

Fall Race to Solomons Saturday, September 26, 2026



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.

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, multihulls, 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/50573>
- 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 23. 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/50573>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the regatta, a boat shall complete all entry requirements including paying 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 23. The OA may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, September 25.

5 FEES

5.1

ORC Class Entries: Early entry fee is \$75 up until 1700 on Monday, September 14. After that an entry fee of \$90 will be accepted until 1200 on Wednesday, September 23.

Multihulls, J/105s, CHESSE 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 located approximately 0.5nm south 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 at Patuxent River Light R "6".
- 8.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding mark G"77".
- 8.5 There will be no time limit.

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.