

2023 Spring Race to Oxford

Saturday, May 13, 2023

CBYRA Sanction #TBD

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis,
MD USA

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



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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 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 3.24.1, Lights
 - SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards
- 1.3 For all multihull 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 3.24.1, Lights
 - 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.
- 1.5 All boats in all classes are to have a minimum crew of two persons.
- 1.6 ORC, ORC Racer-Cruiser and ORC Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <http://www.orcches.org>

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=15657>
- 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, ORC, ORC Racer/Cruiser, ORC Cruiser (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), CHESSS (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), PHRF A and PHRF B/C classes are invited to participate.

- 4.2 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 3 paid entries by 1200 on Wednesday, May 10. 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=15657>
- 4.4 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements including the waiver and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats in the Multihull classes shall have a valid rating from the Chesapeake Multihull Association. For more information, visit <http://www.chesapeake-multihulls.org>.
- 4.6 Boats in an ORC class shall have the pertinent valid ORCi, ORC Club, or ORC Non-Spinnaker rating certificate for the class entered. For more information, visit <http://www.ussailing.org> and <http://orc.org>.
- 4.7 Boats in a PHRF class shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>.
- 4.8 The OA will post assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, May 10. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, May 12.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Early registration fee is \$60 up until 1700 on Monday, April 24. After that, registration and entry fee of \$85 will be accepted until 1200 on Friday, May 12. 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.

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"9" (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"9" (off Black Walnut Point) or Choptank River Light.
- 8.5 The time limit to finish is 1900 hours. Boats not finishing by 1900 hours will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.

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 classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the course type and wind strength for scoring purposes on race day as detailed in the SIs.
- 9.4 Corrected times for Multihull classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

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 minimum coverage of \$300,000 combined single limit per incident.

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:

(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 the fully-crewed ORC classes.

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

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 In Oxford, dockage (rafting is allowed) is available at TAYC on a first come, first served basis at no charge. Additional information on arrangements for prize giving, post race social and dockage at Tred Avon Yacht Club will be available on the Documents and Forms link on the event Yachtscoring page.

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