



J/105 EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP J/35 MID-ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIP 29 - 30 October 2016

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA
Event Website: www.annapolisyc.com/racing

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Boats may not protest other boats for breaking sailing instructions (SI) marked [NP] (no protest). This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaking SI marked [DP] (discretionary penalty) or for breaking RRS 55 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 1.3 For the J/105 class, the regatta is a Level A event in accordance with Class Rule (CR) 3.6.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website.
- 2.2 The race committee intends to use VHF radio channel 72 to communicate with the fleet while on the water. This will include information such as starting location, over-early hails, courses and other courtesy broadcasts. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted before 0900 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

No signals will be made ashore. Signals may be flown from the race committee signal boat while docked at AYC's Sailing Center or Clubhouse.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The event schedule will be:

Date	Time	
Saturday, 29 October	1100	First warning signal for first race of the day
	After Racing	Competitors Social at AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street)
Sunday, 30 October	1100	First warning Signal for the first race of the day (This changes NOR 6.1)
	1500	No warning signal will be made after this time
	After racing	Awards ceremony at the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street)

- 5.2 Three races are scheduled for Saturday and two races are scheduled for Sunday.
- 5.3 Races not completed on the scheduled day are rescheduled as the first races on the following day. Races not completed the last day of racing will not be sailed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag
J/105	Flag V
J/35	Flag K

6.2 Boats are not required to fly class flags.

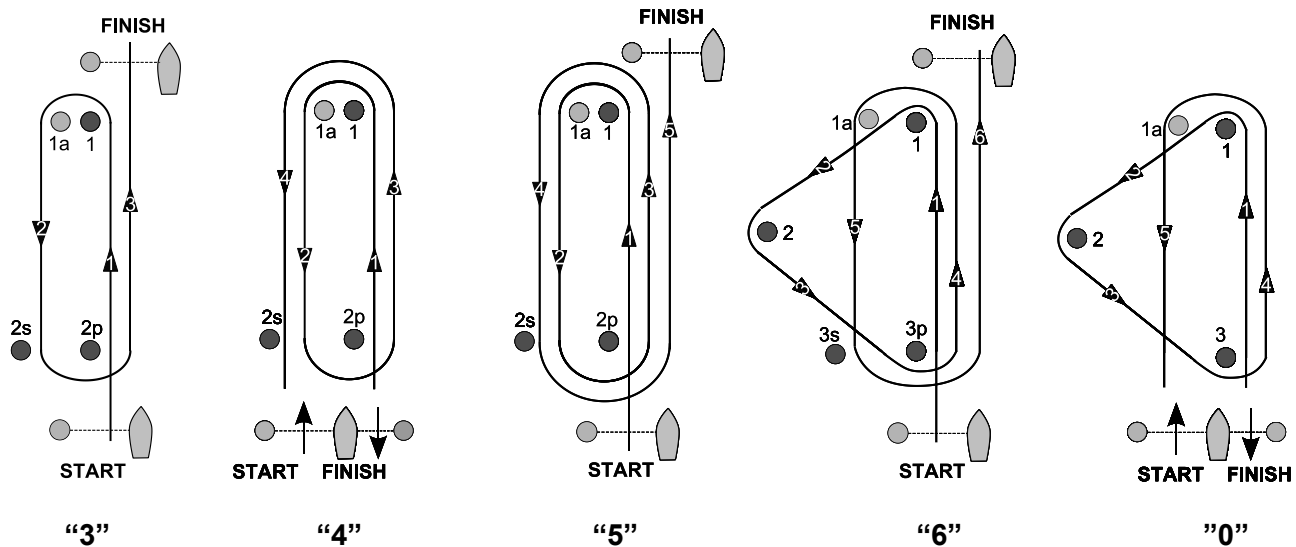
7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. See Attachment 1, Race Area.

7.2 The race committee will announce the approximate location of the racing area 60 minutes prior to the scheduled first warning signal of the day on VHF radio.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The courses will be as shown in the diagrams (not to scale). The marks and the order in which they are to be passed are listed below:



Course 3: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 4: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind

Course 5: Start, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, 1, 1a, 2s/2p, Finish Upwind

Course 6: Start, 1, 2, 3p, 1, 1a, 3s/3p, Finish Upwind

Course 0: Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, Finish Downwind

8.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display 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 If "NO GATE" is displayed with the course number the gate marks will be replaced with a single mark to be left to port.

8.4 If the race committee signal boat displays flag C before the warning signal, accompanied by a series of repetitive sounds, the first mark of the course is to be a change mark.

9 MARKS

9.1 Starting marks, finishing marks, and mark 1a will be lime green cylinders. All other marks of the course will be orange cylinders. New marks used in accordance with SI 12 will be orange cylinders with a dark colored band.

9.2 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 THE START

10.1 The starting order for the first race of each day will be the J/35 class followed by the J/105 class.

- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 10.5 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 A5. When flag U is used as the preparatory signal, RRS 29.1 does not apply.

11 **RECALLS**

The race committee will attempt to announce boats identified as OCS by transmitting sail numbers over VHF radio. Failure to hear or receive such broadcasts, timeliness of broadcast or the order of sail numbers announced, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 (Changing the Position of the Next Mark) and RRS Race Signals.

13 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee finish boat and the course side of the 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 T, Section B (Post-Race Penalties) will apply.

15 **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1 The race will be abandoned for a class if no boat in that class has rounded the first mark within 40 minutes after the start.
- 15.2 In each class, the time limit is 2 hours. 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 and A5.

16 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest or at the front desk of the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street). Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Protests may also be delivered via email to protestcommittee@annapolisyc.org
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boats docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions 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 and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the AYC Clubhouse (12 Dock Street).

17 SCORING

17.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

17.2 One completed race is required to constitute a series.

17.3 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 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. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.

18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16 and 72.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 [NP] 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 US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

18.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, and 61.3.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be given to the skipper of boats placing 1st through 5th overall (This changes NOR 15.1).

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

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

21 INSURANCE

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

