



NOTICE OF RACE (with Amendments #1 through 6)

2017 ANNAPOLIS to NEWPORT RACE

May 31- June 7, 2017

Event Website: <http://www.annapolisnewportrace.com/>

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The organizing authority (OA) is the Annapolis Yacht Club. The US Naval Academy Sailing Squadron and Ida Lewis Yacht Club will assist the OA.
- 1.3 The following additional documents (as changed in this Notice of Race (NoR)) will apply:
 - (a) Part B – Steering and Sailing Rules of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) (<http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/safety/navigation/pages/preventing-collisions.aspx>).
 - (b) Ocean Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations and associated Appendices (US SER) (<http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements>).
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The following RRS are changed:
 - (a) [deleted, see NoR 1.8 and 1.9]
 - (b) [DP] RRS 41(c) is replaced with: "Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such 'at a cost' help shall not include private forecast or advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation. The use of PredictWind's Weather Routing tool is permitted."
- 1.6 RRS G3, Chartered or Loaned Boats, will apply.
- 1.7 [DP] In the event any lifesaving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is not possible the loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the Coast Guard and to the race committee in Newport.
- 1.8 When boats meet between sunset and sunrise, for the purposes of keeping clear, they should act with expectation that if they come within two of the longer boat's overall length of each other, the protest committee will conclude that the right-of-way boat needs to take avoiding action and the other boat is, therefore, not keeping clear.
- 1.9 Boats are strongly encouraged to review the IRPCAS carefully before the race. The Chesapeake and Narragansett Bays both include narrow channels and traffic separation zones where the right-of-way rules between vessels are quite different than when racing boats meet under the RRS. Often under the IRPCAS, a sailing vessel is the give-way vessel and must take clear action well in advance to avoid close-quarters situations.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 This regatta is open to monohull or multihull boats with inboard auxiliary power that meet the requirements of this NoR.
- 3.2 Monohull boats shall have at least one of the following:

- (a) A minimum IMS Stability Factor or ORR Stability Limit of 110, or be a true sister ship of a boat in the US Sailing IMS Master File, or ORR File, that has a Stability Factor of at least 110. Certification of this requirement will be required on the Certificate of Compliance and Readiness.
 - (b) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28.
 - (c) A minimum IRC STIX of 32.
- 3.4 Boats are eligible to enter one of the following divisions: IRC, PHRF, Performance Cruiser, Classic, Multihull, or one-design. IRC, PHRF and Performance Cruiser divisions may be divided into multiple classes at the discretion of the OA. The class divisions will be published in the sailing instructions.
- 3.5 For the IRC Division:
- (a) Entries shall have ratings higher than 0.960.
 - (b) Parts A, B, C of the current IRC Rating Rule (<http://www.ircrating.org/technical-a-certification/rule-a-definitions>) will apply as modified below.
 - (c) IRC 22.4 will not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
 - (d) As permitted by IRC 11.2, a boat competing under IRC may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate, of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
 - (e) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply as modified by IRC rule 22.3 for boats rated for movable/variable ballast.
 - (f) RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- 3.6 For the PHRF Division:
- (a) Entries shall have handicaps of 126 or lower.
 - (b) Boats shall obtain an A2N PHRF rating in accordance with NoR Attachment A.
 - (c) There will be no crew weight limitations.
 - (d) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply except for boats rated with movable/variable ballast.
 - (e) RRS 52, Manual Power, will apply except for boats rated for their equipment to augment power.
- 3.7 For Performance Cruising Division:
- (a) The goal of Performance Cruising Division is to encourage cruising boats to enjoy the challenge of offshore racing against other cruising boats. The OA has the sole discretion to accept entries into this division and may assign boats that meet the requirements of the PHRF Division but do not meet the spirit of the Performance Cruising Division to the PHRF division.
 - (b) Entries shall have handicaps of 126 or lower.
 - (c) Boats shall obtain an A2N PHRF rating in accordance with NoR Attachment A.
 - (d) Boats or an identical sistership shall have been designed and launched before June 2013.
 - (e) The boats shall normally be wet sailed and shall have conventional bottom paint applied.
 - (f) Boats shall have full “cruising” interiors including stoves with at least 2 burners, ice boxes or refrigerators, tables, heads with closing doors, and permanent bunks for at least half of the crew. All normally installed equipment including doors, tables, stoves, head equipment, floorboards, cushions, etc. shall be carried aboard in their normal position while sailing.
 - (g) Sail and General Design Restrictions: Boats shall have an upwind 100% Sail Area to displacement ratio less than 23.0 and a downwind Sail Area to Displacement ratio less than 50 using the largest spinnaker. Code 0 sails are not permitted.
 - (h) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply. Boats with canting keels, canting centerboards or variable ballast are not eligible.
 - (i) RRS 52, Manual Power, is modified to permit entrants to use power-driven winches and furlers.

