



2020 AYC Two Bridge Fiasco Race Sunday, August 2, 2020

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland,

<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 For boats 20 feet or smaller, RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times.

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/emenu.cfm?eID=13407>.
- 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.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Sunday, August 2, 2020.
- 5.2 A pursuit style starting sequence will be published by 1100 on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area will be in the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The course area is shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 7.2 The start and finish will be near mark G"9" on the Severn River. Boats may start and finish in either direction.
- 7.3 After starting, boats shall round all course marks to port and then finish. Boats may round the course marks in either order.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 There will be two inflatable orange marks on the course, one near the William Preston Lane (Rt 50 Bay Bridge) and one near the Naval Academy Bridge.
- 8.2 The start and finishing mark will be mark G"9" on the Severn River.
- 8.3 A race committee starting or finishing 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 or finishing mark.

9 [NP] MANDATORY CHECK-IN

- 9.1 A race committee check-in boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards west of the starting line. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the check-in boat, hail her sail number and the number of persons on board, and receive a verbal confirmation by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty (see RRS 44.3(c) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line is between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and mark G"9" on the Severn River.
- 10.2 Each boat shall have a prescribed pursuit style starting time corresponding to her rating (either PHRF or Portsmouth) and calculated for the course distance.
- 10.3 Boats may start no earlier than their assigned start time.
- 10.4 The pursuit style starting sequence will be published by 1100 on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Starting times may be altered by postponement.
- 10.5 As a courtesy only, the race committee will make broadcasts via VHF of the time during the pursuit style starting sequence.
- 10.6 The start/finish line is restricted and may only be crossed when starting or finishing. Any boat able to make way that is observed to violate the start/finish line restriction shall receive a 20-minute penalty without a hearing. This modifies RRS63.1 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and mark G"9" on the Severn River.

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.

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).
- 14.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 14.4 The intent of the protest committee is 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.
- 14.5 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 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).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Boats will be scored in the order of their finishes.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race, or leaves the racing area, shall notify the race committee (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 There will be no prizes awarded, other than bragging rights.

17.2 A virtual awards celebration is scheduled to be held via Zoom video call. The time and log in information for the virtual awards celebration will be posted on the notice board.

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.

SI Attachment 1 - The Course

