



# Lippincott Memorial Star and Fall Etchells Regatta October 16-17, 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 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 The event is a Star Class Sanctioned Red Event (STCR 23.5.7) sailed under Format C (STCR 34.3.7).
- 1.3 This event is an Open Event in accordance with International Etchells Class Rules (IECR) Appendix A, 3A.

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 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.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=11750>
- 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://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 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.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals flown ashore will be flown from flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the approximate time of the next warning signal will be posted on the notice board before it is removed.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day is 1100.
- 6.2 A total of 5 races are scheduled. Up to 3 races may be sailed per day.
- 6.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

### 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag
Etchells	Flag E
Star	ISCYRA Flag

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 8.2 No later than 120 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will post the approximate intended location of the starting area on the notice board.
- 8.3 Approximately 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce the approximate location of the starting area on VHF radio.

## **9 THE COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce the course to be sailed on VHF radio, including the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.
- 9.3 If the race committee signal vessel displays flag C before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sounds, the first mark of the course will be a change mark (see SI 10).

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 Starting and finishing marks will be either lime green cylinders or a green MarkSetBot. Mark 1a will be a lime green cylinder. All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders. Change marks used in accordance with SI 13 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.
- 10.2 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.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started RRS 26.
- 11.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce the next class to start on VHF radio.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and either the course side of the starting mark or the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 11.4 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 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.

## **12 RECALLS**

- 12.1 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).

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 After a start, if flag C is flown over flag Q, then the course change applies only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 and race signals C.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 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. For courses LA, L, and TL, the finish line will be on the **opposite** side of the race committee starting vessel as the starting line.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 For the Stars, per STCR 35.5, RRS 44.1 is changed such that the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 For the Etchells, per IECR App A, 11.E: RRS 44.1 is changed such that the penalty shall be a One Turn Penalty except that for infringements occurring within the Zone (as defined in the RRS) the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty
- 15.3 RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After a Race, applies.

## **16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 In each class, the time limit is 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

## **17 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES**

- 17.1 Protest 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 2).
- 17.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 17.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 17.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 17.5 The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or video- conferencing. 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.
- 17.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 17.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.8 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.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 18.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19.2 [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.
- 19.3 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](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org)) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 19.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 19.2 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.

## **20 PRIZES**

- 20.1 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.
- 20.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the SIs):
  - (a) Howard Lippincott Trophy: first in the Star class.
  - (b) Skip Etchells Trophy: first in the Etchells class
- 20.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 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 - DROP MARKS COURSES

In the below table, the course designation is followed by the mark rounding order for that course. All marks except 2S are to be rounded to port. If the race committee announces on VHF radio that a gate will not be used, then mark 2S will not be set. The marks are described in SI 10. The starting line is described in SI 11.3. The finishing line is described in SI 14.

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">LA</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">LA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish LA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">LAF</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">LA2F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish LA3F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">WA</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">L</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">L2: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish L3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">LF</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">L2F: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish L3F: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">W</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">W2: Start-1-2s/2p-Finish W3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TL</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">TL2: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish TL3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TLF</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">TL2F: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish TL3F: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TW</p> <p style="margin-top: 10px;">TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish</p>

