



2026-2027 AYC Frostbite Series
Series 1: November 15 - December 20, 2026
Series 2: February 7 - March 14, 2027
Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, Maryland, USA
<https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation '[NP]' in this document 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 Each boat shall race with at least three crew (including the skipper) with body weights of at least 100 pounds.
- 1.3 While racing, a boat's crew may not change sails, leave the cockpit, extend body limbs over the lifelines or deck perimeter, or emerge from a hatch beyond the waist.
- 1.4 RRS 55.2 (Spinnaker Poles; Whisker Poles) is changed such that no Spinnaker Pole or Whisker Pole shall be used while racing. Any other outrigger type shall comply with RRS 55.3.
- 1.5 For all boats competing in ORC and PHRF classes, the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) will apply. <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/SER-2025.0-Monohull-Nearshore.pdf>
- 1.6 **(DP) All crew (including the skipper) shall wear a USCG approved PFD at all times while racing.**

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 2.1 The SIs will be available on the event website approximately 10 days prior to the first scheduled race.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be electronic located at:
Series 1: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50577>
Series 2: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50578>
- 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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Cal 25, Harbor 20, Sonar, J/22, J/24, J/30, J/70, J/80, J/105, ORC, and PHRF classes are invited to participate. Boats should enter online at:
*Series 1: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50577>
*Series 2: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50578>
***Boats entered in Series 1 will automatically be entered in Series 2 unless opting not to enter in Series 2**
- 4.2 The person in charge of entering a boat shall be a regular, active participant on the boat for the regatta and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.
- 4.3 Boats entered in PHRF shall have a valid 2026 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating.

- 4.4 Boats in an ORC class shall have a valid 2026 ORC Non-Spinnaker certificate, see <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>. A boat's certificate when they enter shall be used for both Series 1 and 2.
- 4.5 For a one-design class to be scored as a separate class for a series, it must have a minimum of 5 entries by 1200 on Friday, November 13, 2026.
- 4.6 The race committee will determine the starting order and the ORC splits. More than one class may start at the same time.
- 4.7 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for one or both series, including the Hangover Bowl, is \$275. Entries for Series 1 are due by 1700 on Monday, November 9, 2026. New entries for Series 2 are due by 1700 on Monday, February 1, 2027. Entry fees are payable in full upon entering and are non-refundable.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards. Additional details will be included on the event website or the sailing instructions.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The event will consist of two series:
 - (a) Series 1 - November 15 - December 20, 2026.
 - (b) Series 2 - February 7 - March 14, 2027.

The Hangover Bowl will be sailed on January 1, 2027 (separate NoR) and is not part of the Frostbite series.

- 6.2 Two races are scheduled each day with the first warning at 1200.
- 6.3 Lunch and refreshments will be served between races at the AYC Main Clubhouse

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The courses will use a mix of inflatable or robotic marks and government marks on Spa Creek and the Severn River as described in the sailing instructions.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 8.1 RRS 44.3, Scoring Penalty, will apply as changed by the sailing instructions. RRS 44.2, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties, will NOT apply.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as modified by the SIs.
- 9.2 Six days of racing are scheduled for each Series. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 9.4 Corrected times for PHRF will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring and "Random Course Handicap (Non-Spinnaker)" ratings.
- 9.5 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind strength prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.

10 DOCKING

- 10.1 Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that violate this rule will be responsible for all charges from the Yacht Basin.
- 10.2 Boats may tie up to and raft off the docks owned by AYC but may not extend over the AYC property line.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given for the top 3 boats in each class in each Series.
- 11.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded for the combined Series 1 & 2(as further described in the Sailing Instructions):
 - (a) Buck Smith Perpetual Trophy: To the overall Frostbite season winner of the Cal 25 class.
 - (b) Clark Memorial Trophy: To the overall Frostbite season winner of the ORC class.
 - (c) Commodore's Cup: Best in Fleet Overall Frostbite Season Award
 - (d) Best Overall PHRF To the overall Frostbite season winner of the PHRF class.
- 11.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12 RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.

13 INSURANCE

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

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For more information contact AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose:
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