



**80th AYC Fall Series**  
**October 3-4, 10, 17-18, 2020**  
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club  
Annapolis, Maryland, USA  
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*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).*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] For ORC only, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply.

### 2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=11748>.
- 2.2 The race office 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://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 2.3 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.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications made ashore will be posted on the notice board.
- 4.2 When the clubhouse is open, courtesy signals may be displayed from the flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.













### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 For Fall Series 1 on October 3 and 4:
  - (a) Classes racing: J/22, J/30, J/70, J/80, Viper 640.
  - (b) 5 races using drop marks courses are scheduled. A maximum of 3 races per day will be sailed.
  - (c) No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday.
- 5.2 For Fall Series 2 on October 10:
  - (a) Classes racing: Alerion 28, Harbor 20, Cal 25
  - (b) 3 races using drop marks courses are scheduled.
  - (c) No warning signal will be made after 1530.
- 5.3 For Fall Series 3 on October 17 and 18:
  - (a) Classes racing: ORC, J/35, J/105
  - (b) On Saturday, up to 3 races using drop marks courses are scheduled. Any race not sailed Saturday will not be sailed. On Sunday, 1 race using government marks is scheduled.
  - (c) No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Sunday.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day is 1100.

- 5.5 Due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be no post-race party. Plans for presenting prizes will be posted on the notice board.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag	Class	Class flag	Class	Class flag
Viper 640	0 	Alerion 28	4 	ORC I	1 
J/80	J 	Harbor 20	W 	J/35	K 
J/70	6 	Cal 25	T 	J/105	V 
J/30	D 			ORC II	2 
J/22	7 				

- 6.2 Boats in ORC shall clearly display two class flags - one at the bow and one at the stern.

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 For Fall Series 1 and 3, the racing area will be Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. For Fall Series 2, the racing area will be the Severn River east of the USNA.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Approximately 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will announce the location of the race committee signal vessel.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 For drop marks races, see SI Attachment 1. For the government marks race, see SI Attachment 2.
- 8.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed, the approximate distance between the leeward and windward marks, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg of the course.
- 8.3 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may announce on VHF radio that the first mark of the course will be a change mark (see SI 9).

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 For Fall Series 1 and Fall Series 3 drop marks courses:
- The starting marks and mark 1a will be lime green cylinders.
  - The finishing mark will be a lime green cylinder.
  - All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders.
  - Change marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.
- 9.2 For Fall Series 2:
- The starting/finishing mark will be a short orange cylinder.
  - Marks 1 and 1a will be short yellow cylinders.
  - Marks 2s and 2p will be short orange cylinders.
  - Change marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be short yellow cylinders with a dark colored band.
- 9.3 For Fall Series 3 government marks race:
- The rounding marks will use CBYRA Region III Standard Race Marks as described SI Attachment 2.
  - Government marks "1AH" (off Tolly Point), R"4" (off Greenbury Point), Thomas Point Light, and the Bloody Point Bar Warning Light shall be passed on the channel side at all times.
- 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.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 Approximately 120 minutes before the warning signal, the race committee will post the starting order for the first race of the day on the notice board.

- 10.2 Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.
- 10.3 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce the next class to start on VHF radio.
- 10.4 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and either the course side of the starting mark or the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end.
- 10.5 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.6 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 A4 and A5.

## **11 RECALLS**

- 11.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).
- 11.2 The race committee will 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) and RRS/US U5.

## **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 For Fall Series 1 and 3: 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.
- 13.2 For Fall Series 2: The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting/finishing mark.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 For the drop marks races:
  - (a) If no boat has passed the first mark within 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
  - (b) The time limit for each class is 100 minutes.
  - (c) Except for ORC, boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.
- 15.2 For the government marks race, there is no time limit.