- 3.8 For the Classic Division:
- (a) The philosophy of the Classic Division is to permit classic or vintage-type boats whose ratings may not meet the PHRF minimum speed. Entries may be accepted with handicaps higher than 126 at the discretion of the OA.
 - (b) Boats shall obtain an A2N PHRF rating in accordance with NoR Attachment A.
 - (c) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply. Boats with canting keels, canting centerboards or variable ballast are not eligible.
 - (d) RRS 52, Manual Power, is modified to permit entrants to use power-driven winches and furlers.
- 3.9 For the Double Handed Division:
- (a) Boats shall obtain an A2N PHRF rating in accordance with NoR Attachment A.
 - (b) There shall be 2 persons aboard the boat. At least one crew member shall be at least 21 years of age as of the start of the race. Both crew shall have previous offshore experience.
 - (c) RRS 51, Movable Ballast, will apply.
 - (d) RRS 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
 - (e) RRS 41 is changed to permit boats in the Double Handed Division to communicate with each other while racing.
- 3.10 For the Multihull Division:
- (a) Boats shall meet the rules of the Chesapeake Multihull Association (<http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org>).
 - (b) Boats shall have ratings assigned by the Chesapeake Multihull Association.
- 3.11 Entries of the same design with a minimum of 5 paid registrations by 1700 May 1, 2017 will race within the PHRF division (and eligible for PHRF awards) and will be further recognized in one of two ways:
- (a) Prizes will be given to the top entries of the design based on their corrected time using their PHRF-A2N ratings. The class rules of the one-design class will not apply.
 - (b) Upon request by a one-design class and approval of the OA, prizes will be given based on elapsed time of the one-design entries. The class rules of the one-design class will apply.
- 3.12 Any three boats from the same yacht club may register as a team to compete for the Yacht Club Challenge Trophy. Multiple teams from the same yacht club are welcome provided a boat is not part of more than one team.

4 FEES AND ENTRY

4.1 Boats wishing to enter shall register on the event website no later than 1700 May 19, 2017.

4.2 Registration and entry fees are as follows:

<u>Paid on or before:</u>	<u>Entry Fee (per foot LOA):</u>
1700 January 15, 2017	\$28.00
1700 April 15, 2017	\$30.00
1700 May 19, 2017	\$35.00

To determine the entry fee, round the boat's LOA downward to nearest whole number (e.g., 39.71'=39').

4.3 Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable after 1700 May 19, 2017.

4.4 New York Yacht Club will offer competitors in the Annapolis to Newport Race a discounted entry fee for the NYYC Annual Regatta presented by Rolex (<http://www.nyyc.org>) on June 9-11, 2017 in Newport.

- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall pay all fees and successfully complete all registration, documentation, and inspections. Boats that are not valid entries, will not be permitted to start the race.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The event schedule will be:

Date	Time	Event
Wed 31 May	0900-1700	Registration at AYC (location to be specified in the sailing instructions)
Thu 1 June	0900-1700	Registration at AYC (location to be specified in the sailing instructions)
	1800	Reception at AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street) for all competitors
Fri 2 June	1100	Warning signal for IRC2, PHRF 2, Performance Cruising 2, and Classic classes
	1105	Warning signal for the Double Handed 2 class
Sat 3 June	1100	Warning signal for IRC 1, PHRF 1, Performance Cruising 1, and Multihull classes
	1105	Warning signal for the Double Handed 1 class
Mon 5 June	0800	Hospitality Tent opens at the Newport Yachting Center
Wed 7 June	1530	Awards Party and Reception at New York Yacht Club Harbour Court

- 5.2 and 5.3 [deleted see NoR 10]

- 5.4 Additional information about social events will be published on the event website.

6 DOCUMENTATION

- 6.1 The following documents shall be filed by email, fax, or postal mail no later than 1700 May 19, 2017:

- (a) A copy of the life raft inspection certificate(s) complying with US SER.
- (b) A copy of the 406 EPIRB registration.
- (c) The Certificate of Compliance and Readiness.
- (d) The US Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations, Ocean Category, Check List.

- 6.2 The following documents shall be completed online at the regatta website no later than 1700 May 26, 2017.

- (a) Crew List form
- (b) Online Liability and Media Waiver (to be completed by *all* competitors)

- 6.3 The OA may conduct inspections of boats to verify the accuracy of a boat's documentation.

7 CREW

- 7.1 There shall be a minimum of 4 persons aboard (except for Double-Handed Division).
- 7.2 There will be no sailor classification requirements beyond those stated in applicable class rules.
- 7.3 A representative of each boat shall be available in Annapolis from 1200 May 31 until the boat departs for the start of the race.
- 7.4 The term Captain as used in this NoR means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is the "person in charge" of the yacht during the race per RRS 46. The Captain is responsible for the yacht, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the NoR and the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.5 The Captain, Navigator and Watch Captains shall have successfully completed an Annapolis-Newport, Newport-Bermuda, Annapolis-Bermuda, Marion-Bermuda or Marblehead-Halifax Race in their respective capacities or provide a resume of their offshore experience on the entry form for review by the OA.

