



# J/30 North American Championships

Thursday-Sunday, 22-25 September 2016

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY  
Eastport Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The J/30 Class Rules shall apply, except as modified herein.
- 1.3 J/30 Class Rule 5.14.1, Sailing Weight, the requirement for hull draft marks, is waived. The sailing weight may be determined by measurement.
- 1.4 J/30 Class Rule 6.7, Crew Weight Limit, is modified by adding the following. "In addition to meeting the crew weight limit, boats shall sail with the same crew in each race. Only crew substitutions declared by name, weight, and sailing date at check-in will be permitted. Exceptions may be made in the case of illness, accident, or other special circumstances, upon written application to and approval by the Race Committee."

### 2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to all boats of the J/30 Class that conform to the current Class Rules, as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.2 Competitors shall meet all ownership, class membership, and measurement requirements.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside, near the ground floor rear entryway doors and "Sparky's Shed" on the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) grounds.

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP. This changes RRS Signals.

### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The schedule of events is:

Thu, 22 September	1000-1800	Check-in and measurement
	1800	Competitors Meeting, with complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, keg of beer, & cash bar
Fri, 23 September	1030	Warning Signal for first race
	1700	Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee
	1800	Complimentary keg of beer & cash bar
	1800	Daily awards presentation
Sat, 24 September	1030	Warning Signal for first race
	1700	Subsequent races as signaled by the Race Committee
	1700	Complimentary keg of beer & cash bar
	1800	Complimentary competitors dinner
	1900	Daily awards presentation

- 6.2 A maximum of seven (7) races are scheduled, of which one (1) shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 6.3 Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of Annapolis Harbor Lighted Buoy R2 (FL R 2.5s), as shown in FIGURE (1), one (1) hour prior to the scheduled Warning Signal.
- 6.4 Subsequent races will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

## 7 RACING AREA

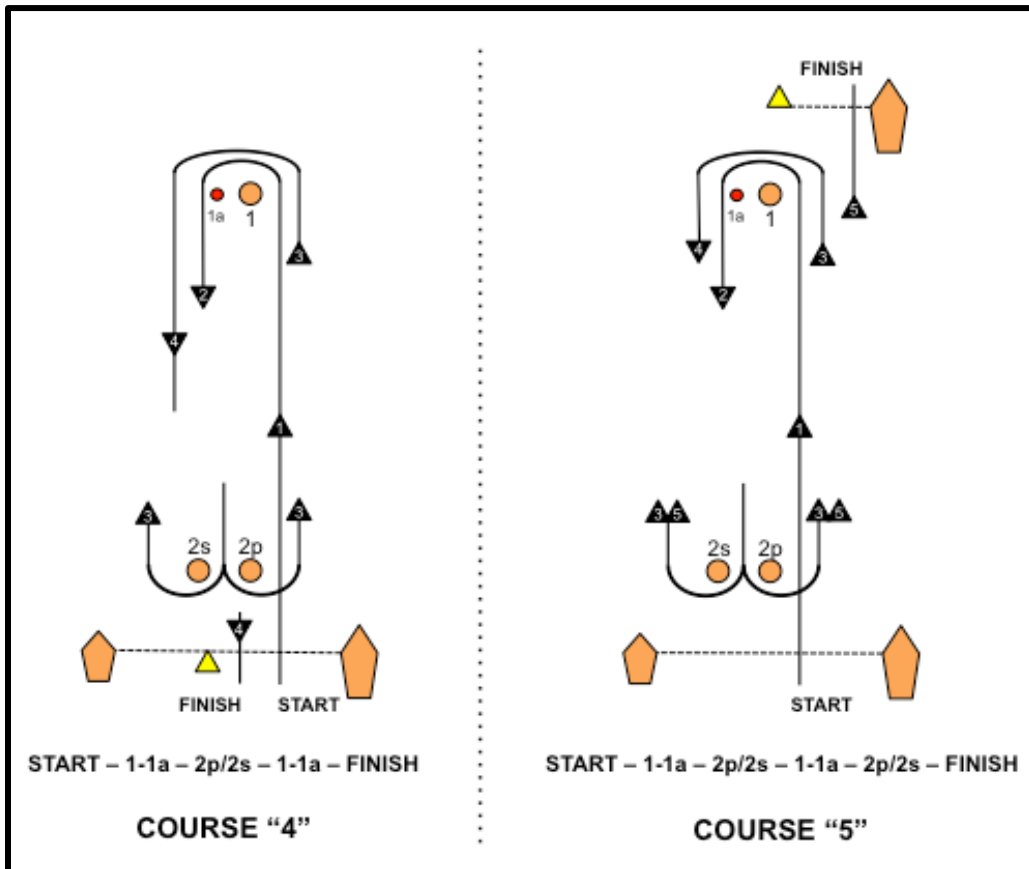
The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

## 8 CHECK IN

Prior to starting, each boat shall check in by sailing close astern of the RC Signal Boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by a return hail from RC.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.



