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Annapolis Yacht Club

April 30–May 2, 2027 · Annapolis, MD

Including:
Melges 15 East Coast Championship
J/30 East Coast Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

Sailing World and the Annapolis Yacht Club are co-organizing authorities (OA) for this regatta. The Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) is the host club and will provide race management assisted by Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn Sailing Association. 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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:

(a) RRS 60.4(a) adds: "(4) if the protest is by a boat, and is based on a rule with the notation [NP],"

(b) RRS 60.5(c) adds: "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification."

(c) RRS 61.3 adds: ", or is a request by a boat, and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

(d) 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…"

1.3 All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

(a) [DP] For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

(b) For the J/105 Class: J/105 Class Rules apply as modified by Article IX of the local J/105 Fleet 3 Articles/Rules. These modifications are authorized by written permission of the J/105 Class Association under RRS 87. This event is designated Level 1A. The J/105 Articles/Rules and Rule 87 Letter are posted at www.J105fleet3.org/rules.

(c) For the J/88 Class, competitors are required to declare all sails carried during the event, including class tag numbers, through Yacht Scoring before the close of registration. Any subsequent changes to sails carried must comply with Class Rule 5.3.2.

(d) J/80 Class owners shall sign and present at registration the Owner Regatta Declaration and Crew Weight Declaration in accordance with J/80 class rules: https://www.j80na.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/j80_class_rules_2024.pdf.

(e) Harbor 20 Fleet Five Mandatory Mainsail Reefing Rule ("Reefing Rule") will apply.

1.4 The US Sailing prescription to the preamble of RRS Part 5, Section B will not apply.

1.5 ELECTRONIC STARTING AND FINISHING (RaceSense)

(a) For the J/70 and J/105 Classes, the Vakaros Atlas 2 (or Atlas Edge) with a RaceSense Pass is required equipment for the purpose of starting and finishing with the RaceSense system. Each boat shall provide a working Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at registration for configuration with RaceSense. Detailed requirements for the mounting, calibration and use of the device will be posted on the Official Notice Board as an addendum and are incorporated by reference into this rule.

1.6 Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display code flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

1.7 [DP] Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats, unless authorized by both OAs.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the regatta website, prior to the event.

2.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or notices.

2.3 Separate Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available for the Distance Race fleets.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) is online at: https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50954

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. Some classes may request an exemption from this requirement.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except when requesting outside assistance, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

3.5 At registration, all skippers or persons-in-charge shall provide a reachable cell phone number to be kept on file with the OA.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The following are eligible to enter:

(a) classes invited by the OA;

(b) boats in good standing and current members of a one-design class association whose class is invited by the OA;

(c) Level class, as determined by the OA;

(d) boats holding a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate.

4.2 A minimum of five (5) boats is required for a class to be eligible for one-design, level or rated class. The OA reserves the right to modify the minimum number of entries in a class. The OA reserves the right to invite

additional classes at its sole discretion. To enter the event, the helmsperson of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association.

4.3 RRS 76.3 is deleted.

4.4 Invited one-design classes include: Alberg 30, Beneteau 36.7, Etchells, Harbor 20, Sonar, J/22, J/24, J/29, J/30, J/70, J/80, J/88, J/105, J/111, Lightning, Melges 15, Melges 24, Melges 19, Snipe, Viper 640 and VX One. If a class is not listed, email regattas@sailingworld.com to propose inclusion in the event.

4.5 Invited handicap classes: PHRF and Cal 25s for the Saturday and Sunday distance racing division. The OA reserves the right to add additional classes. Other classes that want to participate should contact the OA by email at regattas@sailingworld.com

4.6 Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, classes may be started together but scored separately.

4.7 The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only, one race per day) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 20 feet LOA or greater that hold a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit http://www.phrfchesbay.org

4.8 Entries shall be completed online at https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50954

4.9 Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than April 13, 2027. Fees for new and incomplete entries after April 4, 2027 will increase by $75; this includes any unpaid entries.

4.10 A representative of each eligible boat shall register in person at the Annapolis Yacht Club during the allotted registration times.

4.11 Waiver of liability: as part of the entry process, all skipper and crew waivers shall be completed and submitted before registration for an entry to be valid. Crew names shall be identified by the close of registration.

4.12 In the event of a crew substitution during the regatta, the new crew member shall be added to the entry's crew list and submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.

4.13 For an entry to be considered valid, all registration items shall be complete, including but not limited to online crew waiver submission, paid fees and rating certificates submitted. All incomplete registrations will be considered withdrawn from the regatta if incomplete on or after 1900 on Thursday, April 29, 2027.

