on a bearing of 325 degrees magnetic from the finish mark.
 - (b) A boat shall record her finish time when the finishing line mark bears 145 degrees magnetic and report her finish time as soon as practicable to the race office (see SI 2).

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 12.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 There is no time limit for finishing. While most boats will finish in daylight, boats should be prepared for the possibility of finishing after sunset.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 14.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 2). Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 14.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 14.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 14.4 The protest time limit is 1000 on Sunday, September 27.
- 14.5 The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or video- conferencing during the week following the regatta. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 14.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.8 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The race committee will announce the course type rating ("Handicap" or "Random Course Handicap") on VHF radio prior to the warning signal for a race. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by:
(650 / (550 + PHRF Rating)).
- 15.3 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. The race committee may change this after the start if there is a significant change in the weather conditions (see ORC Rating Systems rule

403.4). If the race committee changes this after the start, it will post the change on the notice board. A boat may not base a request for redress on the race committee's decision of course type (this changes RRS 60.1).

- 15.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration based upon course type and wind strength. These handicaps will be determined by the CRCA class and will be posted shortly after the first CRCA boat finishes.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race office (see SI 2) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2 [NP] [DP] 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.
- 16.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 16.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 16.2 based on information received from any source. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters (boats starting in at least one race), 2nd place with 5 or more starters, and 3rd place with 7 or more starters.
- 17.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 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.