



# 2023 Spring Harbor Saturday, May 13, 2023

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*.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 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/emenu.cfm?eid=15656>

3.2 The race office can be reached 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.

3.4 [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 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 announced to all competitors 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 3 races are scheduled.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1630.

### 7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag for the Harbor 20s will be the W flag.

### 8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River as shown in SI Attachment 1.

- 8.2 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.
- 8.3 Approximately 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce the location of the race committee signal vessel.

**9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The courses are described in SI Attachment 2.
- 9.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.

**10 MARKS**

- 10.1 The starting and finishing marks will be lime green cylinders. All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders. New marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.5 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).
- 11.7 The race committee may 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.
- 11.8 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 The RC may adjust the location of a mark of the course during a race, no more than 10 degrees or 0.1nm without signaling a change of course. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 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 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be on the *same* side of the race committee as the starting line.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

**15 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat in a class sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **16 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 16.3 Scoring Inquiry, Penalty Acceptance, Request for Redress, or Protest Forms shall be filed by email to the Race Office. NOTE: Neither the Front Desk of AYC nor the AYC Harborside Director will accept forms (see SI 3.2).
- 16.4 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 16.5 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.6 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.
- 16.7 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 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

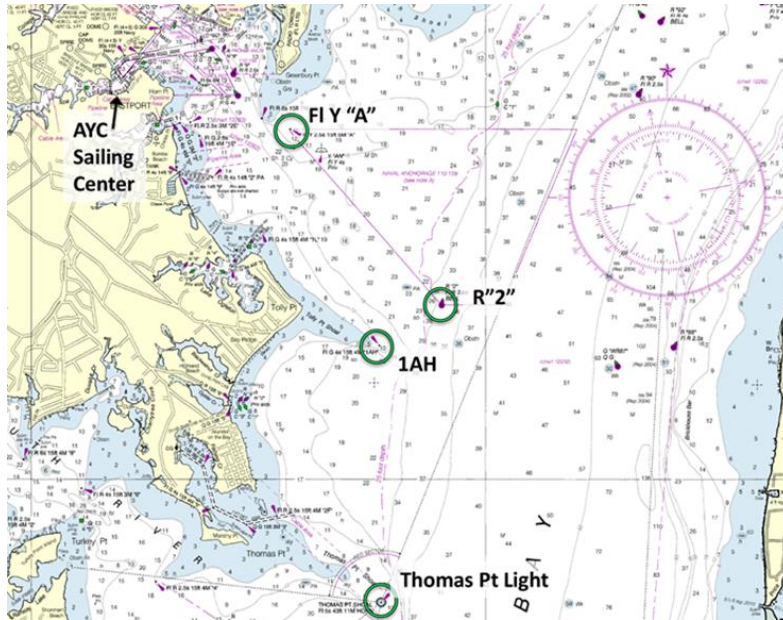
## **18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 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.
- 18.2 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) using the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report (in writing or by e-mail) with the event's race office (see SI 3) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 18.3 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.
- 18.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 18.2 or 18.3 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

## **19 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the notice of race.
- 19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

# SI ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA FOR DROP MARKS RACES



## SI ATTACHMENT 2 - 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. The finishing line is described in SI 13.

<p><b>L A</b></p> <p>LA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish LA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p><b>LA F</b></p> <p>LA2F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish LA3F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p><b>W A</b></p> <p>WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p>
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