



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Annapolis Yacht Club
Special Events
2011 / 2012 Frostbite Series
November 6, 2011 – March 28, 2012

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009 – 2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or any amendments.
- 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 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.

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 AYC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1200 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) means a notice has been posted.
- 5.4 Flag “N” over “A” and 3 sounds, all racing is cancelled for that day.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of two Series plus the Hangover Bowl.

End of Regular Registration	October 28 th , 2011
Skipper's Meeting	November 6 th , 2011 @ 1100 hours
First Series Racing Begins	Following Skipper's Meeting. First gun @ 1300
First Series Racing	November 6 th through December 11 th
Hangover Bowl	January 1, 2012 following Skippers Meeting at 1200.
Second Series	February 5 th , 2011 through March 18 th , 2012. *
Awards Ceremony	March 25 th , 2012 at 1500

*If no races were cancelled during the second series, no racing will be held on March 18th.

7. THE COURSES

7.1 See Attachment “A” for all classes.

7.2 No later than the **preparatory signal**, the Race Committee will display the course designation for the **Fleet** in sequence. This changes RRS 27.1.

7.3 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. This changes RRS 27.1.

8. CLASS SEQUENCES & FLAGS

8.1 See Attachment “B” for Class/Fleet breaks and starting sequence.

8.2 A **Fleet** may consist of several classes that start together.

8.3 **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.

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 by the Race Committee signal when the committee is on station. Flag F will be removed with multiple sounds one minute before the first warning signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

9.2 There are two possible starting lines, each with one end on the U.S. Naval Academy. The starting line will extend from an orange flag on either:

- a) Hartford Light to a floating orange mark. If numeral 1 precedes the course board(s), the starting line is Hartford Light to green “Can 1SC”.
- b) Triton Light to a floating orange mark. If numeral 1 precedes the course board(s), the starting line is Triton Light to yellow “Can B”.

9.3 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 **69**. 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 The finish line is between the RC flag on the AYC 2nd deck and the flagpole with yard arm at the Annapolis City Marina.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 There are no turns penalties available for this regatta.

13.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. A Scoring Penalty will be as follows:

- a) At the time of the incident, a boat that may have: (1) broken rule 31 (Touching a Mark) may take a 10% scoring penalty OR (2) broken a rule of Part 2 (When

Boats Meet) may take a 20% scoring penalty. Either scoring penalty as calculated in SI 13.6.

13.3 RRS 44.3(a) is changed to allow flag “I” to be used as the yellow flag.

13.4 RRS 44.3(b) is replaced by:

- a) “When a boat has taken a Scoring Penalty (RRS 44.3(a)), she shall keep the yellow or I-flag displayed until *finishing*. Within the protest time limit, she shall also file a written acknowledgement with the AYC front desk (forms available), which, for Part 2 incidents, shall include the identity of the other boat involved.”

13.5 A boat that fails to comply with all parts of RRS 44.3(a) and 44.3(b), takes a 40% Scoring Penalty without a Hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

13.6 RRS 44.3(c) is changed by adding: “The boat’s 10% Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 10% of the number of boats *finishing* in her class. The boat’s 20% Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 20% of the number of boats *finishing* in her class. The boat’s 40% Scoring Penalty shall be the whole number (rounding 0.5 upward) nearest to 40% of the number of boats *finishing* in her class. However, no Scoring Penalty will be more than boats scored DNC.”

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 RRS 35 is deleted and replaced by:

- a) “Two fixed time limits are established:
- For sequences of races started at or before 1445, the time limit is 2.5 hours from the respective starting time.
 - For sequences of races started after 1445, the time limit is 1.5 hours from the respective starting time.
- b) Times will be determined by GPS.
- c) No boats will be finished after the time limits computed above.
- d) If no boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned **for that class**.
- e) If at least one boat has finished in a class, those boats in that class still racing after the time limit shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). No sound signals will be made (This also changes A11).”

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 whichever is later. Protestors are encouraged to include a valid email address and cell phone number on the protest form.

15.2 The Protest Committee will post a Hearing Schedule on the Notice Board within 24 hours of the protest time limit. This posting shall constitute notification for **ALL** parties under RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.

15.3 Hearings will normally be held on the following scheduled Sunday beginning at 1600..

16. SCORING

16.1 Twelve races are scheduled for both Series One race must be completed to constitute a Series. When eight (8) or fewer races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When nine (9) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When twelve (12) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

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.

17.3 **For all boats, a minimum crew of three, including the skipper, each of who’s individual body weight exceeds 100 lbs is mandatory. A boat’s crew may not change sails, leave the cockpit, extend body limbs over the life lines or emerge from a hatch beyond the waist after the preparatory signal for its’ start.**

17.4 **RRS 50.2 and RRS 50.3(b)(2) are changed such that no Spinnaker Pole or Whisker Pole shall be used while racing. Any other outrigger type shall comply with RRS 50.3(a).**

18. CONTACT WITH MOORED BOATS OR DOCKS

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.

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 **competing** in each class for each series. There will be Three (3) prizes for five boats, Four (4) prizes for six 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.