



2025 Fall Race to Solomons Saturday September 20, 2025

Co-Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland, USA and Southern Maryland Sailing Association,
Solomons, Maryland

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



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR 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 all monohull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.3 For all multihull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.4 All crew aboard a boat without lifelines, a multihull or any boat racing double handed, must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times when on deck. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5 All boats in all classes are to have a minimum crew of two persons.
- 1.6 ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <http://www.orcches.org>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is electronic and will be located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/17011>
- 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.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Multihull, PHRF A, PHRF B/C, ORC Open, ORC Performance Cruiser, J/105 and CHESSS (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker) classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 3 paid entries by 1200 on Wednesday, September 18. Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum will be returned.
- 4.3 Boats shall enter online at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/17011>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all registration steps and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats in the Multihull classes shall have a valid rating from the Chesapeake Multihull Association. For more information, visit <http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org>

- 4.6 Boats in an ORC class shall have the appropriate valid ORCi, ORC Club, or ORC Non-Spinnaker rating certificate. For more information, visit <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/#rating-rules-handicapping-systems> or <http://orc.org>
- 4.7 Boats in a PHRF class shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>
- 4.8 The OA will post class assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, September 18. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, September 18.

5 FEES

5.1

ORC Class Entries: Early entry fee is \$75 up until 1700 on Monday, September 9. After that an entry fee of \$90 will be accepted until 1200 on Wednesday, September 18.
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Multihulls, J/105s, CHESSS and PHRF Classes: Early entry fee is \$65 up until 1700 on Monday, September 9. After that an entry of \$80 will be accepted until 1200 on Wednesday, September 18.
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5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The first warning signal for the race is scheduled for 0930. Classes will be started in approximate "reverse order" with slower classes starting first.

7 VENUE

7.1 The race will be a point-to-point race using government marks from Thomas Point, Annapolis, MD to Solomons, MD.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The start will be near G/R can "SR" located near and east of Thomas Point Light.

8.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:

- (a) Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
- (b) R"84", passed to port,
- (c) Sharps Island Light passed to port,
- (d) Restricted Area marks "G" and "H" north and near of Cove Point, passed to starboard.
- (e) G"77", rounded to starboard.

8.3 The finish will be near the entrance to the Patuxent River as detailed in the SIs.

8.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding mark G"77".

8.5 The time limit to finish is 1900 hours. Boats not finishing by 1900 hours will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. Boats scored TLE will be scored two places greater than the number of boats finishing in that class, but not worse than the number of starters.

9 SCORING

9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.

9.2 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time ratings where $TCF = 650 / (550 + TOD \text{ handicap})$. The race committee will assign the course type rating on race day as detailed in the SIs.

9.3 Corrected times for ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind speed for handicapping prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.

9.4 Corrected times for Multihull classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each

competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, which are assumed by the competitor.

11 INSURANCE

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

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters.
- 12.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
- (a) Pavana Trophy: best overall corrected time in ORC.
 - (b) America's Trophy: this event will be part of the season series for overall performance in ORC.
 - (c) AYC J/105 Regatta Series Trophy : this event will be part of the season AYC series for overall performance in the J/105 class.
- 12.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

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