



2021 ANNAPOLIS to NEWPORT RACE

Race start dates: June 4 and 5, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA): Annapolis Yacht Club. Assisted by the US Naval Academy Sailing Squadron, Ida Lewis Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club

<http://www.annapolisnewportrace.com/>

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this 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 means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times are US Eastern Time. All fees are US dollars.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Ocean Category of the 2020 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements and associated Appendices (US SER) (available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>) applies. At the time of publication of this NoR, the 2021 edition of the US SER has not yet been published. The OA may change the NoR once the 2021 US SER is published.
- 1.3 RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility (available on the notice board at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13210>) will apply at night as specified in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 Boats are strongly encouraged to review the IRPCAS carefully before the race. The Chesapeake and Narragansett Bays both include narrow channels and traffic separation zones where the right-of-way rules between vessels are quite different than when racing boats meet under the RRS. Often under the IRPCAS, a sailing vessel is the give-way vessel and must take clear action well in advance to avoid close-quarters situations.
- 1.6 [DP] RRS 41(c) is replaced with: "Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such 'at a cost' help shall not include private forecast or advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation. The use of Predict Wind's weather routing tool is expressly permitted."
- 1.7 [DP] In the event any lifesaving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is not possible the loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Coast Guard and to the race committee in Newport.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted to the notice board approximately 30 days before the first scheduled start.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13210>
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-934-0134 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. In Annapolis, the race office will be located at the AYC Sailing Center. In Newport, the race office will be located at the Newport Yachting Center.
- 3.3 In the starting and finishing areas, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats by VHF radio on channel 73.
- 3.4 Each boat shall monitor VHF channel 16 from 10 minutes after the start until arriving in Newport or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the race office.

- 3.5 Each boat shall continuously transmit its position using its Automatic Identification System (AIS) transceiver, required by US SER, beginning no later than 2000 EDT on the day of her start until arriving in Newport or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the race office.
- 3.6 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats are eligible to enter one of the following divisions: ORC, PHRF, Classic (PHRF), and Double Handed (ORC). If any division does not have a minimum of 5 entries by March 31, 2021, the OA may cancel that division, and entries in that division will be allowed to change to another division or receive a full refund. Divisions may be divided into multiple classes at the discretion of the OA. The class divisions will be published in the SIs. The OA will give strong consideration to including additional divisions if there is sufficient interest expressed.
- 4.2 Boats shall have at least one of the following:
- (a) A minimum IMS Stability Factor or ORR Stability Limit of 115, or be a true sister ship of a boat in the US Sailing IMS Master File, or ORR File, that has a Stability Factor of at least 115. Certification of this requirement will be required on the Certificate of Compliance and Readiness.
 - (b) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28.
 - (c) A minimum IRC STIX of 32.
- 4.3 For the ORC Division:
- (a) Entries shall have a current ORC (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#applications>) International or Club certificate with a GPH rating of 665 or lower.
 - (b) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply except for boats rated with movable/variable ballast.
 - (c) RRS 52, Manual Power, will apply except for boats rated for their equipment to augment power.
- 4.4 For the PHRF Division:
- (a) Entries shall have current PHRF of the Chesapeake (www.phrfchesbay.org) certificate with a handicap of 126 or lower.
 - (b) There will be no crew weight limitations.
 - (c) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply except for boats rated with movable/variable ballast.
 - (d) RRS 52, Manual Power, will apply except for boats rated for their equipment to augment power.
- 4.5 For the PHRF Classic Division:
- (a) The philosophy of the Classic Division is to permit classic or vintage-type boats whose ratings may not meet the minimum speed required of PHRF Division entries.
 - (b) Entries shall have current PHRF of the Chesapeake (www.phrfchesbay.org) certificate. Handicaps higher than 126 may be allowed at the discretion of the OA.
 - (c) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply. Boats with canting keels, canting centerboards or variable ballast are not eligible.
 - (d) RRS 52, Manual Power, is changed to permit entrants to use power-driven winches and furlers.
- 4.6 For the ORC Double Handed Division:
- (a) Entries shall have a valid ORC (<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/#applications>) Double Handed certificate with a GPH rating of 665 or lower.
 - (b) There shall be 2 persons aboard the boat. At least one crew shall be at least 21 years of age as of the start of the race. Both crew shall have previous offshore experience.
 - (c) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply.
 - (d) RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
 - (e) RRS 41 is changed to permit boats in the ORC Double Handed Division to communicate with each other while racing.

