



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Annapolis Yacht Club
Special Events
2009 Wednesday Night Races
April 22, 2009 - September 9, 2009

1. RULES

- 1.1** The Series shall be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 –2012 (RRS) except as any of these are modified by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2** If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1** Only Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) members may enter the Wednesday Night Races (WNR). Applicants for membership approved by the AYC Membership Committee may be approved to enter.
- 2.2** A person entering a boat must be a regular, active participant on the boat for the event and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while the boat is participating in the event.
- 2.3** Safety considerations may limit the maximum number of boats accepted for racing.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1** Notices concerning the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Bulletin Board located outside the first floor lobby of the AYC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1** Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 hours on the day they will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1** Will be displayed from the yardarm at AYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2** RRS “Race Signals” is changed so that flag “AP” (red and white vertical stripes) may be displayed with 2 sound signals on the day of the race. If the “AP” is lowered with one sound, the first warning signal will occur not less than 20 minutes after that signal. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.
- 5.3** Flag “L” (black and yellow check) over a numeral pennant means notice number “X” has been posted.
- 5.4** Flag “N” over “A” and 3 sounds, all racing is cancelled for that evening.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1** The event will consist of **three** series.
- 6.2** The Schedule of Races is as follows:
- Skipper's Meeting: April 22, 2009 @ 1700 hours
 - First Series Racing Begins: Following Skipper's Meeting. First gun 1805
 - First Series Racing: April 22, 2009 through April 29th
 - Lay Day: May 6th
 - First Series Racing Resumes: May 13th through June 3rd
 - Second Series Racing Begins: June 10th through June 24th
 - Lay Day: July 1st
 - Second Series Racing Resumes: July 8th through July 29th
 - Third Series Racing: August 5th through September 9th
 - Last day of racing: September 9th
 - Awards Ceremony: September 16th

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 See Attachment “A” or “B”. A **fleet** may consist of several classes that start together. **Fleet** flags shall be displayed prominently at the bow and stern except **fleet** flags at the bow are not required on class boats with no bow pulpit.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 See Attachment “A” for all classes except Hereshoff see Attachment “B”
- 8.2 No later than the **preparatory signal**, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation for the **fleet** in sequence. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 8.3 If the race committee changes the course designation from what is being sailed by the previous **fleet**, it may indicate a course change by displaying a lime green flag. The lime green flag will be lowered one minute before the start. These are not timed signals.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the following addition: “An attention signal (flag F) will be displayed on the race committee signal boat when the committee is on station. Flag F will be removed with multiple sounds one minute before the first warning signal. This changes rule 27.1.”
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange cylinder or orange flag on a pin boat anchored in the vicinity of Green “9” in the Severn River.
- 9.3 An orange limit mark may be deployed from the signal and or pin boat and it shall be considered an extension of the boat.
- 9.4 Before a fleet’s warning signal, all boats not in that fleet shall avoid the starting area.

10. INDIVIDUAL RECALL

- 10.1 Will be in accordance with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee *may* call sail numbers of the boats recorded OCS on VHF channel 65A. This changes RRS 41. Failure to receive the transmission will not relieve a boat of the responsibility of starting properly, and is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. GENERAL RECALL

- 11.1 Will be in accordance with RRS 29.2 except the last sentence is deleted and replaced by: “The Starting Order and timing of subsequent starts will proceed as if there had been no General Recall. The recalled **fleet** will be restarted after the last **fleet** in the scheduled starting order. If more than one **fleet** has been recalled, they will restart in the order they were recalled.” This changes RRS 29.2.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 Classes will finish inside the harbour between the RC flag on the AYC 2nd deck and the flagpole with yard arm at the Annapolis City Marina.
- 12.2 A **fleet** may be finished at R8 if the signal boat on station displays the “S” flag over the **fleet pennant**.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Scoring Penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be according to RRS 44.3. The penalty will be as follows:
- At the time of the incident, by taking a 20% scoring penalty as calculated in the Sailing Instructions **and filing an acknowledgement form** available at the AYC front desk within the protest time limit.
 - After racing** and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident, by taking a 40% Scoring Penalty.
- 13.2 RRS 44.3(a) is changed to allow flag “I” to be used as the yellow flag.

- 13.3** A boat that has taken a scoring penalty or retired under 44.1 shall complete a Penalty Acknowledgement Form at the AYC reception desk within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 44.3 (b).
- 13.4** RRS 44.3(c) is replaced with: “The boat’s 20% Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats **finishing**, but not more than boats scored DNC. The boat’s 40% Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats **finishing**, but not more than boats scored DNC.” A boat that displays a yellow flag or flag “I”, but fails to comply with all other parts of RRS 44.3(a and c), takes a 40% Scoring Penalty.
- 14. TIME LIMITS**
- 14.1** RRS 35 is replaced by: A fixed time limit for **all** boats is established as follows:
- April 22, 29 2015 hours
 - May 13, 20, 27, June 10, 17, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29 2040 hours
 - August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9 2015 hours
- 14.2** No boats will be finished after the times listed above. For boats still racing in a class with boats that have finished before the time limit, they shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). No sound signals will be made. Time will be determined by GPS. This changes RRS 35 and A11.
- 14.3** If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned **for that class**. This changes RRS 35.
- 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 15.1** Protests and redress requests must be filed in writing at the AYC front desk within 1.5 hours of the final finisher, abandonment, or race time limit expiration.
- 15.2** The Protest Committee will post a Hearing Schedule on the Notice Board within 24 hours of the protest time limit.
- 15.3** This posting shall constitute notification for **ALL** parties under RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2. Hearings will normally be held on the following scheduled Wednesday **IMMEDIATELY** after the race or abandonment, unless scheduled otherwise.
- 16. SCORING**
- 16.1** Six races are scheduled for each series. One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- a) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from four (4) to six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.2** The first sentence of RRS Appendix A, rule 4.2 is replaced by: “A boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing, was TLE, did not come to the starting area or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that **finished**.” This changes RRS A 4.2
- 16.3** RRS Appendix A, rule 9 is deleted.
- 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** RRS 40 is replaced by: “It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant.” All safety equipment required by U.S. Coast Guard Regulations and Class Rules must be carried on board.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18. CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS**
- 18.1** Boats shall not make contact with anchored, moored or docked vessels.

- 18.2** Boats shall not tie up to or touch the docks belonging to the Yacht Basin immediately next to the Yacht Club. Boats that violate this rule will be responsible for all charges to the Yacht Basin and be subject to Protest by the Race Committee.
- 18.3** Boats may tie up to and raft off of docks owned by AYC, but may not extend over the AYC property line.
- 18.4** A boat in the starting area shall not touch the anchored Signal boat or Pin boat.
- 18.5** If the Protest Committee finds that a rule that was broken resulted in contact with the Signal or Pin Boat, they may apply a penalty of Disqualification that is not discardable (DNE). In such cases, Rule 64.1(b) is changed such that taking a scoring or turns penalty does not constitute an applicable penalty
- 19. INLAND RULE**
- 19.1** Any boat which may have infringed part of the Inland Rules may be subject to a report to the USCG or DNR, may be referred to the AYC Disciplinary Committee or may be subject to a RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct) hearing by the Protest Committee.
- 20. PRIZES**
- 20.1** The number of prizes awarded will depend on the average number of boats racing in each class for each series. There will be TWO (2) prizes for five boats, THREE (3) prizes for seven boats and FOUR (4) prizes for nine or more boats.
- 21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 21.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority 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.
- 22. INSURANCE**
- 22.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (US\$) per event or the equivalent.