

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>



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS inc. Amend 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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply as modified in the NoR.
- 1.3 [DP] 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 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 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/notice_board.cfm?eid=14300
- 3.2 In the case of a boat retiring from the race, contact the RC on VHF channel 73 and/or email the Race Office at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org as soon as possible after retiring.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 73. 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 made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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

6.2 The schedule will be:

Time Schedule Warning Signal for:

0945 CHESS

0950 CRCA

0955 J/30, PHRF NS, and ORC DH

1000 PHRF B/C

1005 ORC 2

1010 Multihull

1015 PHRF A2

1020 PHRF A1

1025 ORC 1

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class flag</u>
PHRF Non-Spin	Pennant 5
CHESS Pennant	3rd Substitute
CRCA	White or Green flag
Multihull	Flag W (boats may fly either flag W or F)
PHRF B/C	Pennant 6 (boats may fly either pennant 6 or 7)
J/105	Pennant 4
PHRF A2	Pennant 2
J/30	Flag D
PHRF A0/A1	Pennant 9 (boats may fly either pennant 9 or 0)
ORC 1	Pennant 1
ORC 2	Pennant 3
ORC DH	Flag H

7.2 [DP] All boats shall clearly display their assigned class flag at the stern.

7.3 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.

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 Boats shall sail near marks that are to be "rounded" in SI 8.2.

- 8.4 The finish will be at R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 8.5 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding marks G"7" (off Black Walnut Point) or Choptank River Light.

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 starting mark, which will be a green inflatable cylinder.
- 9.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other competitors.
- 9.3 The race committee will 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.
- 9.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.5 [NP] MANDATORY CHECK-IN - A race committee check-in boat displaying 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 the number of persons on board, and receive a verbal confirmation by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty (see RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

10 SHORTENING COURSE

- 10.1 Before the start, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying Flag L with a sound and moving the starting area south.
- 10.2 After the start, the race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at G"7" or at the Choptank River Light.
- 10.3 If the race committee shortens course in accordance with either SI 10.1 or 10.2, it will make an announcement on VHF radio, post it on the notice board, and email all registered boats.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark which will be R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 11.2 If the race committee finish vessel is not present when finishing off Tred Avon Yacht Club, boats shall
 - (a) pass R"2" on the channel side,
 - (b) record their finish time when R"2" bears 100 degrees magnetic, and
 - (c) report their finish time to the race office as soon as practical after finishing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 There is no time limit for this race.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 14.1 Protest forms are available online. Forms can be found at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice> Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available online. Forms can be found at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice> When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 14.3 The protest time limit for each boat is 60 minutes after the boat finishes.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or video-conferencing after racing, if possible. If this proves impossible, the PC will conduct hearings during the week following the regatta. 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.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The race committee will determine the course type rating (“Handicap (Spinnaker)” or “Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)”) prior to scoring the race. A boat’s corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$.
- 15.3 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will determine the proper course type and the wind speed rating prior to scoring the race.
- 15.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration. These handicaps will be determined solely by the CRCA class.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2 [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.
- 16.3 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 report to the race office (see SI 2) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat’s actions.
- 16.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 16 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.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 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 and may be presented during a post-race gathering at Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 17.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
(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.

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

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'