



2020 Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta

Sunday September 13, 2020

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at: <http://bit.ly/ayc-donbacke20>.
- 2.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72. This includes announcements and confirmation of race committee signals before, during, and after racing.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Prior to 0930, changes to the SIs ashore will be posted on the notice board.
- 3.2 After 0930, the race committee may make oral changes to the SIs by flying flag L with a sound signal, announcing the change on VHF radio, and confirming with all boats that they have received the change. This changes RRS 90.2(c).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 No official visual signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications made ashore will be posted on the notice board and announced on VHF radio.

5 BOAT ASSIGNMENTS

5.1 The boat assignments will be distributed at the competitors' meeting. Unless directed by the race committee, competitors will race in the same boat for all races.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The event schedule will be:

Time	Scheduled action
0900	Competitors' meeting on the waterfront side of the AYC Sailing Center.
0930	Board boats
1000	Warning signal for first race
Approx. 1200	Lunch break
Approx. 1330	Warning signal for the next race
1600	No warning signal will be made after this time
After Racing	Post-race awards presentation at the AYC Sailing Center

6.2 A total of five races are scheduled.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be Annapolis Harbor and the Severn River, off the mouth of Spa Creek.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are shown in SI Attachment 1.
- 8.2 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee will announce on VHF radio the course to be sailed.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark A will be a green cylinder. Mark B will be an orange cylinder, Mark C will be government mark, Green Can "1SC". Mark D will be an orange cylinder.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS/US Appendix U with all hails being made by VHF radio.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the staff with an orange flag displayed on the "L" dock in front of the AYC Clubhouse and the course side of Mark D.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 RECALLS

11.1 Recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and 29.2 (this changes RRS/US U1, U2, and replaces RRS/US U4).

- 11.2 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and RRS/US U5.
- 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
The course will not be changed after the start.
- 13 THE FINISH**
The finishing line will be between the staff with an orange flag displayed on the “L” dock in front of the AYC Clubhouse and the course side of Mark D.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.
- 15 TIME LIMITS**
- 15.1 The time limit is 60 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.
- 16 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES**
- 16.1 Protest forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. They shall be delivered to the race office by email (see SI 2).
- 16.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.
- 16.3 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 16.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal vessel docks. The race committee will post the protest time limit.
- 16.5 The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or video- conferencing during the week following the regatta. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 16.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.8 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17 SCORING**
- 17.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 A boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 Boats to be scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the finishing window plus two points by the race committee without a hearing but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 18.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race office (see SI 2) at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 19 PRIZES**
- 19.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats.
- 19.2 The Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta Trophy will be awarded to the winner. The perpetual will be engraved with the winner's name and kept on display at AYC.
- 19.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.
- 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.