- 4.7 Entries of the same design (e.g. J/111, J/120, etc.) that have a minimum of 5 paid registrations by 1700 on May 14, 2021 in the same division will, in addition to being eligible for prizes in their division/class, be awarded prizes for their design group. The class rules of the one-design class will not apply.
- 4.8 Any three boats affiliated with the same yacht club may register as a team to compete for the Yacht Club Challenge Trophy. Multiple teams from the same yacht club are welcome provided a boat is not part of more than one team.
- 4.9 Boats wishing to enter shall register on the event website no later than 1700 on May 14, 2021
- 4.10 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall pay all fees and successfully fulfill all registration, documentation, and inspection requirements. Boats that are not valid entries, will not be permitted to start the race.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Registration and entry fees are as follows

<u>Paid on or before:</u>	<u>Entry Fee (per boat):</u>
1700 Friday, March 5, 2021	\$700
1700 Friday, April 16, 2021	\$750
1700 Friday, May 14, 2021	\$800

- 5.2 Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable after 1700 on May 21, 2021.
- 5.3 The entry fee includes racing and awards. As of the date of publication of this NoR no social events are planned due to existing pandemic public health restrictions. In the event that public health restrictions are relaxed prior to the regatta, the OA may plan social events and will publish information about them on the event website. The cost of any social events which may be held is not included in the entry fees and will be payable separately by attendees.

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The event schedule will be:

Date	Time	
Wed June 2	0900-1700	On-site Registration and Tracker Pickup at the AYC Sailing Center
Thu June 3	0900-1700	On-site Registration and Tracker Pickup at the AYC Sailing Center
Fri June 4	1100	Warning signal for Fleet 2
	1105	Warning signal for the ORC Doubled Handed Division
Sat June 5	1100	Warning signal for Fleet 1
Mon June 7		Race office opens at the Newport Yachting Center

- 7.2 As of the date of publication of this NoR no social events are planned due to existing Covid-19 public health restrictions. In the event that public health restrictions are relaxed prior to the regatta the OA may plan social events and will publish information about them on the event website. The cost of any social events which may be held is not included in the entry fees and will be payable separately by attendees.

8 DOCUMENTATION

- 8.1 [DP] The following documents shall be filed with the OA by email, fax, or postal mail no later than 1700 on May 14, 2021:
 - (a) A copy of the boat's valid rating certificate.
 - (b) A copy of the life raft inspection certificate(s) complying with US SER.
 - (c) A copy of the boat's 406 EPIRB registration.
 - (d) The Certificate of Compliance and Readiness, including a certification that the boat meets minimum stability requirements.
 - (e) The US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations, Ocean Category, Check List.
- 8.2 [DP] The following documents shall be completed online on the regatta website no later than 1700 on May 21, 2021.

- (a) Crew List form
 - (b) Online Liability and Media Waiver (to be completed by all competitors)
- 8.3 The OA may conduct inspections of boats to verify the accuracy of a boat's documentation.

