

AYC 86th Fall Series Regatta



Fall Series 1: October 3 & 4, 2026

CBYRA Sanction #26-323 & 26-324

Fall Series 2: October 10 & 11, 2026

CBYRA Sanction #26-325 & 26-326

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD USA

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

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 For ORC Classes only: the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>
- 1.3 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J-105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 1A. J-105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>.
- 1.4 1.5.1 The Vakaros Race Sense system is intended to be utilized by the RC. This changes RRS 41. See NoR Addendum 1.
- 1.5 ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <https://orcches.org/>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50574>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, and FEES

- 4.1 The classes that are invited to participate, the dates and format of racing, and the entry fees are:

Fall Series 1:

Both days: J/105, J/30, J/70, J/80 and Viper 640.

Entry fee \$115.

Fall Series 2:

Bay Circle: Both days: ORC Open. Sunday only: ORC Performance Cruiser & Cal 25

Entry Fee for ORC Performance Cruiser & Cal 25 \$75, all other classes \$115.

Inside Circle: Saturday only: Harbor 20, J/22 and Sonars. Entry Fee \$75

- 4.2 Boats wishing to enter shall enter online at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50574>
- 4.3 Fall Series 1 entry fees are due by 1700 on Friday, September 23.
Fall Series 2 entry fees are due by 1700 on Friday, October 2.
Entry fees are non-refundable and payable upon entry.
- 4.4 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 5 paid entries by 1200 on Friday, October 2 for Fall Series 1 and Friday, October 9 for Fall Series 2. Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum entries will be returned.
- 4.5 Boats in an ORC class shall have the appropriate valid ORC certificate for their chosen class, see <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orc/>. The OA may change the assignment of an ORC boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, October 2.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry and be scored in the regatta, a boat shall complete all entry/registration steps and pay all fees.
- 4.7 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards parties.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The warning signal for the first race each day of the regatta is scheduled for 1100.
- 5.2 (a) Fall Series 1: 5 races are scheduled. A maximum of 3 W/L races per day will be sailed.
(b) Fall Series 2: Outside Courses:
 - (1) For ORC Open classes: Up to 2 W/L races are scheduled for Saturday and one government mark race is scheduled for Sunday. ORC Performance Cruising and Cal 25 classes will sail one government mark race on Sunday.
- (c) Fall Series 2 Inside Courses Saturday only: 3 races are scheduled.
- 5.3 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1530
- 5.4 An awards party will take place at 1730 on both Saturday and Sunday of each Fall Series weekend. Trophies will be awarded on the last day of racing for each class.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 (a) Fall Series 1: The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
(b) Fall Series 2: The racing area for the Outside Courses will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. The racing area for the Inside Courses will be in the Chesapeake Bay between Bembe Beach and the entrance to Lake Ogleton.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 (a) Fall Series 1: W/L courses will be sailed
(b) Fall Series 2 (Bay Circle): W/L courses will be sailed on Saturday. One government mark course race will be sailed on Sunday.
(c) Fall Series 2 (Inside Circle, Saturday only): W/L courses will be sailed.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.
- 8.2 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind strength prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.
- 8.3 The ORC Open government mark race on Sunday, October 11 of Fall Series 2 will be weighted at 1.25 for scoring purposes.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 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.

10 INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover 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.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters (boats starting in at least one race), 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters.
- 11.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the SIs):
- (a) Viking Trophy: best performance in ORC.
 - (b) Chesapeake Trophy: first in ORC 1.
 - (c) Commodore H.H.J. Benson Trophy: first in ORC 2.
 - (d) Harwood S. Strange Trophy: first in ORC 3.
 - (e) William G. Sullivan Trophy: first in the J/30 class.
 - (f) Charles Dell Trophy: first in the J/105 class.
 - (g) J/22 Club Championship: best performance by a member of AYC, EYC or SSA in the J/22 class.
 - (h) America's Trophy: this event will be part of AYC's season series for overall performance in ORC.
 - (i) G. di Marzo Centennial Cup: This event will be part of the Harbor 20 Fleet 5 Championship (along with the Spring Harbor Regatta).
 - (j) Charlie Husar Memorial Trophy: first place in Cal 25 class
- 11.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

ADDENDUM 1

[NP] [DP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat registered in the regatta whose Class will be using Vakaros RaceSense shall submit a scan or photo of the Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge lead screen with QR code to lambrose@annapolisyc.org

RS.2. Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense prior to racing. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may rent a device at Vakaros.com.

RS.3 Competitors shall:

- a) calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before racing. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure their device remains in proper calibration throughout the event.

https://youtu.be/CA68kFUbPgI?si=2wRoIEx_FD7Y0f3



- b) turn their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge on and keep it on until after sailing each day.
c) turn their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approximately 100 hours.
d) ensure their device Firmware and GPS are updated to the most recent versions:

Firmware: <https://youtu.be/qgelN4KS3f0?si=mcZpd5HvVegHH7xO>



GPS:

https://youtu.be/b0nkHbl_jDc?si=1qZANR5MdqmhHMAk



e) For the J/105 Class Only: Competitors shall mount the Atlas 2 or Edge either square to the hull on the aft-side of the mast (primary location) or on centerline on the aft-side of the coachroof (optional location). If the device is not installed at the mast location, the device's location (as measured from the foremost point of the bow to the back of the device) must be provided to the OA prior to racing.

RS.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC) and the relevant information will be available to all boats.

RS.5 Instructions for using the electronic Atlas 2 can be found here [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) or Atlas Edge can be found here [Atlas Edge User Guide](#).

RS.6 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff or RC on the water or ashore of any device issues.

RS.7 The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. RRS 26 Signal flags and any sounds will only be used for information purposes. This changes RRS 26.

- RS.8** The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, no VHF hail will be made, flag X will not be displayed, and no sound will be made modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.
- RS.9** The starting line is between a Vakaros device mounted to the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel and a Vakaros device mounted to the start pin.
- RS.10** Any alleged failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and RRS 61.1(c).
- RS.11** If the RC vessel displays flag “O” Oscar with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.7, RS.8 and RS.9 inclusive will not apply to that race.
- RS.12** If the RC vessel displays flag “R” Romeo with a long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of two (2) minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- RS.13** If firmware updates to Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, a notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS and posted on the Official Notice Board.