



AYC Double Handed Distance Race October 3-4, 2020

Organizing Authority (OA): Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

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



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS with Amendment 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).
- 1.2 The AYC Doublehanded Distance Race - Special Equipment Regulations (AYC DH SER) apply and will be posted to the notice board.
- 1.3 [NP] The Safety Information and Declaration Form shall be submitted to the Race Office by 1700 Wednesday, September 30 (this changes the time stated in NoR 10.2).
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times while on deck except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The display of flag Y is not required. See also AYC DH SER.
- 1.5 RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.

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?elD=11749>. The race committee intends to email all posted notices to the notice board to each boat's registered email address.
- 2.2 The race office may be reached via **(410) 934-0134** or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms are available at the race office or online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via **VHF channel 74**.
- 2.4 While racing, official communications will be announced on VHF radio and posted on the notice board
- 2.5 [DP][NP] A mandatory competitors meeting is scheduled via Zoom at 1830 on October 2. A link to the zoom meeting will be posted no later than 1500 on October 2.
- 2.6 A weather briefing is scheduled via Zoom at 0830 on October 3. A link to the zoom meeting will be posted no later than 0800 on October 3.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Friday, October 2, 2020.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 The race schedule on October 3 will be:

Time	Scheduled Action
1200	Warning signal for ORC 1
1205	Warning signal for ORC 2
1210	Warning signal for J/105

5 THE COURSES

- 5.1 Courses and marks are described in SI Attachment A.

6 THE START

- 6.1 The start will be at Hackett Point Shoal Buoy 1 (Light List number 7820).
- 6.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26, changed such that there will be no visual signals.
- 6.3 The starting line will be between the staff with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 6.4 The 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.
- 6.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 6.6 A boat that does not start within 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7 RECALLS

- 7.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS. 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).

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of Severn River Light Buoy 5 (Light List number 19730).

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

10 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 There is no race time limit.
- 10.2 Boats failing to finish within 12 hours after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 11.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office via email. Forms are available at the race office or online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>
- 11.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 11.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 11.4 The protest time limit is 1300 on Sunday, October 4, or 90 minutes after a boat finishes, withdraws or retires, whichever is later.
- 11.5 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.
- 11.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 11.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.8 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.

12 SCORING

12.1 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Coastal/Long Distance, Predominantly Upwind, or Predominantly Downwind ratings. The race committee will announce the preliminary course type on VHF radio prior to the warning signal. The race committee may change this after the start if there is a significant change in the weather conditions (see ORC Rating Systems rule 403.4). If the race committee changes this after the start, it will announce the change on VHF radio and post it on the notice board. A boat may not base a request for redress on the race committee's decision of course type (this changes RRS 60.1).

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 [DP] GPS trackers will be issued to each competitor and must be turned on and mounted as directed, for the duration of the race. If a boat retires, the tracker shall remain on until the boat is safely docked.

13.2 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by contacting the race office (see SI 2) at the first reasonable opportunity.

13.3 [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.

13.4 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 the race office, see SI 2) by the protest time limit, describing the incident and the boat's actions.

13.5 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for breaking SI 13.3 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.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given to both crew 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.

14.2 The awards presentation is scheduled for 1700 on Sunday, October 4, via ZOOM. A link to the zoom meeting will be posted no later than 1500 on October 4.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 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 A - Courses and Marks

- A1 The following aids to navigation are possible marks. The Light List numbers are taken from the 2020 USCG Light List Volume II, Atlantic Coast, available online at:
https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/lightLists/LightList_V2_2020.pdf

Short Name (as listed in courses)	Light List Number	Description (as shown in the USCG Light List, District 5, Mid-Atlantic)
R78	7680	Chesapeake Channel Lighted Buoy 78
GC79A	7697	Chesapeake Channel Buoy 79A
R82	7710	Chesapeake Channel Lighted Buoy 82
G83	7730	Chesapeake Channel Lighted Buoy 83
R88	7800	Chesapeake Channel Lighted Buoy 88
GC1	7820	Hackett Point Shoal Buoy 1
R8 Tolchester	8375	Upper Chesapeake Channel Lighted Buoy 8
G5 Brewerton	8415	Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension, Lighted Buoy 5
G1 West River	19460	West River Lighted Buoy 1
R2	19695	Annapolis Harbor Channel Lighted Buoy 2
G5	19730	Severn River Lighted Buoy 5

- A2 The following aids to navigation shall be passed on the channel side at all times:

Short Name	Light List Number	Name
Red Dolphins 4	19705	Annapolis Harbor Entrance Light 4
1AH	19690	Annapolis Harbor Channel Light 1AH
Thomas Pt	7760	Thomas Point Shoal Light
Bloody Point	7751	Bloody Point Bar Warning Light

- A3 When passing under the William P. Lane Jr. Bridge, boats shall pass through any of the 3 highest spans of the western channel. Light list number for the Western Channel Fog Signal suspended from the center of the main channel span is 7890.
- A4 The course shall be one of the following (marks to be rounded to port in the order shown). The race committee will post the course to be sailed and announce it on VHF no later than 1000 on October 3.

COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C	COURSE D
Start at GC1			
G5 Brewerton	R8 Tolchester	R88	R78
R78	GC79A	G5 Brewerton	G5 Brewerton
R2	R88	R78	G83
G83	GC79A	G1 West River	R2
R2	R88	R82	
		R2	
Finish at G5			
Approximate distance (nm):			
95	99	98	100