



2023-2024 AYC Frostbite Series
1st Half: November 5 - December 10, 2022
2nd Half: February 4 - March 17, 2023
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland, USA
<https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

NOTICE OF RACE

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. 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 Each boat shall race with at least three crew (including the skipper) with body weights of at least 100 pounds.
- 1.3 While racing, a boat's crew may not change sails, leave the cockpit, extend body limbs over the lifelines or emerge from a hatch beyond the waist.
- 1.4 RRS 55.2 (Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles) is changed such that no Spinnaker Pole or Whisker Pole shall be used while racing. Any other outrigger type shall comply with RRS 55.3.
- 1.5 For all boats competing in ORC and PHRF classes, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailingspecial-regulations>) will apply.
- 1.6 All boats in all classes must also meet U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirement 2.4.1 LIFELINES, or alternatively, all persons aboard must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while racing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SIs will be available on the event website approximately 7 days prior to the first scheduled race.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located electronically on the event website at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=15663
- 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 SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Cal 25, Etchells, Harbor 20, J/22, J/24, J/30, J/70, J/80, J/105, ORC, and PHRF classes are invited to participate. Boats wishing to enter shall register online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15663>
- 4.2 The person in charge of 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.
- 4.3 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2023 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating.

- 4.4 Boats in an ORC class shall have a valid 2023 ORC Non-Spinnaker certificate, see <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>. A boat's certificate when they register shall be used for the entire regatta series.
- 4.5 For a one-design class to be scored as a separate class for a series, it must have a minimum of 5 entries by 1200 on Friday, November 3, 2023.
- 4.6 The race committee will determine the starting order and the ORC splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 4.7 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the combined halves is \$275. Entries for the First Half are due by 1700 on Friday, October 27, 2023. New entries for the Second Half are due by 1700 on Friday, January 26, 2024. Entry fees are payable in full upon registering and are non-refundable.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website or the sailing instructions.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event will consist of two series:
 - (a) 1st Series - November 5 - December 10, 2023
 - (b) 2nd Series - February 4 - March 17, 2024.
 - (c) The Hangover Bowl will be sailed on January 1, 2024 (separate NoR).
- 6.2 Two races are scheduled each day with the first warning at 1200.
- 6.3 Lunch and refreshments will be served between races at the AYC Main Clubhouse

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The courses will use a mix of inflatable marks and government marks on Spa Creek and the Severn River as described in the sailing instructions.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed by the sailing instructions. RRS 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties, will NOT apply.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as modified by the SIs.
- 9.2 Six days of racing are scheduled for the 1st Series, seven days for the 2nd Series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and "Random Course Handicap (Non-Spinnaker)" ratings.
- 9.5 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind strength prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.

10 DOCKING

- 10.1 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that violate this rule will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin.

10.2 Boats may tie up to and raft off the docks owned by AYC but may not extend over the AYC property line.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class.

11.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.'

13 INSURANCE

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 combined single limit per incident.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For more information contact AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964