



# 2022 J/35 North American Championship and 2022 J/105 Chesapeake Bay Championship October 21 - 23, 2022

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

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

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

with Amendment 1 (**bold red**) and 2 (**bold green**)

*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 SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 62.1(a).*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 See the notice of race for additional class-specific rules that apply.

### 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:
  - (a) For the J/35 class: [https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID= 14906](https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14906).
  - (b) For the J/105 class: [https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID= 14908](https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14908).
- 3.2 The race office will be in the third-floor foyer of the AYC Sailing Center. It can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org). Forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 [NP] 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. This changes RRS race signals.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday and Saturday is 1100. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on **Sunday is 1000**.
- 6.2 Up to **4** races may be sailed per day.
- 6.3 For the J/35 class:
  - (a) The racing days are October 21 through 23.
  - (b) A total of 9 races are scheduled.
- 6.4 For the J/105 class:
  - (a) The racing days are October 22 and 23.
  - (b) A total of 5 races are scheduled.
- 6.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

### 7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 For the J/35 class: The class flag will be flag K.

7.2 For the J/105 class: The class flag will be **numeral pennant 4**.

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 8.2 No later than 120 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will post the approximate intended location of the starting area on the notice board.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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 shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce the course to be sailed on VHF radio, including the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course. The race committee will also display this information on the starting vessel.
- 9.3 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display flag C and announce on VHF radio that the first mark of the course will be a change mark (see SI 10.2).

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 Starting and finishing marks will be lime green cylinders or a lime green MarkSetBot. Mark 1a will be a lime green cylinder. All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders.
- 10.2 Change marks used in accordance with SIs 9.3 and 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.
- 10.3 A race committee starting or finishing 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 or finishing mark.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting order for the first race each day will be: J/35 first, J/105 second.
- 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.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 The race committee intends to 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).
- 11.6 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 After a start, if flag C is flown over flag Q, then the course change applies only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 race signals C.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark. For courses LA, L, and TL, the finish line will be on the **OPPOSITE** side of the race committee starting vessel as the starting line.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS/US Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, 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
45	90	20

- 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 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 vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office either in-person or by email (see SI 3.2). To view the online-forms and to file a hearing request form using them, you may need software that allows you to download, view and edit .PDF (Adobe Acrobat) files.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The protest committee intends to hold hearings in the conference room on the third floor of the AYC Sailing Center.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 For the J/35 class:
- (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
  - (b) RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply, modified such that when fewer than 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 17.2 For the J/105 class:
- (a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - (b) RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply, modified such that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee or race office (see SI 3.2) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2 [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.
- 18.3 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 (in writing or by e-mail to [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org)) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 18.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18.2 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.

## 19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be given in each class for first through third place.
- 19.2 For the J/35 class: Daily trophies will also be awarded at the evening socials.
- 19.3 For the J/105 class: The Steve Gale Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the bow person on the winning boat.
- 19.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 20 RISK STATEMENT

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

## SI ATTACHMENT 1 - 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 displays "NO GATE" on the signal boat, 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 style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">LA</p> <p>LA2: Start-1-1a-s/2p-1-1a-Finish            LA3: Start-1-1a-s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">WA</p> <p>WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish            WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">L</p> <p>L2: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish            L3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">W</p> <p>W2: Start-1-2s/2p-Finish            W3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TL</p> <p>TL2: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish            TL3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">TW</p> <p>TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish            TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish</p>