

	<b>2023 AYC Two Bridge Fiasco Race</b> <b>Sunday, July 30, 2023</b> Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club Annapolis, Maryland, <a href="http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas">http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas</a>	
	<b>SAILING INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
<p><i>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).</i></p>		

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal 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/emenue.cfm?eID=15659>.
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by email at [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org). Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 3.3 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.

**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 Main Clubhouse.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Sunday, July 30, 2023.
- 6.2 A pursuit style starting sequence will be published by 1700 on Friday, July 28, 2023.

**7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

**8 THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The course area is shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 8.2 The start and finish location will be approximately 0.3nm Southeast of mark “AN” off the mouth of the Severn River. Boats may start and finish in either direction.
- 8.3 When transiting to and from the William Preston Lane Bridge(Rt 50 Bay Bridge), competitors shall not pass between Yellow “A.” and Greenbury Point.
- 8.4 After starting, boats shall round all course marks to port and then finish. Boats may round the two course marks in either order.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 There will be two inflatable orange marks on the course, one near the William Preston Lane (Rt 50 Bay Bridge) and one near the Naval Academy Bridge.
- 9.2 The start and finishing mark will be either a green inflatable cylinder or a green Marksetbot.
- 9.3 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.

## 10 [NP] MANDATORY CHECK-IN

- 10.1 A race committee check-in boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards west 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.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.2 Each boat shall have a prescribed pursuit style starting time corresponding to her rating (either PHRF or Portsmouth) and calculated for the course distance.
- 11.3 Boats may start no earlier than their assigned start time.
- 11.4 Starting times may be altered by postponement.
- 11.5 As a courtesy only, the race committee will make broadcasts via VHF of the time during the pursuit style starting sequence.
- 11.6 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, the definition of *Start* is changed as follows:  
A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line and any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side of the course either
  - (a) at or after her starting signal, or
  - (b) during the last five minutes before her starting signal.
- 11.7 When a boat *starts* in accordance with item 11.6(b), she shall not return to the prestart side of the line to comply with item 11.6(a) and will have 20 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing.
- 11.8 Because boats can start in either direction, both sides of the starting line are the pre-start side of the starting line until a boat actually starts.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finish mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

## 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 There is no time limit.

## 15 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 15.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 3.2).
- 15.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 15.4 The intent of the protest committee is to schedule and conduct hearings as soon as possible after racing. 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.

- 15.5 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 15.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 15.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 Boats will be scored in the order of their finishes.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the race, or leaves the racing area, shall notify the race committee (see SI 3.3) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.2 [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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 17.2 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.

## 18 PRIZES

- 18.1 There will be no prizes awarded, other than bragging rights.

## 19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 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.' 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 1 - The Course

