



2025 ANNAPOLIS to NEWPORT RACE

Race start dates: June 6 and 7, 2025

Organizing Authority (OA): Annapolis Yacht Club.

Assisted by the Ida Lewis Yacht Club, Naval Academy Sailing, and Storm Trysail Club

<http://www.annapolisnewportrace.com/>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS including Amend 1 & 2

Amendments in **bold italics**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule 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 a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

All times are US Eastern Time.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The instructions supplied with the YB Tracker rank as rules (see SI 17).
- 1.3 RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors racing aboard any boat which is being double handed, to wear personal flotation devices at all times when above deck.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility will apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise.

2 SAFETY

- 2.1 [NP] **MANDATORY CHECK-IN** - Approximately 60 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal, the race committee will anchor a check-in vessel displaying flag L approximately 200 yards north of R"2" at the outer end of the Annapolis Harbor Channel.
- 2.2 [NP] Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the check-in boat, hail her sail number and the number of persons on board, and receive a verbal confirmation by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 10% scoring penalty (see RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.2, A4 and A5.
- 2.3 **RETIREMENT** - A boat that retires from the race shall, as soon as possible, notify the race office. If a boat is unable to promptly reach the race office, she shall promptly contact the U.S. Coast Guard on VHF 16. Prompt notification of retirement is mandatory due to the possibility of a U.S. Coast Guard search for a missing boat at immense cost and risk to personnel.
- 2.4 A boat that retires from the race shall, within two weeks of their retirement, send a written report to the Race Office describing the reasons for the boat retiring from the race.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on June 5, except that any change to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 on June 4.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 ***The Race Office can be reached by telephone at (410)858-4964 (See 22.1) or by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. In Annapolis, the race office is located within the***

Harborside Director's office at the western end of the 1st floor of the AYC Sailing Center. In Newport, the race office is located at the Newport Yachting Center.

- 4.2 The official notice board is electronic and located at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=13210>
- 4.3 In the starting and finishing areas, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with boats by VHF radio on channel 73.
- 4.4 Each boat shall monitor VHF channel 16 from 10 minutes after the start until arriving in Newport or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the race office.
- 4.5 Each boat shall continuously transmit its position using its Automatic Identification System (AIS) transceiver, required by US Safety Equipment Requirements, beginning no later than her start until arriving in Newport or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the race office.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No official signals will be displayed ashore. Any notifications will be posted on the official notice board and emailed to competitors.

6 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Wed June 4	0900-1700	Registration at AYC Sailing Center/Tracker pickup/Truck gear drop
Thu June 5	0900-1700	Registration at AYC Sailing Center/Tracker pickup/Truck gear drop
Fri June 6	1100	First warning signal (see Attachment A for warning signals for each class)
Sat June 7	1100	First warning signal (see Attachment A for warning signals for each class)

Mon June 9 0900-2200 Race Office open at the Newport Yachting Center /Tracker Return

Tues June 10 0900-2200 Race Office open at the Newport Yachting Center /Tracker Return/Gear pick up from truck

Wed June 11 0900-1700 Race Office open at the Newport Yachting Center /Tracker Return
1530 Awards Party and Reception at The Deck Restaurant, 1 Waites Wharf, Newport, RI 02840.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 See Attachment A for class flags.
- 7.2 Class flags are not required to be flown for the race.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course is as follows (distance is approximately 473 nm):
- (a) Start near R"2" off the mouth of the Severn River.
 - (b) Sail south down the Chesapeake Bay.
 - (c) Leave the northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to port and the southern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel to starboard.
 - (d) Leave the Chesapeake Light Tower to port.
 - (e) Finish off Castle Hill Light on Newport Neck, Rhode Island.
- 8.2 If a rocket launch is scheduled at the NASA Wallops Flight Facility during the race, the OA may post a notice no later than 1800 on June 5 prohibiting boats from sailing through the danger zone defined in CFR 33, Chapter II, §334.130. See "Danger Zone 334.130" on NOAA Chart 12210.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2 The start will be just south of R"2" off the mouth of the Severn River.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between staffs with orange flags on a race committee signal vessel at the western end and a race committee vessel at the eastern end.
- 9.4 [DP][NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

10 RECALLS

- 10.1 The race committee will attempt to notify boats identified as OCS by VHF on channel 73. A boat shall not base a request for redress on failure to transmit or receive such notifications. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish will be in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay between the Lighthouse (Iso R 6s 39ft) on Castle Hill, Newport Neck, Rhode Island and a virtual finish mark located 0.20 NM (400 yards) from the lighthouse on a line bearing 300 degrees magnetic. The co-ordinates of the virtual mark are: 41 degrees 27.79 N/071 degrees 22.02 W
- 11.2 When approximately 15 minutes from finishing, a boat shall hail the race committee on VHF channel 73. Boats shall continue to hail the race committee at 3 minute intervals until acknowledged by the race committee
- 11.3 A boat finishing at night shall use a bright light to illuminate her sail numbers. A handheld flashlight is not sufficient for this purpose.
- 11.4 A boat shall take her own finishing time and shall report her finishing time to the race office within two hours of finishing. Between the hours of 2200 and 0900, this shall be done by telephone, otherwise it can be done either in person, or by telephone. A boat failing to comply with this requirement will be penalized by having 20 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.2, A4 and A5.
- 11.5 When approaching the harbor after finishing, boats should use VHF channel 69 to contact the welcoming committee. Note: The welcoming committee may not be on duty to assist you with docking at all hours.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.3. Scoring Penalty, will apply with the following changes:
- (a) The requirement to fly a yellow flag is deleted from RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b).
 - (b) A boat taking a scoring penalty shall, at the time of the incident, attempt to notify the other boat via VHF channel 16.
 - (c) The requirement in 44.3(b) to notify the race committee shall be met by submitting a Penalty Acceptance Form (available at the race office or online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>) within the protest time limit at the race office, either in person or by email). The penalty for not meeting this reporting time, shall be determined by the protest committee.
- 12.2 RRS 60.2(a)(1) is replaced with: “If the protestor is a boat, she shall hail ‘Protest’ and conspicuously display a red flag, at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall notify the boat being protested by VHF channel 16 of her intent to protest. The red flag does not need to be flown until the boat is no longer *racing*.”
- 12.3 The penalty for breaking a rule and not accepting a scoring penalty may be less than disqualification. The protest committee may penalize a boat by disqualifying her, adding time to her elapsed time, or by adding points to her race score.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 There is no time limit. A boat that does not finish by 0800 on Wednesday, June 7, shall attempt to notify the race office, either by VHF channel 73 or telephone, of their position and their estimated time of arrival. Late finishing boats may be required to take their own finishing time and notify the race office.

