



AYC Two Bridge Fiasco Race

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club

Annapolis, Maryland, <http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or"

2 SAFETY

- (a) [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity and receive verbal confirmation from the race committee.
- 2.2 RRS40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices at all times.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal 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 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located
- 4.2 The race office can be reached by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org or 410-858-4964. Forms can be found online at <https://www.annapolisyc.com/on-the-water/racing-and-results/race-office>.
- 4.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 4.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 71. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.

5 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals flown ashore will be flown from flagpole at the AYC Main Clubhouse and posted on the official notice board.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Sunday, August 2, 2026.
- 7.2 A pursuit style starting sequence will be published by 2000 on Friday, July 31, 2026.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be in the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 There are two courses as shown in SI Attachment 1. Course A is approximately 10.5 NM in length. Course B is approximately 6.5 NM in length. The Race Committee will announce and post the course selected on a whiteboard on the Signal Boat. Competitors should use the start sequence corresponding to the course posted.

- 9.2 The start and finish location will be at yellow weather buoy “AN” off the mouth of the Severn River. Boats may start and finish in either direction.
- 9.3 When transiting to and from the Chesapeake Bay mark, competitors shall pass Yellow “A” on the channel side (i.e. competitors shall not pass between Yellow “A.” and Greenbury Point).
- 9.4 After starting, boats shall round all course marks to port and then finish. Boats may round the two course marks in either order.
- 10 MARKS**
- 10.1 Course A will use inflatable orange marks. Course B will use Government marks.
- 10.1 (a) The marks for COURSE A will be near the William Preston Lane Bridge (Rt 50 Bay Bridge) at approximately 38-59.50/76-23.80 and near the Naval Academy Bridge at approximately 38-59.50/76-29.00. These will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.1 (b) The marks for COURSE B will use Hacketts Green Can C1 for the Chesapeake Bay Mark and Green Can 13 off the Naval Academy seawall for the Severn River mark.
- 10.2 The start and finishing mark will be yellow weather buoy “AN”
- 11 [NP] MANDATORY CHECK-IN**
- 11.1 A race committee check-in boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards west of the starting line. 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 20% scoring penalty (see RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 12 THE START**
- 12.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.2 Each boat shall have an assigned pursuit style starting time corresponding to her rating (either PHRF or Portsmouth converted to PHRF) and calculated for the course distance.
- 12.3 Boats may start no earlier than their assigned start time.
- 12.4 Starting times may be altered by postponement.
- 12.5 As a courtesy only, the race committee will make periodic broadcasts via VHF of the time during the pursuit style starting sequence.
- 12.6 The starting line is closed from the time of the initial warning signal and competitors shall not cross the line unless starting or finishing. Competitors crossing the line before their starting time will be recorded as OCS.
- 12.7 When a boat is OCS, she shall not return to the prestart side of the starting line and will have 10 minutes added to her actual elapsed time without a hearing. Flag X will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29, and A5.
- 12.8 Because boats can start in either direction, both sides of the starting line are the pre-start side of the starting line until a boat actually starts.
- 13 THE FINISH**
- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finish mark. Unless shortened, the finish will be in the same place as the start.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS/US Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, will apply.
- 14.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.
- 15 TIME LIMITS**
- 15.1 The time limit is 5 hours from the start of the first boat. Boats that have started and fail to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 16.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 4.2).
- 16.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 16.4 The intent of the protest committee is to schedule and conduct hearings as soon as possible after racing. 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.
- 16.5 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Boats will be scored in the order of their finishes. A boat scored TLE will be assigned points equal to the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit, plus 2. This changes A5 and A10.

18 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC

- 18.1 [NP] [DP] A boat shall 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.
- 18.2 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 18.3 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for failure to comply with SI 18.1 based on information received from any source. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

19 PRIZES

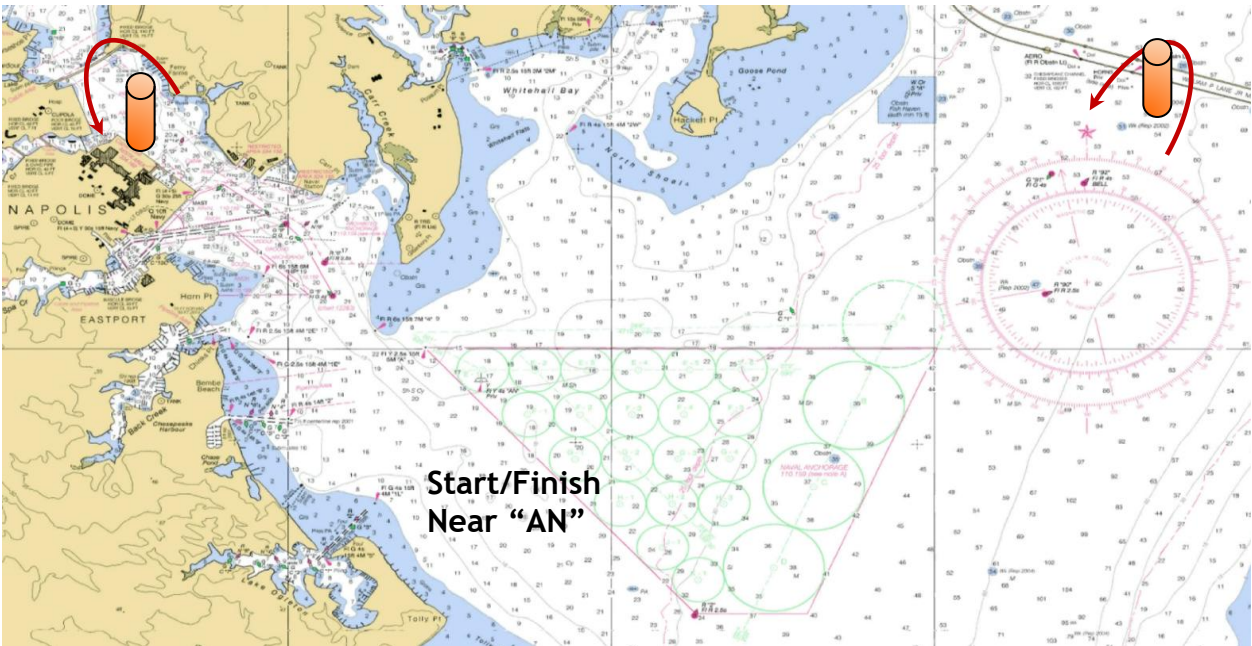
- 19.1 There will be no prizes awarded, other than bragging rights.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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.' 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.

SI Attachment 1

Course A



Course B

