



CAL 25 & J/30 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Wednesday-Sunday, 16-20 September 2026

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #26-319, 26-320, & 26-321

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 the Cal 25 class:
 - 1.2.1 The [Cal 25 National Rules and Specifications](#) and the [Cal 25 Annapolis Fleet Addendum and Clarifications to the Rules of the Cal 25 National Rules and Specifications](#).
 - 1.2.2 [DP] In addition to the restrictions in the Cal 25 National Rules, each boat shall complete and deliver the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) Race Committee (RC) Office by 1830 on Thursday, 17 September 2026, the following completed forms. Both forms are available for download from the [Official Notice Board](#).
 - Nationals Checklist for Inspection.
 - Crew Declaration Form. The crew named must be carried on that race day, except in the event of illness or other unforeseen circumstance, in which case the Protest Committee’s written approval of a substitution must be obtained prior to the first race of the day in which the substitute is to compete.
- 1.3 The [J/30 National Class Association rules](#) shall apply to entries in the J/30 class.
- 1.4 [NP] 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 after 2000 on Friday, 04 September 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, 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 in the Cal 25 & J/30 classes, sailing in compliance with their respective class rules.



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- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event online at the Yacht Scoring [event registration](#) page.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a skipper shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fees are as follows:
- \$400 for paid entries received by 1200 on Wednesday, 19 August 2026.
 - \$500 for paid entries received after 1200 on Wednesday, 19 August 2026, but before 1200 on Wednesday, 16 September 2026.
- 5.2 Berthing at no charge may be provided at EYC on a first come basis provided a request is submitted to the EYC Waterfront Director (waterfront@eastportyc.org; (410) 267-9549) before 2000 on Sunday, 30 August 2026.

6 SCHEDULE

The schedule of events is:

Wed, 16 September	1200	Entry closes
	1600-1900	J/30 Crew weigh-in & registration at EYC
Thu, 17 September	1000-1830	J/30 Class measurement, crew weight-in, & registration at EYC
	1730-1830	J/30 Board of Governors meeting at EYC
	1830	All boats must be afloat
	1830	Cal 25 Crew Declaration Forms and Sail Measurement Certificates delivered to EYC Race Committee Office
		Competitors meeting, social, & North Sails local knowledge pre-brief at EYC
Fri, 18 September	0800-0900	J/30 Crew weigh-in at EYC
	1030	RC on-station and broadcast approximate location
	1100	Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day
	After racing	Competitors social at EYC
Sat, 19 September	1030	RC on-station and broadcast approximate location
	1100	Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day
	After racing	Competitors social at EYC
Sun, 20 September	1030	RC on-station and broadcast approximate location
	1100	Intended Warning Signal for the first race of the day
	1330	No Warning Signal after this time
	After racing	Competitors social and awards presentation

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION & WEIGH-IN

- 7.1 For the Cal 25 class:
- 7.1.1 A valid Sail Measurement Certificate must be delivered to the EYC Race Committee Office by 1830 on Thursday, 17 September 2026.
- 7.1.2 Any sails measured and accepted/approved by one of the four (4) currently sanctioned local fleets will be accepted for use in this regatta.
- 7.2 For the J/30 class:
- 7.2.1 To complete the registration process, all crew shall complete weigh-in at EYC. Boats and sails may be measured at EYC during the measuring period and must meet the J/30 National Class Association Rules. Measurement time slots can be reserved at this [Sign Up Genius link](#).
- 7.2.2 All sails to be used during the event are subject to measurement, per Class rules. Changes or substitutions of sails as those intended to be used in the regatta (including sails that are lost,



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damaged beyond repair, or destroyed) may only be made with the written consent of the Chief Judge. This changes J/30 Class Rule (J/30 CR) 6.2.3.

- 7.2.3 In J/30 CR 5.14.1, Sailing Weight, the requirement for draft marks is waived. During measurement, sailing weight may be determined by measuring the distance for draft marks in accordance with J/30 CR 5.14.
- 7.2.4 Measurement or equipment inspections may be conducted before or after any race.
- 7.2.5 Changes to the crew list submitted at registration may only be made with the written consent of the Principal Race Officer. Copies of crew lists for all boats will be available for inspection during crew weigh-in. Changes to crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8 VENUE

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

9 COURSES

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

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.
- 10.2 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
- 10.3 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.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which three (3) scored races are required to constitute a series.
- 11.2 For the Cal 25 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.3 For the J/30 class, 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.
- 11.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

12 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] All boats shall complete registration and be in the water by 1830 hours on Thursday, 17 September 2026. A boat shall not be hauled out during the regatta without written approval by the Chief Judge.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 13.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the Preparatory Signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 13.2 A boat shall not have any of her underwater portions cleaned from the Preparatory Signal of the first race through the end of the regatta.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Support person vessels shall not be launched or docked at EYC. Support persons are responsible for making their own berthing arrangements.

15 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 Organizing Authority (OA), RC, Protest Committee, EYC, sponsors, volunteers, or any other



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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.

16 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.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at EYC following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, 20 September 2026.
- 17.2 For the Cal 25 class:
 - 17.2.1 Overall trophies will be awarded to the top five (5) finishers.
 - 17.2.2 The National Championship Regatta Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning boat.
- 17.3 For the J/30 class:
 - 17.3.1 The prizes are as follows:
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for seven (7) or more entries
 - 4th place for twelve (12) or more entries
 - 17.3.2 The J/30 North American Championship perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning skipper.
- 17.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

18 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.



19 INFORMATION

- 19.1 For information concerning the overall event:

EYC Race Committee	(410) 267-9549	race.committee@eastportyc.org
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- 19.2 For information specific to the Cal 25 class:

Shane Zwingelberg	(410) 935-8072	syzz@erols.com
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- 19.3 For information specific to the J/30 class:

Heidi Frist	(410) 703-7177	hmfrist1@verizon.net
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