## **16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES**

- 16.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 2).
- 16.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 16.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 16.5 The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or video- conferencing during the week following the regatta. 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.
- 16.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

- 16.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.8 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, 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.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings. The race committee will announce the course type ("Inshore/Windward Leeward" or "Coastal/Long Distance") and the wind speed rating (Low, Medium, or High) on VHF radio prior to the warning signal. The race committee may change this after the start if there is a significant change in the weather conditions (see ORC Rating Systems rule 403.4). If the race committee changes this after the start, it will post the change on the notice board. A boat may not base a request for redress on the race committee's decision of course type (this changes RRS 60.1).
- 17.5 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 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**

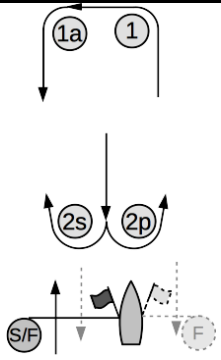
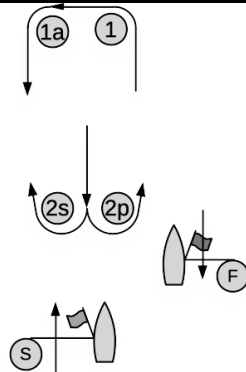
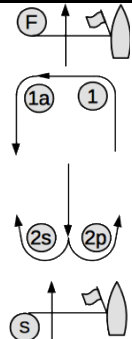
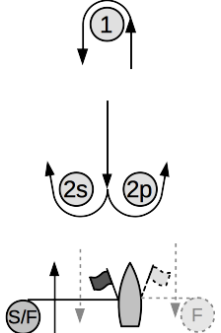
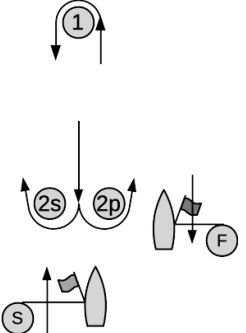
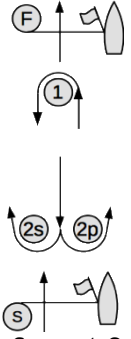
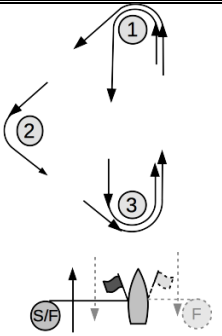
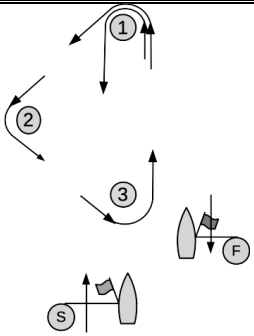
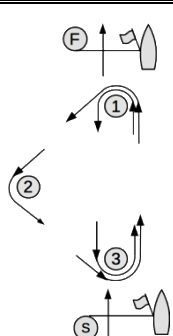
- 19.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters (boats starting in at least one race), 2nd place with 5 or more starters, and 3rd place with 7 or more starters.
- 19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## **20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

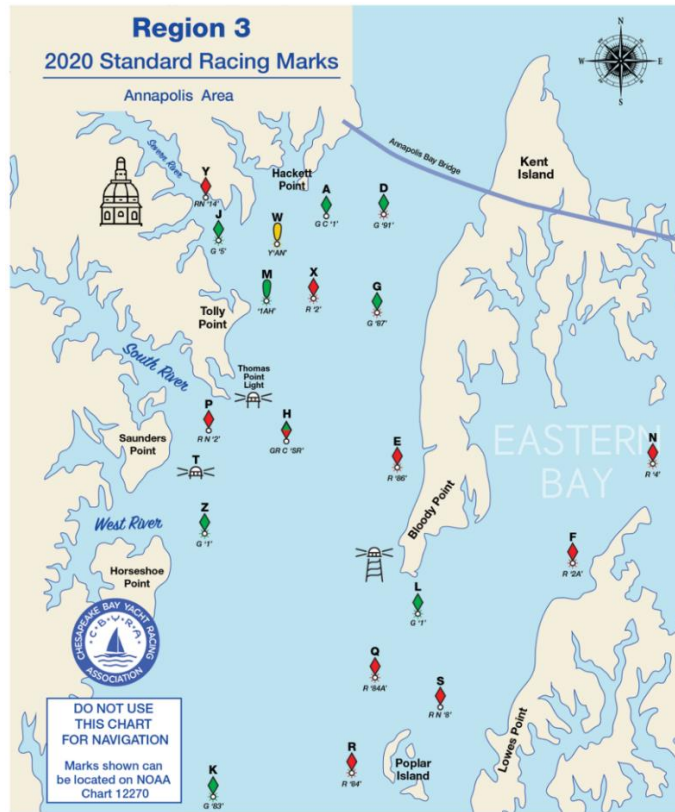
- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 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 announces on VHF radio that a gate will not be used, then mark 2S will not be set. The marks are described in SI 9. The starting line is described in SI 10.4. The finishing line is described in SI 13.