- 9.2 The course to be sailed, approximate magnetic heading, and approximate distance to the first mark shall be designated by placards on the side of the Signal Boat opposite the start line.
- 9.3 When the first mark of the course is to be a change mark, code flag "C" will be displayed by the Signal Boat before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sound signals.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 The start pin (if needed) and finish pin will be a yellow tetrahedron. Leeward and windward marks will be 5-foot orange cylinders. The windward mark may have an offset mark, which shall be a 3-foot red cylinder.

- 10.2 The first change mark shall be a lime green tetrahedron. A subsequent change mark will revert to the previous type of mark.
- 10.3 All marks display "EYC" in black block lettering, except the offset mark, which displays "VALIANT."

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the following addition: An attention signal consisting of a series of short horn blasts will be given approximately one (1) minute before the Warning signal of each race.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee mark boat or a yellow tetrahedron, at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

## **12 RECALLS**

The Race Committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal on VHF channel 73. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the timing of the hail, failure to hail any boats, or the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 41 and 62.1.

## **13 CHANGES TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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.

## **14 THE FINISH**

The finish line shall be between the staff or halyard on the RC Signal Boat displaying a orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark. The finishing mark will not be set/present during the start of a race.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS/US Appendix T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) and Section D (Arbitration), shall apply.
- 15.2 RRS/US Appendix T2.2, the Post-Race Penalty shall be 30%. This changes RRS T2.2(a).

## **16 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 If no boat in a class reaches the first Windward mark within thirty (30) minutes of her start, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 16.2 If no boat in a class sails the course and finishes within two (2) hours of the start of a race, the race shall be abandoned for that class.
- 16.3 Boats still racing fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the J/30 Class Rules or rules in RRS Part 2. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 17.2 Breaches of instructions 8, 17, 18.1, 19, and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 17.3 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention either by hail or by radio on VHF channel 73. She shall include the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 17.4 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC signal boat dock time. The time limit for a request for redress based on an incident in the racing area shall be the protest time limit.
- 17.5 Protest forms will be available at the jury desk, located next to the EYC RC Office, and shall be filed with the jury secretary.
- 17.6 Hearings will begin as soon as possible after racing each day. Protest notices will be posted and will be heard in the approximate order of receipt. The parties and their witnesses shall remain in the area of the protest hearings.
- 17.7 When the RC or Protest Committee protests a boat, the requirements of RRS 61.1(b) to notify the boat may be met by posting a list of protested boats on the Official Notice Board and the Protest Board before the end of the Protest Time Limit.

- 17.8 On the last day of the regatta, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## **18 SAFETY**

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible either by hail or on VHF channel 73.
- 18.2 A boat may 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 U.S. Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 18.3 The Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a boat for SI 18.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.
- 18.4 RRS 42.3 (Propulsion - Exceptions) is changed by adding: "(j) A boat that is without way in a ship channel may use any means of propulsion to clear the channel at the approach of commercial traffic provided that, when becoming clear of the commercial traffic, the boat has not improved her position as a result of this action. A boat claiming this exception shall report the incident in writing to the protest committee within the protest time limit, with all the facts necessary to substantiate the boat's speed and change of position during the incident."
- 18.5 RRS 62.1 (Redress) is changed by adding: "(e) clearing a ship channel in compliance with SI 18.4."

## **19 SCORING**

- 19.1 The Low Point scoring system shall apply.
- 19.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of all of her race scores; no race scores will be excluded.
- 19.3 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 (2) points, but not worse than the number of starters, by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

## **20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

All boats shall be launched by 1800 hours on Thursday, 22 September 2016. A boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta. A written request for an exception must be submitted to the RC.

## **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 RC shall communicate with competitors on VHF channel 73.
- 21.2 Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.

