



# 2021 Wednesday Night Races

April 21 - September 1, 2021

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the notice of race (NoR) or sailing instructions (SIs) 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 NoR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 For ORC and PHRF classes, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1500 on the day it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=14297](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=14297)
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org). Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats via VHF radio.
  - (a) In the starting areas, the race committee will use the following radio channels to communicate course and recall information:

Club starting line (Herreshoff 12½):	VHF 81A
Inner starting line (Harbor 20):	VHF 69
Outer starting line (All other classes):	VHF 65A
  - (b) After starting, the race committee will use VHF 65A for any further communications.
- 3.4 Forms are available online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.5 Forms shall be filed **by email** to the race office. NOTE: The front desk of AYC will not accept forms in person.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of three series:
- (a) First Series: April 21 - June 2 (no racing on May 12)
  - (b) Second Series: June 9 - July 21 (no racing on July 7)
  - (c) Third Series: July 28 - September 1
- 6.2 Fleet splits and warning signal timing are all contained in SI Attachment A.
- 6.3 A Skippers' Meeting will be held electronically at 1900 on Monday, April 19. This will be an online meeting using Zoom. Zoom meeting details will be posted by 1200 on Monday, April 19.
- 6.4 Due to current pandemic restrictions, no post-race socials are planned at this time. When pandemic restrictions allow, any changes to post race social plans will be posted on the notice board.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 Fleet flags and the assignment of classes to fleets will be included in SI Attachment A.
- 7.2 When a fleet flag is flown under any visual race signal, it applies to all classes in that fleet. This changes the preamble to RRS Race Signals.
- 7.3 [DP] In all classes except the Harbor 20 and Herreshoff 12½ classes: class flags shall be displayed prominently at the bow and stern, except that boats that do not have a bow pulpit are not required to display a class flag at the bow.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment B.
- 8.2 No later than the **warning** signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed for the fleet whose warning signal has been made. This changes RRS 27.1.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 See SI Attachment B.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 See SI Attachment B for the location and description of the starting lines.
- 10.2 For the Herreshoff 12½ class the starting line will be the Club Starting Line.
- 10.3 For the Harbor 20 class the starting line will be the Inner Starting Line.
- 10.4 For all other classes the starting line will be the Outer Starting Line.
- 10.5 All races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.
- 10.6 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce the next class to start on VHF radio.
- 10.7 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and the course side of the pin end starting mark.
- 10.8 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **11 RECALLS**

- 11.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).
- 11.2 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.
- 11.3 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS/US Appendix U1 modified such that the race committee shall promptly make two sound signals. The last sentence of RRS 29.2 is deleted and replaced by: “The starting order and timing of subsequent starts will proceed as if there had been no general recall. The recalled fleet will be restarted after the last fleet in the scheduled starting order. If more than one fleet has been recalled, they will restart in the order they were recalled.”

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 See SI Attachment B.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, applies as changed below.
- 13.2 RRS 44.3(b) is changed such that a boat taking a scoring penalty shall inform the race committee by submitting a Penalty Acknowledgment Form to the race office (as described in SI 2) no later than 1100 on the day after the incident.
- 13.3 If taken at the first reasonable opportunity after the incident, the penalties will be:
  - (a) For breaking a rule of Part 2 or RRS 30.2 at the time of the incident, the percentage will be 20%, but not less than 2 places.
  - (b) For breaking RRS 31 (Touching a Mark) at the time of the incident, the percentage will be 10%, but not less than 1 place.
  - (c) For a boat that complies with some, but not all the requirements of RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b), the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.
- 13.4 For penalties after racing, RRS/US Appendix V2 will apply, changed such that the percentage will be 30%, but not less than 3 places.

## **14 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 14.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 14.
- 14.2 The time limit for all boats is:
  - (a) April 21 through June 2: 2020 hours
  - (b) June 9 through July 21: 2040 hours
  - (c) July 28 through September 1: 2020 hours
- 14.3 If no boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race for that class.
- 14.4 If at least one boat meets the requirements of SI 14.3, then a boat still racing at the time limit will be scored with points for 'Did Not Finish' and will be given a scoring abbreviation of TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **15 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 15.1 The protest time limit is 1100 on the day following the incident.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 3.2).
- 15.3 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.

- 16.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.7 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 17.2 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: “A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, was TLE, did not come to the starting area, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished.”
- 17.3 6 races are scheduled for each series.
- 17.4 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races in a series have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A5.2 is deleted and replaced by: “A boat that did not come to the starting area, did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired, was TLE, or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished.”
- 17.6 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.
- 17.7 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and “Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)” ratings. A boat’s corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by:  $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$ . A boat may not base a request for redress on the race committee’s decision of course type (this changes RRS 60.1).
- 17.8 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) prior to scoring. A boat may not base a request for redress on the race committee’s decision of course type or wind speed rating (this changes RRS 60.1).
- 17.9 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

## **18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3) at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 [DP] [NP] INTERACTION WITH NON-RACING VESSELS AND PROPERTY**

- 19.1 AYC reminds all our boats that it is important to respect the rights of vessels that are not racing. The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat based on information that a boat may have broken a government right-of-way (i.e., inland) rule (see RRS Preamble to Part 2) in an incident with a vessel that is not racing.
- 19.2 Boats shall not touch anchored, moored, or docked vessels.

- 19.3 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that break this SI will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin.
- 19.4 Boats SHALL NOT tie up to and raft off docks at the AYC Clubhouse. Only boats that launch out of the AYC Sailing Center, may tie up at the docks at the AYC Sailing Center and only in accordance with posted AYC policies.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 19 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author of the statement present. Such incidents may also be reported to the protest committee for action under RRS 69 (Misconduct) or the AYC Board of Governors for disciplinary action. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3 and 61.3.

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class in each series.
- 20.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 20.3 A prize-giving party is scheduled to be held at AYC at 1900 on September 8.