<p><b>LA</b></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><b>LAF</b></p>  <p>LA2F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish LA3F: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-Finish</p>	<p><b>WA</b></p>  <p>WA2: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish WA3: Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p><b>L</b></p>  <p>L2: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish L3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p>	<p><b>LF</b></p>  <p>L2F: Start-1-2s/2p-1-Finish L3F: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-1-Finish</p>	<p><b>W</b></p>  <p>W2: Start-1-2s/2p-Finish W3: Start-1-2s/2p-1-2s/2p-Finish</p>
<p><b>TL</b></p>  <p>TL2: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish TL3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p>	<p><b>TLF</b></p>  <p>TL2F: Start-1-2-3-1-Finish TL3F: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-Finish</p>	<p><b>TW</b></p>  <p>TW2: Start-1-2-3-Finish TW3: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish</p>

SI ATTACHMENT 2 - GOVERNMENT MARKS COURSE MARKS  
See also SI 9.3



**Region 3 – 2020 Standard Racing Marks - Annapolis Area**

Mark	Govt. ID	Characteristics	Location	Lat 38 N	Lon 76 W
A	G C"1"	G Can	1.1 nm SSE of Hackett Point	58-12.104	24-52.249
D	G "91"	Fl G 4s Buoy	1.3 nm SSW of Chesapeake Bay Bridge	58-59.103	23-16.547
E	R "86"	Fl R 4s Buoy	2.0 nm N of Bloody Point	51-58.414	23-32.836
F	R "2A"	Fl R 4s Bell	0.6 nm N of Wades Point	50-33.347	18-12.964
G	G "87"	G Buoy	3.3 nm S of Chesapeake Bay Bridge	55-58.127	23-32.776
H	GR C"SR"	GR Can	0.3 nm SE of Thomas Pt. Light	53-39.428	25-52.216
J	G "5"	Fl G 4s Buoy	0.38 nm SW of Greenbury Pt	58-17.815	27-43.465
K	G "83'	Fl G 4s GONG	2.5 nm WSW of Poplar Island	45-07.524	26-39.330
L	G "1"	Fl G 4s Bell	1.0 nm S of Kent Point	49-07.418	22-07.829
M	"1AH"	Fl G 4s 15ft	NNE of Tolly Point (Shoal inside)	56-09.043	26-10.042
N	R "4"	Fl 4s Buoy	0.8 nm N of Tilghman Point	52-35.114	15-04.963
P	R N"2"	R Nun	1.6 nm WSW of Thomas Pt Light	53-44.311	27-52.247
Q	R "84A"	Fl R 2.5s Buoy	2.16 NNW of Poplar Island	47-35.620	24-41.331
R	R "84"	Fl R 4s Bell	1.3 nm W of Poplar Island	45-27.424	25-06.828
S	R N"8"	R Nun	0.95 nm NW of Lowes Point	47-07.424	20-52.831
T	Fixed	Fl(2+1) R 6s 15ft	0.6 nm E of Saunders Pt Shoal Junction Light	53-01.796	28-37.321
U	RC Choice	Inflatable drop	May be set by R.C. at Starting Line		
V	RC Choice	Inflatable drop	May be set by R.C. as 1		
W	Y "AN"	Fl Y 4s	NOAA Weather Buoy off of Greenbury Pt	57-49.010	26-48.370
X	R "2"	Fl R 2.5s Bell	1.3 nm E of Tolly Point	56-30.000	25-29.000
Y	R N"14"	TR Nun	0.3 nm NNW of Triton Pt	59-09.072	28-40.118
Z	G "1"	Fl G 4s Buoy	2.6 NM NE of Curtis Point	51-50.694	26-59.472