



MARYLAND CURES CANCER REGATTA



Saturday, 13 June 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

Assist by:

Annapolis Yacht Club

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association

Maryland Yacht Club

Rock Creek Racing Association

CBYRA Sanction #26-310

NOTICE OF RACE

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 shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 For classes who will sail the pursuit-style race, under World Sailing Rule DR21-01-V3.0, the definition **Start** is changed as follows:

Start A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:

 - (a) at or after her starting signal, or,
 - (b) at any time after the Preparatory Signal, but before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition **Start**, five (5) minutes plus the amount of time she was on the course side early will be added to her elapsed time.
- 1.3 Neither spinnakers nor double headsails are permitted in the Cure Cruising Class. Entrants with racing experience are not permitted in the Cure Cruising Class; they shall participate in one of the other classes.
- 1.4 PHRF N competitors only may use double headsails.
- 1.5 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J/105 Fleet 3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 2C. J/105 Fleet 3 Articles/Rules can be found at j105fleet3.org/rules.
- 1.6 ORC class rules are as modified by ORC of the Chesapeake, which can be found at orcches.org.
- 1.7 RRS 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”.
- 1.8 [NP] Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at eastportyc.org/regattas.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by 2000 on Saturday, 30 May 2026, via a link at eastportyc.org/regattas.



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3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board can be accessed via a link at eastportyc.org/regattas.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 63, 71, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 In the Annapolis Fleet, this event is open to boats of the following classes, provided three (3) or more paid registrations are received by 1200 on Friday, 12 June 2026:

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| PHRF A | PHRF B | PHRF C |
| PHRF N | PHRF Cruiser Spinnaker | PHRF Cruiser Non-Spinnaker |
| ORC Open | ORC Performance Cruiser | CRCA Racer |
| CRCA Cruiser | CRCA Non-Spinnaker | Multihull |
| Cal 25 | Harbor 20 | J/30 |
| J/105 | Viper 640 | Cure Cruising |
| Jobson Spinnaker | Heintz Non-Spinnaker | |

- 4.2 The Herring Bay Fleet is open to boats in the following classes:
PHRF Spinnaker PHRF Non-Spinnaker
- 4.3 The Rock Creek Fleet is open to boats in the following classes:
CRCA Spinnaker CRCA Non-Spinnaker
- 4.4 Herring Bay and/or Rock Creek starts will be run provided a minimum of three (3) paid registrations for each location are received by 2000 on Thursday, 11 June 2026.
- 4.5 Participants competing in the CRCA, ORC, or PHRF classes shall have a valid 2026 rating certificate.
- 4.6 [NP] Boats that do not have a valid 2026 rating certificate and do not meet the requirement in NoR 1.4 shall compete in either the Jobson Spinnaker or the Heintz Non-Spinnaker class within the Annapolis Fleet. Boats competing in either of these classes will be assigned by the Organizing Authority (OA) a seconds-per-mile rating based on the available information about the boat. The rating assignment is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 4.7 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at eastportyc.org/regattas.
- 4.8 Additional classes will be accepted upon the receipt of three (3) or more paid entries by 1100 on Saturday, 06 June 2026.
- 4.9 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:
 - \$130 for paid entries received by 1100 on Wednesday, 10 June 2026.
 - \$160 for paid entries received after 1100 on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, but before 1100 on Friday, 12 June 2026.
- 5.2 Net proceeds from entry fees will be donated to [Blood Cancer United](http://BloodCancerUnited.org). Therefore, refunds will not be granted for cancelled registrations.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is:

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| Fri, 12 June | 1100 | Entry & registration closes |
| | 2000 | Course & individual start times for the pursuit race posted |
| Sat, 13 June | 1000 | Intended Warning Signal for the Herring Bay and Rock Creek Fleets |
| | 1100 | Intended Warning Signal for the first race for the Annapolis Fleet |
| | After racing | Rock the Dock party & awards presentation at EYC |



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7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area for the Annapolis Fleet will be on the Severn River and on the adjacent waters of the Chesapeake Bay.
- 7.2 The racing area for the Herring Bay Fleet will be on the Chesapeake Bay between Herring Bay and Annapolis.
- 7.3 The racing area for the Rock Creek Fleet will be on the Chesapeake Bay, between Seven Foot Knoll and Annapolis.
- 7.4 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The Annapolis Fleet will sail courses as noted below.
 - The Harbor 20 class will sail drop mark courses on the Severn River, which will be described in the SIs.
 - The Cal 25, Viper 640, PHRF Cruiser, Cure Cruising, Jobson Spinnaker, Heintz Non-Spinnaker, and PHRF N classes will sail one (1) pursuit-style race on Chesapeake Bay with a reverse-PHRF starting order using marks described in the SIs. This changes RRS 26.
 - The CRCA Racer, CRCA Cruiser, CRCA Non-Spinnaker, Multihull, and ORC Performance Cruiser classes will sail one (1) race on Chesapeake Bay using marks described in the SIs.
 - All other classes will sail drop mark courses on Chesapeake Bay as described in the SIs.
- 8.2 The Herring Bay and Rock Creek Fleets will sail one (1) government marks course on Chesapeake Bay, which will be described in the SIs.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
- 9.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
- 9.3 Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the Protest Committee. Details will be provided in the SIs.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 Handicap scoring for classes sailing the pursuit-style race will be in accordance with the PHRF Time-over-Distance Circular Random rating, and scoring will be in the order of finish.
- 10.2 PHRF classes sailing drop mark courses will be scored in accordance with the PHRF Time-on-Time (ToT) ratings.
- 10.3 PHRF classes sailing the distance races from Herring Bay and Rock Creek will be scored in accordance with PHRF ToT Circular Random ratings.
- 10.4 CRCA classes will be scored in accordance with Standard 5 Winds ToT ratings. The RC will determine the appropriate course configuration and wind range prior to scoring each race. The rating band selection is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 10.5 Multihull classes will be scored in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association rating system.
- 10.6 ORC classes will be scored in accordance with ORC ToT 5-Band ratings. The RC will determine the appropriate course type and wind range prior to scoring each race. The rating band selection is not subject to redress. This changes RRS 61.1.
- 10.7 For classes sailing drop mark courses, four (4) races are scheduled. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One (1) race constitutes a series.
- 10.8 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).



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11 RISK STATEMENT

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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. Refer to the EYC Full Risk Statement available at eastportyc.org/regattas.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 13 June 2026. The prizes within each class are as follows:

- 1st place for three (3) or more entries
- 2nd place for five (5) or more entries
- 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries

13.2 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

13.3 Participants who compete in all three (3) Annapolis-based charity regattas – Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup – will be eligible for the Weems & Plath Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy, to be awarded at the end of the season. The final standings will be a combination of race and fundraising results across all three (3) events.

14 ENVIRONMENT

[NP] This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



15 INFORMATION

For more information, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.

