

2021 Spring Race to Oxford Saturday, May 8, 2021

CBYRA Sanction #308

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD USA

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



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) inc. Amendment No. 1

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this 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 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.
- 1.2 [DP] For all monohull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) The following SER will also apply:
 - SER 2.4.1, Lifelines
 - SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion
 - SER 3.14, GPS Receiver
 - SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through hull fittings
 - SER 3.24.1, Lights
 - SER 3.26, Radar reflector
 - SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards
- 1.3 [DP] For all multihull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://cdn.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Multihull-SER-Categories-2020.0.pdf>) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) The following SER will also apply:
 - SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion
 - SER 3.14, GPS Receiver
 - SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through hull fittings
 - SER 3.24.1, Lights
 - SER 3.26, Radar reflector
 - SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors racing aboard any boat which is being double handed, to wear personal flotation devices at all times when above deck.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14300>.

- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Multihull, CRCA, J/30, J/105, PHRF, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, ORC and ORC Double Handed classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 5 paid entries by 1200 on Friday, May 7. Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum will be returned.
- 4.3 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14300>.
- 4.4 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements including the waiver (see NoR 4.5) and pay all fees.
- 4.5 [NP] Every competitor (skippers and all crew) shall sign the online AYC Liability and Waiver Agreement before they participate in the race.
- 4.6 Boats in the CRCA classes shall be members of the Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association and have a valid CRCA rating.
- 4.7 Boats in the Multihull classes shall have a valid rating from the Chesapeake Multihull Association. For more information, visit <http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org>.
- 4.8 Boats in an ORC class shall have a valid ORCi, ORC Club or ORC Double Handed rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.ussailing.org> and <http://orc.org>.
- 4.10 Boats in a PHRF or PHRF Non-Spinnaker class shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>.
- 4.12 The OA will post assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, May 5. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, May 7.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Early registration fee is \$0 (gratis) up until 1700 on Monday, April 26. After that, registration and entry fee of \$25 will be accepted until 1200 on Friday, May 7. Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 0945. Classes will be started in approximate "reverse order" with slower classes starting first.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The race will be a point-to-point race using government marks from Annapolis, MD to Oxford, MD.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The start will be at or near GR C "SR" near and east of Thomas Point Light.
- 8.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
- (a) Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
 - (b) R"84", passed to port,
 - (c) RN "80A", passed to port,
 - (d) G"7" (off Black Walnut Pt.), **rounded** to port,
 - (e) R"10", passed to starboard, and
 - (f) Choptank River Light, **rounded** to port
- 8.3 The finish will be at R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 8.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding marks G"7" (off Black Walnut Point) or Choptank River Light.

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

9 SCORING

9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System.

9.2 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The A and B factors will be specified in the SIs. The race committee will assign the course type rating on race day as detailed in the SIs.

9.3 Corrected times for ORC and ORC Double Handed classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the course type rating on race day as detailed in the SIs.

9.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration as detailed in the SIs.

9.5 Corrected times for Multihull classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

9.6 Boats entered in ORC may also be eligible for scoring in the ORC Corinthian Class. Eligibility requirements and Owner's Declaration form may be found in the Other Documents and Forms Section of Yachtscoring:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm?eid=14300

If you are interested in having your boat considered for inclusion in the ORC Corinthian Class please email AYC's Harborside Director (NoR 13.2) to have your boat's characteristics reviewed for eligibility reviewed by completing the Owner's Declaration form.

9.7 Boats entered in ORC may also be eligible for scoring in the Young Guns Class. To be eligible, 50% or more of the boat's crew must not have reached their 20th birthday on or before the first day of the regatta. The birth dates of these qualifying crew members shall be added to the boat's crew list on Yachtscoring. Once this eligibility criteria has been met, please notify AYC's Harborside Director (NoR 13.2) for verification and addition to the Young Guns Class.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters.

12.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the SIs):

(a) Sherman Hoyt Trophy: best overall corrected time within the fully crewed ORC classes.

(b) Hinckley Trophy best overall performer among all finishers.

(c) America's Trophy: this event will be part of the season AYC series for overall performance in ORC.

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

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 Non-AYC members may organize guest cards at the Front Desk of the AYC Clubhouse.

13.2 For more information contact: AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964.