## **22 DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. RRS 55 prohibits placing trash in the water.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

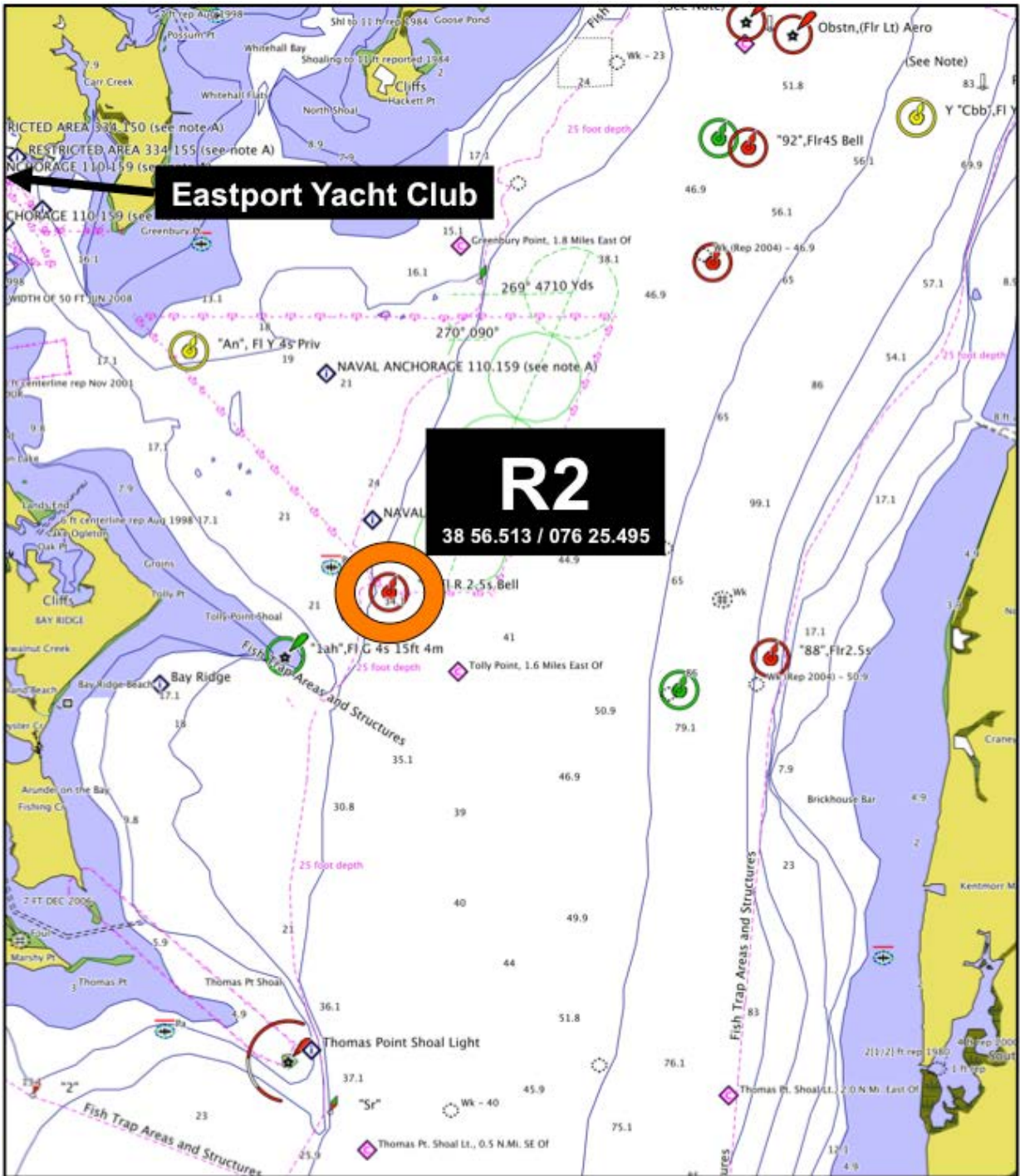
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority or any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any responsibility or liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

## **25 SOCIAL**

- 25.1 EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to all participants and guests during the event.
- 25.2 A competitors meeting is scheduled at EYC on Thursday, 22 September 2016, beginning at 1800 hours.
- 25.3 A dinner for all skippers and crew is planned at EYC on Saturday, 24 September 2016, after racing concludes. The dinner is provided at no cost to competitors; a cash bar will be available.
- 25.3 Awards presentations will be held at EYC Friday-Sunday, 23-25 September 2016, after racing concludes. Refer to SI 6.1 for time of day details. All skippers and crew are invited.



**FIGURE 1**

**J/30 North American Championship  
Rendezvous Location and Racing Area**

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