



# 2023 Wednesday Night Races

April 26 - August 30, 2023

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

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

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) including Amend. No. 1&2

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this document 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 this document 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 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.
- 1.3 J105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J-105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 3C. J-105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>
- 1.4 ORC and ORC Racer/Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <http://www.orcches.org>.

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website approximately one week before the first scheduled race.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15652>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats of the Alberg 30, Cal 25, Etchells, Harbor 20, Herreshoff 12½, J/22, J/24, J/30, J/35, J/70, J/80, J/105, ORC, ORC Racer/Cruiser, and PHRF classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15652>

- 4.3 For a one-design class to be scored as a separate class for a series, it must have a minimum of 5 entries by 1700 on the day of the first race of the series.
- 4.4 The person in charge of entering a boat shall be a regular, active participant on the boat for the regatta and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.
- 4.5 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a current and valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. A boat's rating when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 4.6 Boats in ORC classes shall have a valid ORCi or ORC Club certificate, see <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orc/>. A boat's certificate when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 4.7 The race committee will determine the starting order and the ORC class splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

### 5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the three series will be \$275.
- 5.2 The entry fee is payable in full no later than 1200 on the day of a boat's first race. The entry fee is non-refundable except for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum for a start (see NoR 4.3).
- 5.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website.

### 6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of three series:  
*First Series:* April 26 - May 31  
*Second Series:* June 7 - July 19 (no racing on July 5)  
*Third Series:* July 26 - August 30
- 6.2 The first warning signal for the first race of each Wednesday is scheduled for 1745 for the Herreshoff 12½ class. The first warning signal for all other classes is 1800

6.4 A prize-giving party is scheduled to be held at AYC at 1900 on September 6.

## 7 VENUE

7.1 The racing area will be the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

7.2 The regatta venue will be AYC.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mix of government marks and drop marks as described in the sailing instructions.

## 9 CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS

9.1 While racing, boats shall not contact anchored, moored or docked vessels.

## 10 [DP] DOCKING

10.1 Boats shall NOT tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to AYC. Boats that break this rule will be responsible for all charges to AYC.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed in the sailing instructions.

## 12 SCORING

12.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System will apply.

12.2 Up to 6 races are scheduled for all three series.

12.3 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.

12.4 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A5.2 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."

12.5 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.

12.6 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and Random Course Handicap ratings.

12.7 Corrected times for ORC Classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the course type and the wind speed rating on race day as detailed in the sailing instructions.

## 13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class in each series.

13.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the sailing instructions):

(a) Charles Dell Trophy: best overall performance.  
(b) Fred W. Carlson Trophy: best overall performance in ORC.

(c) Geiger Memorial: best overall performance in PHRF.

(d) Harvey Clap Trophy: first place in the Etchells class.

(e) Spadone Trophy: first place in the Herreshoff 12½ class.

13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 14 DECISION TO RACE

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

## 15 INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident.

## 16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For more information contact:  
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