7.6 Safety at Sea Seminar Requirements:

- (a) These requirements are in addition to the requirements of US SER. Further information about Safety at Sea Seminars is available at: <http://www.ussailing.org/education/safety-at-sea>.
- (b) For boats in the Double Handed Division, both crew shall have attended a Safety at Sea Seminar within the 5 calendar years preceding the start.
- (c) For all boats except Double Handed Division: at least one crew member from each watch shall have attended a Safety at Sea Seminar within the 5 calendar years preceding the start.
- (d) International seminars that are equivalent in scope and content may be acceptable with written approval of the OA.

8 [DP] EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner and Captain of each boat to see that she is seaworthy in hull, rig and gear and that she is properly equipped and competently crewed and sailed.
- 8.2 Boats shall comply with the requirements of US SER Ocean as changed by this NoR (see <http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements>).
- 8.3 [deleted]
- 8.4 Sufficient fuel shall be aboard at the start to provide a cruising range under power of at least 100 nautical miles.
- 8.5 Boats shall carry a Single Side Band radio or satellite phone.
- 8.6 Boats shall carry a GPS transponder, supplied by the OA. The unit shall be mounted in accordance with the instructions supplied and a good faith effort made to maintain its operation throughout the race [DP]. The unit will provide tracking data which will be posted on the regatta website during the race. A deposit, fully refundable on the unit's return, will be required.
- 8.7 The RRS Appendix G specifies the display of racing numbers on certain sails. In the event none of these sails are set when starting or finishing, these numbers are to be displayed by alternate means.
- 8.8 While racing, the use of drones or other remotely operated equipment not aboard the boat is prohibited.
- 8.9 US SER 3.39 is modified to allow boats built after January 6, 2001 that do not have a built-in on-deck compartment to use a life raft in a valise, provided they obtain written permission in advance from the OA.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the event website by May 1, 2017.

10 CLASSES

The OA will assign of boats to classes as soon as practical after a boat enters. The assignments will be posted on the notice board and updated as necessary.

11 COURSES

The course is as follows (distance is approximately 473 nm):

- (a) Start off of the mouth of the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland,
- (b) Sail south down the Chesapeake Bay, leaving the northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to port and the southern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to starboard.
- (c) Pass the Chesapeake Light Tower to port,
- (d) The finish will be in the East Passage Narragansett Bay on a line bearing 300 degrees magnetic from the Lighthouse (Iso R 6s 39ft) on Castle Hill, Newport Neck, Rhode Island.**

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed by the SI.
- 12.2 The penalty for breaking a rule of the US SER or other non-Part 2 RRS or IRPCAS Part B rules may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 In classes using PHRF rating system, corrected times will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by $(A / (B + \text{Phrf Rating}))$. The A and B factors will be posted on the regatta website no later than 1700 Wednesday, May 31.
- 13.2 Other handicap classes will be scored in accordance with their handicap rating and formulas.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 All entrants will be awarded a participation plaque.
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded to the first boat to cross the finishing line among all boats starting on Friday and to the first boat to cross the finishing line among all boats starting on Saturday.
- 14.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats based on corrected time in each class.
- 14.4 Boats that also raced in the 2016 Newport to Bermuda Race are eligible for the Chelsea Clock Seafarer Trophy based on combined performance in these two races.
- 14.5 Boats that also race in the 2017 Marblehead to Halifax Ocean Race are eligible for the Chelsea Clock Mariner Trophy based on combined performance in these two races. For information on the Marblehead-Halifax Race, go to <http://www.marbleheadtohalifax.com/>.
- 14.6 This race is part of the Stamford Yacht Club Northern Ocean Racing Trophy and the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy; and the New England Lighthouse Series. Entry in these series shall be made separately. For more information go to <http://www.stamfordyc.com/>.
- 14.7 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 14.8 A complete list of prizes to be awarded will be published in the sailing instructions.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 MEDIA RIGHTS

By entering this regatta, the owner (or charterer) and crew members on competing yachts grant at no cost the absolute right and permission to use their names, voices, images, likenesses, and biographical material, as well as representations of their yacht in any media (including television, print and internet), to the Organizing Authority, the Annapolis Yacht Club and the event sponsors.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 Annapolis Yacht Club will have guest cards available to competitors for the week before the Start.
- 18.2 Contact Information

Email: info@annapolisnewportrace.com
Mail: Annapolis- Newport Race Committee, PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404
Before the start: Annapolis Yacht Club: Telephone: 410-858-4964; Fax: 410-267-6153
After the Start: Race Office at Newport Yachting Center: Telephone: 443-994-4235