



# CRAB CUP



Saturday, 15 August 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #26-315

## 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 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Articles IX of the local J/105 Fleet 3 Articles/Rules This event is designated as a Level 2C event. The J/105 Fleet 3 Articles can be found at [j105fleet3.org/rules](http://j105fleet3.org/rules).
- 1.4 Boats registered in the Beneteau First 22A (CRAB) class shall not use spinnakers. All other classes shall race in accordance with their Class Rules.
- 1.5 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”.
- 1.6 [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](http://eastportyc.org/regattas).

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at or before 1200 on Saturday, 01 August 2026, on the [Official Notice Board](#).

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online [Official Notice Board](#) will be online at the Yacht Scoring event page.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, 72, 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 This event is open to boats of the following classes, provided three (3) or more paid registrations are received by 1200 on Wednesday, 12 August 2026:

Beneteau First 22A (CRAB)	CC Spinnaker	CC Non-Spinnaker
PHRFA	PHRF B	PHRF C
PHRF N	PHRF Cruiser Spinnaker	PHRF Cruiser Non-Spinnaker
CRCA Racer	CRCA Cruiser	CRCA Non-Spinnaker
Cal 25 (Non-Spinnaker)	Harbor 20 (Single-Handed)	Harbor 20 (Full Crew)
J/30	J/105	Rainbow 24
Viper 640		

- 4.2 Participants competing in the CRCA and PHRF classes shall have a valid 2026 rating certificate.
- 4.3 Boats that do not have a valid 2026 rating certificate shall compete in either the CC Spinnaker class or the CC Non-Spinnaker class. 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.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter the event online at the Yacht Scoring [event registration](#) page.
- 4.5 Additional classes will be accepted upon the receipt of three (3) or more paid entries by 2000 on Thursday, 13 August 2026.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$100. Entries must be received by 2000 on Thursday, 13 August 2026.
- 5.2 Registration fees paid before 1200 on Friday, 31 July 2026, will receive one (1) extra Mount Gay hat and one (1) extra CRAB Cup T-shirt in the skipper’s bag.
- 5.3 Net proceeds from entry fees will be used to support CRAB’s mission and sailing programs. Therefore, refunds will not be granted for cancelled registrations.

#### **6 SCHEDULE**

The schedule of events is:

Thu, 13 August	2000	Entry & registration closes
Fri, 14 August	1700	Course & individual start times for the pursuit race posted
	1700-1930	Skipper’s bag available at EYC
Sat, 15 August	0830-1000	Skipper’s bag available at EYC
	1200	Intended Warning Signal for the pursuit race
		Intended Warning Signal for the Harbor 20 classes
	1600	Post-race party at EYC
	1700	Boatyard Bar & Grill buffet served
	1800	Expected start of awards presentation at EYC

#### **7 VENUE**

- 7.1 The racing area for the pursuit race will be on Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Severn River.
- 7.2 The racing area for the Harbor 20 classes will be on the Severn River.
- 7.3 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403.

#### **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The Harbor 20 classes will sail one (1) fixed mark CUP course on the Severn River, which will be described in the SIs.
- 8.2 The CRCA class(es) will sail one (1) race on Chesapeake Bay using marks described in the SIs.
- 8.3 All other 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.



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### 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 CRCA classes will be scored in accordance with Standard 5 Winds ToT 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.
- 10.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

### 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](http://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, 15 August 2026.
- 13.2 Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded for the overall finish positions in the pursuit race.
- 13.3 Special prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places will be awarded in Beneteau First 22A (CRAB) class.
- 13.4 The prizes within each class are as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place for three (3) or more entries
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place for five (5) or more entries
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place for seven (7) or more entries
- 13.5 The SpinSheet Award will be presented to the Skipper’s Challenge team raising the most funds for CRAB Cup (refer to the FUNDRAISING section in the Notice to Competitors document). The plaque will remain on permanent display at the Boatyard Bar & Grill.
- 13.6 The North Sails Award will be presented to the class with the largest number of entries. The plaque will remain on permanent display at the Boatyard Bar & Grill.
- 13.7 The top five (5) fundraisers in the CRAB Cup Skipper’s Challenge will receive a Helly Hansen jacket, a CRAB hat embroidered with “Top Fundraiser” on the back, and a set of commemorative engraved drink glasses toasting their success.
- 13.8 The “Best Costume/Dressed Sailing Crew” Award will be judged at the post-race party and presented to the crew that solicits the loudest audience applause.
- 13.9 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.
- 13.10 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.



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**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](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org).



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