4.14 Competitors under 18 should request and submit a Minor Waiver from the OA.

4.15 When a boat signs up it may be designated a subclass for Youth Team (all crew under 21 years of age), Corinthian, or Mixed Plus (50%+ female crew) if class rules explicitly define these subcategory parameters. Awards will be given in one-design classes with 12 boats or more. See Sections 6 and 16.

Key registration dates:

REGISTRATION DETAIL	DATE
Early entry opens for all classes	November 17, 2026
Last call for early-entry discount — all classes	By 2359hrs on April 4, 2027
Call for one-design class formation (5-boat minimum)	By 2359hrs on April 13, 2027
Online entry closes	**At 2359hrs on April 29, 2027**
Registration (one-design)	1630–1900 Thu, Apr 29 | 0800–0900 Fri, Apr 30
Competitor Welcome	1800 on Thursday, April 29, 2027 at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center

Registration (distance races)	1700–1900 Fri, Apr 30 | 0800–0900 Sat, May 1

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee will be based on LOA as follows:

LOA	Early Entry Fee by Apr. 4, 2027	Entry Fee after Apr. 4, 2027
Up to 19′	$235	$310
20′ – 24′	$290	$370
25′ – 30′	$315	$395
31′ – 40′	$345	$425
41′ – 50′	$380	$455
51′ and over	$420	$500
Distance Races (Saturday & Sunday)	$185	$265

5.2 Visiting guests can arrange guest cards with AYC for non-regatta activities at the Front Desk of AYC's Main Clubhouse, located at 2 Compromise Street, for use within the Main Clubhouse from April 29 to May 2, 2027. AYC accepts MC/Visa and American Express.

5.3 Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the OA. To withdraw an entry, email regattas@sailingworld.com no later than April 20, 2027. After April 20, no refunds will be issued. In the event the regatta is cancelled, all entry fees will be credited less a $25 administrative fee.

5.4 The regatta socials are open to sailors, members and guests for events on Thursday through Sunday. The Regatta Social Pass fee is inclusive of Friday and Sunday light bites and drinks, the Saturday party, dinner buffet and live music. Social passes may be purchased in advance on the race website.

6. ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and supporting sponsors of the event.

6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g. bow stickers, boom stickers and/or flags.

6.3 [DP] At the discretion of the OA, bow numbers may be required for some classes.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1 As many races as are viable will be sailed on each scheduled day of racing.

7.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 Friday through Sunday. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday, May 2, 2027.

7.3 Post-race socials are scheduled Friday through Sunday at the Annapolis Yacht Club.

8. MEASUREMENT AND WEIGH-IN

8.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by its class.

8.2 Neither the OA nor AYC will be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if required.

9. VENUE

9.1 Racing will take place on the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis. Specific locations will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and posted to the Official Notice Board.

10. COURSES

10.1 The number of racing areas, specific locations and courses to be sailed will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T — Arbitration will apply.

11.2 US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 — Penalty at the Time of an Incident will apply.

12. SCORING

12.1 A boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races, with no race scores excluded. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 Boats entered under PHRF will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) scoring. All other boats will be scored without handicap.

13. BERTHING, LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT

13.1 Each competitor is responsible for notifying the host club of their intention to attend and launch from its facility. It is recommended this is done immediately after the boat's entry fee is paid and complete. Space is limited and not guaranteed.

13.2 Each fleet may launch and haul from its respective host club. Current launch and haul arrangements by the host club will be posted separately to the Official Notice Board closer to the event, once entries and fleet needs are known.

13.3 [DP] Once launched, boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the OA, except for classes that customarily dry-sail. The following classes are exempt from this haul-out restriction and may be hauled daily: Harbor 20, Lightning, Melges 15, Melges 19 and Viper 640. Viper 640s will adhere to a rotational haul-out schedule coordinated by the Fleet Captains.

13.4 If a competitor is unable to secure launching with a host club, paid storage is available for overflow dinghies and keelboats at the Annapolis Sailing School.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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. Sailing World, AYC, Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn

Sailing Association will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14.2 The skipper/owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authority, race officers, regatta committee members or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat and its exclusion from the regatta.

14.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to the closing of registration.

15. [NP] INSURANCE

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $500,000 combined single limit per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top three finishers of each qualifying class.

16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded to the top Youth Team (all crew under 21 years of age) Corinithian and the top Mixed Plus Team (50%+ female) in any one-design or handicap class with a minimum of 12 boats registered. See 4.15.

16.3 Additional prizes will be awarded for the following: Melges 15 East Coast Championship and J/30 East Coast Championship.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS AND DATA PROTECTION

17.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever, for editorial, media or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

17.2 By entering the event, competitors consent to the OA and AYC collecting and processing the personal data supplied during registration for the purposes of organizing and running the event, publishing entry lists and results, and communicating with competitors about the event.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:
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