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# MOUNT GAY RUM & SAILING WORLD

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing World and the Annapolis Yacht Club are co-organizing authorities (OA) for this regatta. The Annapolis Yacht Club is the host club and will provide race management assisted by Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn Sailing Association. This is an official US Sailing sanctioned event.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1. RULES

- 1.1** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event. [DP]
- 1.3** The US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.2, and 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.4** For the J/70 Class: Rules I.1 and I.3 of the J/70 Class Rules Part III-Section I shall apply.
- 1.5** For the J/105 Class: J/105 Fleet 3 rule 9.1.4 MAXIMUM CREW LIMITS will apply. The J/105 Fleet 3 rules can be found at: <http://www.j105fleet3.org/rules.php>.
- 1.6** For the C&C30 Class: C&C30 Class Rules PART III EVENT RULES J.3 (Support Boats) is in effect.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the race website at <http://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=3007>. Courtesy copies of amendments may also be posted on the supplementary notice board located at the Annapolis Yacht Club Junior Sailing Center. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 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.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Ten races are scheduled. On the last scheduled day of the regatta no more than two races will be sailed.
- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start of the first race each day is 1100.
- 5.3** On the last scheduled day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## 6. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS AND MARKS

- 6.1** Division splits, class flags, and description of marks will be defined in SI Addendum 1. It will be posted on the official notice board and copies will be available to all competitors at registration.
- 6.2** Divisions will be identified by number and color to be described in SI Addendum 1.
- 6.3** The signal vessels for each division will fly the colored flag for their division each morning on the way to the starting area and until their first scheduled warning signal.
- 6.4** When a visual signal (afloat or ashore) is flown over a division flag, the signal applies to all classes in that division. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 7. RACING AREA

- 7.1** The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. The general racing area of each division will be included in SI Addendum 1.
- 7.2** The race committee will post the intended approximate location (as a range and bearing from one of the marks highlighted on the Racing Area chart) of the signal vessel for each division on the notice board no later than 0930 each morning.

- 7.3** Approximately 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce location of the anchored race committee signal vessel on VHF radio.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1** The courses are as shown in the Course Diagrams and Descriptions.
- 8.2** The starting line signal vessel will display boards showing the course to be sailed, the approximate distance (nm) between the windward and leeward mark and the approximate magnetic bearing of the first mark.
- 8.3** When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, the race committee signal vessel will display flag C before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

## 9. THE START

- 9.1** Approximately 15 minutes before the warning signal, the race committee will announce the starting order for the first race of the day.
- 9.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the port-end starting mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin-end vessel.
- 9.3** The starting area is defined as extending 100 yards beyond each end of the starting line and 150 yards behind the starting line and its extensions. Boats shall keep clear of the starting area and the first leg of the course until their warning signal has been made. [DP]
- 9.4** 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.
- 9.5** The race committee may set a small spherical buoy as a mid-line guide, near the middle of the starting line. This is neither a starting mark nor a mark of the course.
- 9.6** The race committee intends to announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, the timeliness of broadcast or the

order in which boats are announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).  
**9.7** For the C&C30 Class, the first sentence of RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4 are changed such that the phrase "boat's hull, crew or equipment" is replaced with "boat's hull or crew".

#### 10. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

**10.1** New marks are described in SI Addendum 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.

**10.2** When flag Q is displayed with flag C, the change will apply only to boats beginning their final leg to the finish. This changes RRS 33 and Race Signals.

#### 11. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

#### 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

**12.1** Penalties while racing: For the Farr 30, Melges 14, Melges 32, and S2 7.9 classes only: RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that, except for breaches of Part 2 that occur within three boat lengths of a rounding mark or finishing mark, only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required. For all other classes RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

**12.2** Penalties after racing: RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply.

#### 13. TIME LIMIT

**13.1** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1 and finish is 2 hours.

**13.2** Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired, see Scoring) and should proceed to the starting area if another race is scheduled. The race committee boat at the finishing line will lower the blue shape or flag with a long sound signal when the 30 minute period has expired for all classes. This changes RRS 35.

#### 14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

**14.1** Protest and scoring inquiry forms are available on the race website under Documents and Forms and at the race office, located at the AYC Junior Sailing Center. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, or scoring inquiries shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. These may alternatively be delivered by email to [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org).

**14.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after a division's race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.

**14.3** The race committee will post a list of boats with assigned starting or finishing penalties no later than the protest time limit.

**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** As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule of hearings and arbitration meetings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the AYC Junior Sailing Center.

**14.6** When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

#### 15. SCORING

**15.1** One completed race shall constitute a series.

**15.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard.

**15.3** Boats to be scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

#### 16 SAFETY

**16.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable. [DP]

**16.2** RRS 40 (Personal Buoyancy) is replaced by: "It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant."

**16.3** Boats shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a freighter, tug or other commercial vessel. Boats must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. The race committee or protest committee (but not other boats) may protest a boat for breaking this instruction based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. Boats may not protest other boats for breaking this rule. This changes RRS 60.1, 60.2, 60.3 and 61.3. [DP]

#### 17. BOW STICKERS

**17.1** Easily removable bow stickers provided in the Skipper's package, shall be attached to the forward 25% of both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The stickers are to be carried with the top approximately 6"-10" below deck level and with the leading edge approximately 10"-20" aft of the bow. [DP]

**17.2** At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may also be required for some classes. If required, they will be provided and shall be placed on both sides of the boat's hull forward of the bow sticker. [DP]

#### 18. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

**18.1** On the water, the race committee intends to provide information on VHF radio as a courtesy. In all cases, race signals shall govern. The division channels will be published in SI Addendum 1.

**18.2** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

#### 19. PRIZES

**19.1** Overall series prizes will be awarded by class.

**19.2** An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the organizing authority, had the best overall performance during the 2017 Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta Annapolis.

#### 20. MEDIA AND TELEVISION

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photograph and video footage taken of themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event, to be published in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

#### 21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

#### 22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.

#### 23. COMPETITORS' CONDUCT

The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew before, during and after racing. In case of conduct that the organizing authority considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the organizing authority, protest committee, or race committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may subject to action by the protest committee under RRS 69. It is the protest committee's intention to act under RRS 69 in appropriate cases.

# COURSE DIAGRAMS

## COURSE DIAGRAMS AND DESCRIPTIONS

In the below table, the course designation is followed by a colon (“:”), and then by the mark rounding order for that course. All marks except 2S are to be rounded to port. If there is only one mark at a leeward gate, that mark will be “2p” and shall be rounded to port. The color and shape of the marks will be as described in SI Addendum 1.

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| <p><b>COURSE LA</b><br/>           LA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish<br/>           LA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p> | <p><b>COURSE L</b><br/>           L2: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish<br/>           L3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p> | <p><b>COURSE TL</b><br/>           TL2: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish<br/>           TL3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p> |

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| <p><b>COURSE WA</b><br/>           WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish<br/>           WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish<br/>           WA4: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p> | <p><b>COURSE W</b><br/>           W2: Start-1-2s/2p-Finish<br/>           W3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-Finish<br/>           W4: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-Finish</p> | <p><b>COURSE TW</b><br/>           TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish<br/>           TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish</p> |