9 CREW

- 9.1 There shall be a minimum of 4 persons aboard each boat (except for the ORC Double-Handed Division).
- 9.2 There will be no sailor classification requirements beyond those stated in applicable class rules.
- 9.3 A representative of each boat shall be available in Annapolis from 1200 June 2 until the boat departs for the start of the race.
- 9.4 The term Captain as used in this NoR means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is the "person in charge" of the yacht during the race per RRS 46. The Captain is responsible for the yacht, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the NoR and the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.5 The Captain, Navigator and Watch Captains shall have successfully completed an Annapolis-Newport, Newport-Bermuda, Annapolis-Bermuda, Marion-Bermuda or Marblehead-Halifax Race in their respective capacities or provide a resume of their offshore experience on the entry form for review by the OA.
- 9.6 Safety at Sea Seminar Requirements:
- (a) These requirements are in addition to the requirements of US SER.
 - (b) A person meets the Safety at Sea training requirement when they have completed a US Sailing sanctioned Offshore or International Safety at Sea Seminar, either online or in-person, within the 5 years of the start date of the race. Further information about Safety at Sea Seminars is available at: <https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safety-at-sea-courses>. International seminars that are equivalent in scope and content may be acceptable with written approval of the OA.
 - (c) For boats in the Double Handed Division, both crew shall meet the Safety at Sea training requirement.
 - (d) For all boats except Double Handed Division: the Captain and at least one additional crew member from each watch shall meet the Safety at Sea training requirement.
 - (e) All crew members are strongly encouraged to take the Safety at Sea training.
- 9.7 At the time of publication of this NoR, pandemic related public health restrictions are in place in both Maryland and Rhode Island. It shall be the responsibility of the Captain of each boat to ensure that the boat and its crew are in compliance with any such restrictions in effect prior to, during and after the regatta and that the safety and health of the crew is safeguarded. A boat may not base a request for redress on issues related to any such state, federal or local pandemic-related restrictions. This changes RRS 62.1.

10 [DP] EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 It shall be the sole responsibility of the owner (or charterer) of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and that she is properly equipped and competently crewed and sailed.
- 10.2 US SER 3.39 is changed to allow boats built after January 6, 2001 that do not have a built-in on-deck life-raft compartment to use a life raft in a valise, provided they obtain written permission in advance from the OA.
- 10.3 While racing, the use of drones or other remotely operated equipment not aboard the boat is prohibited.
- 10.4 Sufficient fuel shall be aboard at the start to provide a cruising range under power of at least 100 nautical miles.
- 10.5 Boats shall carry a Single Side Band radio or satellite phone. The Iridium Go Satellite Hotspot and Globalstar Sat-Fi units satisfy this requirement.
- 10.6 Boats shall carry a GPS transponder, supplied by the OA. The unit shall be mounted in accordance with the instructions supplied and a good faith effort made to maintain its operation throughout the race. The unit will provide tracking data which will be posted on the regatta website during the race. A deposit, fully refundable upon return of the unit, will be required.

10.7 The RRS Appendix G specifies the display of racing numbers on certain sails. In the event none of these sails are set when starting or finishing, these numbers are to be displayed by alternate means.

11 COURSES

11.1 The course is as follows (distance is approximately 473 nm, additional details to be provided in the SI):

- (a) Start off of the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland,
- (b) Sail south down the Chesapeake Bay, exit the Bay via the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel,
- (c) Pass the Chesapeake Light Tower to port,
- (d) Finish off of Newport Neck, Rhode Island.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed by the SI.

12.2 The penalty for breaking a rule of the US SER or other non-Part 2 RRS or IRPCAS Part B rules may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

13 SCORING

13.1 In classes using the PHRF rating system, corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by $(A / (B + \text{PHRF Rating}))$. The A and B factors will be stated in the SI.

13.2 Other handicap classes will be scored in accordance with their handicap rating and formulas.

14 PRIZES

14.1 All entrants will be awarded a participation plaque.

14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first boat to cross the finishing line among all boats starting on Friday and to the first boat to cross the finishing line among all boats starting on Saturday.

14.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats based on corrected time in each class. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

14.4 A complete list of prizes to be awarded will be published in the SI.

15 DECISION TO RACE

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

16 INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1 By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority, the Annapolis Yacht Club, assisting clubs, and the event sponsors.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Annapolis Yacht Club will have guest cards available to competitors for the week before the Start.

18.2 Contact Information

Email: info@annapolisnewportrace.com

Mail: Annapolis-Newport Race Committee, PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404

By phone: Annapolis Yacht Club, 410-934-0134; Fax (before the start only): 410-267-6153