



2021 Wednesday Night Races

April 21 - September 1, 2021

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing>

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this document 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 this document 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 For ORC and PHRF classes, 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 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website approximately one week before the first scheduled race.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14297>
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats of the Alberg 30, Cal 25, Etchells, Farr 30, Harbor 20, Herreshoff 12½, J/22, J/30, J/35, J/70, J/80, J/105, V-boats (see NoR 4.7), ORC, and PHRF classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 Boats wishing to enter shall register online at the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14297>
- 4.3 For a one-design class to be scored as a separate class for a series, it must have a minimum of 5 entries by 1700 on the day of the first race of the series.
- 4.4 The person in charge entering a boat shall be a regular, active participant on the boat for the regatta and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.

- 4.6 [NP] Every competitor (skipper and crew) shall sign the WNR Liability and Waiver Agreement before they participate in any race of WNR.
- 4.7 The V-Boats class is comprised of boats in the Viper 640 and VxOne classes. The class rules of their respective classes will apply. They will race as a single combined class, with results based on order of finish.
- 4.8 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a current and valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. A boat's rating when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 4.9 Boats in an ORC class shall have a valid ORCi or ORC Club certificate, see <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orc/>. A boat's certificate when they register shall be used for the entire regatta.
- 4.10 The race committee will determine the starting order and the ORC class splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 4.11 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee will be \$225.
- 5.2 The entry fee is payable in full no later than 1200 on the day of a boat's first race. The entry fee is non-refundable except for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum for a start (see NoR 4.3).
- 5.3 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of three series:
First Series: April 21 - May 26
Second Series: June 2 - July 21 (no racing on July 7)
Third Series: July 28 - September 1
- 6.2 A Skippers' Meeting will be held electronically at 1900 on Monday, April 19. This will be an online meeting using Zoom. Zoom meeting details will be posted by 1200 on Monday, April 19.

- 6.3 The first warning signal for the first race of each Wednesday is scheduled for 1800.
- 6.4 While the clubhouse is subject to pandemic restrictions, post-race competitor parties will not be held. If and when pandemic restrictions are lifted and the clubhouse is able to accommodate gatherings, information will be posted on the notice board.
- 6.5 A prize-giving party is scheduled to be held at AYC at 1900 on September 8.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 7.2 The regatta venue will be AYC.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be a mix of government marks and drop marks as described in the sailing instructions.

9 [DP] CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS

- 9.1 While racing, boats shall not contact anchored, moored or docked vessels.

10 [DP] DOCKING

- 10.1 Unless modified by the sailing instructions, boats SHALL NOT tie up to and raft off docks at the AYC clubhouse. Only boats that launch out of the sailing center, may tie up at the docks at the AYC Sailing Center and only in accordance with posted AYC policies.
- 10.2 Boats shall NOT tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to AYC. Boats that break this rule will be responsible for all charges to AYC.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed in the sailing instructions.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System will apply.
- 12.2 Up to 10 races are scheduled for the first series. Up to 8 races are scheduled for the second and third series.
- 12.3 When 3 or fewer races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 The first sentence of RRS Appendix A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: "A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired, was TLE, did not come to the starting area or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished."

- 12.5 RRS Appendix A9 (Race Scores Longer than a Regatta) is deleted.

- 12.6 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and "Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)" ratings. The A and B factors will be specified in the sailing instructions.

- 12.7 Corrected times for ORC will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings. The race committee will assign the course type and the wind speed rating on race day as detailed in the sailing instructions.

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class in each series.
- 13.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the sailing instructions):
 - (a) Charles Dell Trophy: best overall performance.
 - (b) Fred W. Carlson Trophy: best overall performance in ORC.
 - (c) Geiger Memorial: best overall performance in PHRF.
 - (d) Harvey Clap Trophy: first place in the Etchells class.
 - (e) Spadone Trophy: first place in the Herreshoff 12½ class.
- 13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

14 DECISION TO RACE

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

15 INSURANCE

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

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For more information contact:
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