14 RENDERING ASSISTANCE

- 14.1 All boats are reminded of the responsibility imposed by good seamanship and RRS 1.1 (Helping Those in Danger).
- 14.2 If a boat stops racing to render assistance in compliance with RRS 1.1, they should log their position and the time when they pause racing and when they resume racing. The boat should then file a request for redress under RRS 61.1(a).

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 For boats that finish between 0600 and 1800, the protest time limit is 4 hours after a boat’s finish. For boats finishing after 1800 and 0600, the protest time limit is 1000.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms are available on the official notice board and at the Race Office in Newport. Protests, requests for redress or reopening, shall be submitted to the Race Office, (either in person or by email) within the protest time limit.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted as soon as practical after the Race Office receives a protest. The protest committee will attempt to notify the parties by email and/or telephone. Protest and redress hearings will be held at the Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport, RI.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 ORC Classes will be scored TOT, Single number A/P, or single number predominantly upwind, or single number predominately downwind based on observed conditions.
- 16.2 The PHRF Classes will be scored TOT, using the A factor of 650 and B factor of 550.

17 GPS TRANSPONDER

- 17.1 Each boat shall carry a YB GPS tracker supplied by the organizing authority. This is in addition to the required AIS transceiver.
- 17.2 The tracker shall be mounted and maintained in accordance with the instructions supplied with the unit and shall remain on throughout the duration of the race.
- 17.3 The tracker shall be returned to the race office in Newport between 0900 and 2200 as soon as practical after finishing. Refer to the tracker document assigned at the in person registration desk, for additional information on returns.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 All entrants will be awarded a participation plaque.
- 18.2 The following prizes will recognize performance within each class:
 - (a) Best in Class: Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats in each class based on corrected time.
 - (b) First Out of the Bay: prizes will be awarded to the first boat in each class to pass through the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel when the northern island of the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel bears 060 magnetic.
- 18.3 The following prizes will recognize overall performance in the ORC divisions.
 - (a) The Blue Water Bowl will be awarded by US Naval Academy Sailing to the boat with the largest corrected time margin in each division.
 - (b) The City of Newport Trophy will be awarded to the navigator of the boat with the largest corrected time margin.
 - (c) The Donald Trumpy Memorial Trophy will be presented by the Annapolis Yacht Club to the boat with the second largest corrected time margin in each division.
 - (d) The Ida Lewis Yacht Club Trophy will be presented by the Ida Lewis Yacht Club to the boat with the third largest corrected time margin in each division.
 - (e) The Lighthouse Trophy will be presented to the boat which has the best corrected time and an ORC Dynamic Allowance of .230% or greater.
For prizes based on corrected time margin, a boat's "corrected time margin" will be the difference between her corrected time and the average of the corrected time of the top 5 boats in her class.
- 18.4 The following prizes will recognize overall performance of boats in any division representing a Service Academy.
 - (a) The SURFLANT Prize will be awarded by the Commander, Surface Forces, Atlantic, to the Service Academy boat with the best corrected time calculated using the ORC rating system.
 - (b) The Gerber Cup will be awarded to the Naval Academy boat with the best corrected time calculated using the ORC rating system.
 - (c) The Cary Arthur Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Midshipman Navigator of the Naval Academy boat with the best corrected time calculated using the ORC rating system.
- 18.5 The Commodore Peter H. Magruder Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the monohull boat with the lowest elapsed time among all boats starting on Saturday.
- 18.6 The Chip Thayer Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the non-foiling monohull boat with the lowest elapsed time among all boats starting on Friday.
- 18.7 The Youth Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the boat in any division with the best corrected time margin hat races with a minimum of 3 sailors that are under 25 (born June 7, 1994 or later) and not from a service academy.
- 18.8 The Yacht Club Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the team of 3 boats from the same yacht club that has the lowest total of normalized scores for each boat on the team.

- 18.9 The James Allsopp Seafarer Trophy will be awarded to the boat (when there are at least 4 eligible boats) with the best combined score in the 2023 Annapolis Newport Race and the 2024 Newport-Bermuda Race. The best combined score will be the boat with the lowest total of her class in each race.
- 18.10 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

19 RISK STATEMENT/DECISION TO RACE

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Annapolis Yacht Club and/or personnel supporting this regatta will not accept, and are not subject to, any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 19.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance, on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 combined single limit per incident or shall be a vessel representing a U.S. Government Agency. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 22.1 Contact Information Email: info@annapolisnewportrace.com
Mail: Annapolis-Newport Race Committee, PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404
By phone: Prior to start and during registration: **410-858-4964**
After the start: **(410)881-7470**