



FALL BRAWL INVITATIONAL



Saturday-Sunday, 24-25 October 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #26-329

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 The Vakaros Atlas 2 or Vakaros Edge, and an active RaceSense subscription shall be required equipment for the J/70 and J/105 classes.
- 1.3 For the J/105 class:
 - 1.3.1 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 j105fleet3.org/rules.
 - 1.3.2 J/105 Class Rule (CR) 3.4 (owner-driver requirement) is revised to allow two (2) current J/105 Owners, as defined in J/105 CR 3.3, to drive during the event.
 - 1.3.3 J/105 CR 7.1 (crew weight) will not apply for crews of six (6).
- 1.4 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”.
- 1.5 [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, located under “Racing Resources.”

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available by 2000 on Saturday, 10 October 2026, on the [Official Notice Board](#).

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The [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, 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 For the Viper 640 and J/70 classes, the Fall Brawl Invitational is open to boats sailing in compliance with their respective class rules, provided five (5) or more paid registrations are received by 1100 on Friday, 23 October 2026.



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- 4.2 For the J/105 class:
- 4.2.1 The event is open to boats in the J/105 Class Fleet 3, sailing in compliance with their class rules, except as noted in NoR 1, provided ten (10) paid registrations are received by 1100 on Friday, 23 October 2026.
- 4.2.2 The number of J/105s will be capped at twenty (20) paid entries, on a first-come basis. Boats that attempt to enter after the cap is met will be added to a waitlist; no entry fee will be collected from boats on the waitlist. A boat on the waitlist will be offered entry if a previously-entered boat withdraws or cancels, based on the order they were added to the waitlist.
- 4.2.3 Each J/105 shall have a six- (6) or seven (7) person crew that is comprised of two (2) teams; a Local team and a Visiting team, each with at least three (3) team members, which includes the skipper. The skipper of each team shall be a J/105 owner.
- 4.2.4 Each J/105 shall sail with the same crew both days of the regatta. A written request for a crew change, including the reason for the change, shall be submitted to and approved by the Principal Race Officer (PRO) prior to the start of the affected race.
- 4.2.5 The Organizing Authority (OA) will attempt to not pair in this regatta Local and Visiting skippers paired together in a previous Fall Brawl Invitational.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event online at the Yacht Scoring [event registration](#) page.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees for the J/70 class (as a two- (2) day event) are as follows:
- \$120 for paid entries received by 1100 on Saturday, 17 October 2026.
 - \$195 for paid entries received after 1100 on Wednesday, 17 October 2026, but before 1100 on Friday, 23 October 2026.
- 5.2 The entry fees for the Viper 640 class (as a one- (1) day event) is as follows:
- \$60 for paid entries received by 1100 on Saturday, 17 October 2026.
 - \$95 for paid entries received after 1100 on Wednesday, 17 October 2026, but before 1100 on Friday, 23 October 2026.
- 5.3 The entry fee for the J/105 Invitational is \$195. Entries must be received before 1100 on Friday, 23 October 2026.
- 5.4 Limited free trailer storage for out-of-town entrants will be provided on a first come basis, effective Friday, 23 October 2026, through Monday, 26 October 2026. Entrants shall contact the EYC Waterfront Director as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements (waterfront@eastportyc.org; (410) 267-9549).

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 The schedule of events is:
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| Fri, 23 October | 1100 | Entry & registration closes |
| | 1600 | Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge device serial numbers submitted to race.committee@eastportyc.org (J/70 and J/105 classes only) |
| Sat, 24 October | 0800 | Competitors meeting at EYC |
| | 1030 | RC on-station and broadcast approximate location |
| | 1100 | Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day |
| | After racing | Post-race social for all classes; awards presentation for the Viper 640 class (provided they complete one (1) scored race) |
| | 1800 | J/105 Annual Fleet 3 Party at EYC |
| Sun, 25 October | 1000 | Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day |
| | 1400 | No Warning Signal after this time |
| | After racing | Post-race social; awards presentation for J/70 and J/105 classes |



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- 6.2 In the event of unfavorable sailing conditions on Saturday, 24 October 2026, the Viper 640 class will sail on Sunday, 25 October 2026. The decision to race will be made by the Principal Race Officer as soon as practicable; it is possible the decision could be made while on the water on Saturday.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 The racing area will be on Chesapeake Bay, in the vicinity of the mouth of the Severn River.
7.2 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403. EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants.

8 COURSES

Competitors will sail drop-mark windward/leeward course, as described in the SIs.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
9.2 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 For the Viper 640 class, four (4) races are scheduled, of which one (1) scored race is required to constitute a series.
10.2 For the J/70 class:
10.2.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which two (2) scored races are required to constitute a series.
10.2.2 If six (6) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
10.3 For the J/105 class:
10.3.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which one (1) scored race each for the Local and Visitor Teams is required to constitute a series.
10.3.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
10.3 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).
10.4 RRS A5.3 shall apply.

11 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (including the OA, RC, Protest Committee, EYC, sponsors, volunteers, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law, and as a condition to participation in the event, specifically agrees with the Waiver and Release 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.



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13 PRIZES

- 13.1 For the Viper 640 class, overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Saturday, 24 October 2026. If racing is postponed from Saturday to Sunday, prizes will be presented following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 25 October 2026. The prizes are as follows:
- 1st place for five (5) or more entries
 - 2nd place for six (6) or more entries
 - 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries
- 13.2 For the J/70 class:
- 13.2.1 Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 25 October 2026. The prizes are as follows:
- 1st place for five (5) or more entries
 - 2nd place for six (6) or more entries
 - 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries
- 13.2.2 The name of the winning J/70 skipper will be added to the EYC J/70 Fall Brawl Perpetual Award.
- 13.3 For the J/105 class, overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 25 October 2026. The prizes are as follows:
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places within the Local Teams standings
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places within the Visitor Teams standings
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place across the Overall (Local + Visitor) Teams standings
- 13.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

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

- 15.1 For more information about the Fall Brawl Invitational, contact race.committee@eastportyc.org.
- 15.2 For more information specific to the J/105 class, contact either:
- Fredrik Salvesen – fredrik@salvesen.me; (443) 994-5193
- Jon Slabaugh – slabaugh105@gmail.com; (301) 675-7810