



Fall Race to Solomons Saturday September 21, 2019

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

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS including Amendment No. 1

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).

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6232>

2.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

2.3 The race office at the finish will be located at the Holiday Inn Solomons-Conference Center & Marina. The race office can also be reached by telephone at 410.858.4964 and by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 0800 on Saturday, September 21, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Friday, September 20.

3.2 Changes to the times of the scheduled warning signals may be made on the water in the racing area due to a postponement or a general recall.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the main AYC clubhouse.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule will be:

Time	Scheduled	Warning Signal for:
0935	CRCA Cruiser and Non Spinnaker	
0940	PHRF B and PHRF C	
0950	CRCA Racer Cruiser and Performance Cruiser	
0955	J/105	
1005	PHRF A2	
1015	PHRF A1/A0	

5.2 Boats getting dual-scored in PHRF and ORC or racing in ORC alone shall start with their PHRF class (as shown in the scratch sheet on the official notice board).

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag
CRCA Cruiser	White flag
CRCA Non Spin	White flag
CRCA Racer Cruiser	Green flag
CRCA Performance Cruiser	Green flag
Multihull A&B	Flag W (or flag F)
PHRF Non Spinnaker	Pennant 5
PHRF B	Pennant 6
PHRF C	Pennant 7
PHRF A2	Pennant 2
J/105	Flag V
PHRF A0	Pennant 0
PHRF A1	Pennant 9

6.2 [DP] All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern (approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay).

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The course is:

- (a) START: near G/R can "SR", approximately 0.5 NM SE of Thomas Point,
- (b) Bloody Point Bar Warning Light (-38° 50.0'N, 076° 24.0'W), pass to port,
- (c) R"84" (-38° 45.5'N, 076° 25.1'W), pass to port,
- (d) Sharps Island Light (-38° 38.3'N, 076° 22.6'W), pass to port,
- (e) G"77" (-38° 21.1'N, 076° 21.7'W), round to starboard.
- (f) FINISH: Patuxent River Light "3" (-38° 19.1'N, 076° 24.2'W)

7.2 The race committee may shorten the course only at G"77" (see SI 7.1(e)).

7.3 There is no time limit for finishing. While most boats will finish in daylight, boats should be prepared for the possibility of finishing after sunset.

8 CHECK-IN

8.1 [NP] A race committee check-in boat flying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards north of the starting line. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the check-in boat, hail her sail number, and receive a verbal response by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the green cylinder.

9.2 A race committee starting 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 mark.

9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10 RECALLS

10.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio any 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).

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard with a blue flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

11.2 The race committee intends to be on station recording finishes until approximately 2000 hours or until all boats have finished (whichever is earlier).

11.3 If the race committee is not on station:

- (a) the finishing line will be a line extending 300 feet on a bearing of 325 degrees magnetic from the finish mark.
- (b) A boat shall record her finish time when the finishing line mark bears 145 degrees magnetic, and report her finish time as soon as practicable to the race office (see SI 2.3).

PENALTY SYSTEM

11.4 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.

11.5 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

12 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

12.1 Protest forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/raceoffice and at the race office. Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office (see SI 2.3) within the protest time limit. These may alternatively be delivered by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.

12.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/raceoffice and at the race office. They can be delivered to the race office (see SI 2.3) or by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

12.3 The protest time limit is 1900 on Saturday, September 21, or 120 minutes after a boat finishes or withdraws whichever is later.

12.4 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

12.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

12.6 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.

13 SCORING

13.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

13.2 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The race committee will announce the course type rating ("Handicap (Spinnaker)" or "Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)") on VHF radio prior to the warning signal for a race. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$.

- 13.3 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) on VHF radio prior to the warning signal.
- 13.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using CRCA ORR-Ez Racer Cruiser and CRCA ORR-Ez Cruiser handicaps based upon course type and wind strength. These handicaps will be determined solely by the CRCA class and will be posted prior to any CRCA class boat finishing.
- 14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 14.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race office (see SI 2.3) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 [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.
- 14.3 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 written report describing the incident and the boat’s actions to the race office (or by e-mail to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org), no later than the protest time limit.
- 14.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 14.2 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 present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.
- 15 PRIZES**
- 15.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats in each class.
- 15.2 Awards will be presented during the post-race regatta party in the courtyard at the Holiday Inn Solomons-Conference Center & Marina in Solomon’s Island.
- 16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 16.1 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.