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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.

1.3 Rules I.1 and I.3 of J/70 Class Rules Part III-Section I shall apply.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority.

2.2 The Helly Hansen NOOD Regattas are open to those boats whose owner and/or skipper is a current member of their national authority (US Sailing for USA members, to join call 1-800-877-2451).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the side of the AYC Junior Sailing Building. Duplicate notices may also be available on the AYC website (www.annapolisyac.com) the Annapolis Helly Hansen NOOD website (www.sailingworld.com) and Yacht Scoring site (www.yachtscoring.com).

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted before 0830 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast at the Annapolis Yacht Club Junior Fleet Building.

5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means: "Races not started are postponed. Do not leave the harbor." The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag AP is lowered ashore with one sound signal. This changes Race Signals AP.

5.3 Flag L over numeral pennant "#" with one sound signal means: "Notice to Competitors Number #" has been posted." This changes Race Signals L.

6. DIVISIONS, CLASS FLAGS, STARTING SIGNALS AND MARKS

Division splits, class flags, starting order and the 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.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 Ten races are scheduled. No more than two races will be sailed on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

7.2 The race committee will rendezvous with each division at 1000 each day. A race committee boat will display flag "L", accompanied by a long sound signal, then proceed to the starting area. Rendezvous locations:
Division 1: 1 nm NE of Severn River dolphin Y"4"

Division 2: 1 nm S of Hackett Pt at C"1"

Division 3: Severn River R"2"

Division 4: 0.5 nm E of Thomas Pt. Light.

7.3 The warning signal for the first start of the first race each day will be made at 1100 hrs. No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on Sunday, May 3, 2015.

8. SAFETY

8.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

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

8.3 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. A boat protested under this rule has the burden of proof that she complied with this rule. RRS 60.2 is changed to add "If the race committee receives a report of an incident where a boat(s) may have interfered with commercial traffic it may protest any boat involved."

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams and descriptions.

9.2 The starting line signal boat will display

the course to be sailed, the approximate distance (nm) between the windward and leeward mark and the magnetic bearing of the first mark. The course to be sailed may be indicated by the display of a numeral pennant.

9.3 Marks shall be passed to port. An offset mark will be set to port of the weather mark.

9.4 In the event that the gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

9.5 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, flag C will be displayed by the starting line signal boat before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

9.6 The starting line will be located about 100-400 yards to leeward of the leeward mark/gate. The leeward mark/gate is not a mark of the course during the first leg.

9.7 The finishing line will be located about 100-200 yards to windward of the windward mark for courses "3" and "5" or 100-400 yards to leeward of the leeward mark/gate for course "4" and "6". The windward mark, or leeward mark/gate, is not a mark of the course during the last leg of the course.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between the hoist of the orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark or the hoist of the orange flag on a pin boat.

10.2 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 class flag has been hoisted by the committee.

10.3 A race committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat, and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

10.4 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting

signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

11. RECALLS

The race committee intends to announce boats identified as OCS on VHF radio. Division 1 will broadcast on VHF 68, Division 2 on VHF 69, Division 3 on VHF 72, Division 4 on VHF 73. Failure to transmit information, receive such notification, or the order in which recalled boats are broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

12.1 New marks are described in SI Addendum 1. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

12.2 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.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the hoist of the blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13.2 For Courses "4" and "6", the finishing mark will be placed on the side of the RC Boat opposite that of the starting mark.

14. TIME LIMIT

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

14.2 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.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply. For the Melges and Farr classes ONLY: RRS 44.1 will be changed so that, when a rule of Part 2 is broken outside the zone at a mark the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix T, Sections B (Post-Race Penalties) and D (Arbitration) will apply.

16. PROTESTS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located the AYC Junior Fleet Building. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

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

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

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 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 in at the AYC Junior Fleet Building.

16.6 The penalty for breaking SI 1.3, 8.1, 10.2, 19 or RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.7 On the last day of the regatta, the time limit for requesting redress or reopening a hearing is one hour after the decision is announced or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes the time limits in RRS 62.2, the US Sailing prescription to RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

17. SCORING

17.1 One completed race shall constitute a series.

17.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores without discard. This changes RRS A2.

17.3 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.

18. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The race committee may attempt to provide information on VHF radio as a courtesy. In all cases race signals shall govern. Division 1 will broadcast on VHF 68, Division 2 on VHF 69, Division 3 on VHF 72, Division 4 on VHF 73. Failure to transmit information, or errors in transmitting information, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

A boat may not make any radio transmissions while racing except on VHF Channel 16 or with the race committee on the courtesy broadcast channel for their division. While racing, a boat shall not receive ANY communication not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

20. PRIZES

20.1 Overall series prizes will be awarded by class.

20.2 An award will be made to the boat which, in the opinion of the organizing authority, had the best overall performance during the 2015 Helly Hansen NOOD Regatta in Annapolis.

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 \$300,000 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 Race Committee considers to be a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with a reasonable request by the Race Committee, the boat whose crew was at fault may be disqualified and/or subject to protest by the Protest Committee under RRS 69. It is the Protest Committee's intention to invoke this instruction and RRS 69 in appropriate cases.



COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE 3

“3” (three legs): This course is windward, leeward, finish to windward. The marks shall be rounded in order of 1,2, finish. Mark 2 may be left on either hand on the first windward leg and Mark 1 may be left on either hand on the finishing leg.

COURSE 4

“4” (four legs): This course is a windward, leeward, twice around, finish to leeward. The marks will be rounded in the order of 1, 2, 1, finish. Mark 2 may be left on either hand on the first windward leg and on the finishing leg.

COURSE 5

“5” (five legs): This course is a windward, leeward, twice around, finish to windward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of 1, 2, 1, 2, finish. Mark 2 may be left on either hand on the first windward leg and Mark 1 may be left on either hand on the finishing leg.

COURSE 6

“6” (six legs): This course is a windward, leeward, three times around, finish to leeward. The marks shall be rounded in the order of 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, finish. Mark 2 may be left on either hand on the first windward leg and on the finishing leg.

