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### **Annapolis Yacht Club Announces New Regatta Format**

*Inaugural Fall “Annapolis YC 3-2-1” Challenge to premier in 2019 hosted at all new club facilities*

*Annapolis, MD (June 26, 2018)* — Annapolis Yacht Club, one of the most active sailing clubs in the United States, has recently announced the inaugural Annapolis YC 3-2-1 Challenge, scheduled for September 2019. Eight teams representing yacht clubs around the U.S. will compete in a unique Annapolis YC 3-2-1 format, featuring a combination of team racing and match racing.

“We are thrilled to have developed this new racing concept, and tested it, and are pleased to announce our new event which will kick off in 2019,” said AYC Commodore Jim Ellis.

The three-day event will host teams of six crew representing their home club using boats supplied by AYC. Like a triathlon, there will be three different racing formats on keelboats: 3v3 team race with no spinnakers and two sailors per boat, 2v2 team race with spinnakers and three sailors per boat, and 1v1 match race with all six sailors. This array of disciplines will require a diverse skill set from each team member throughout the multi-day event.

This past May, Annapolis Yacht Club held a one-day trial event with two race circles and race committees, 48 local sailors, and 20 volunteers. This “dry run” helped establish protocols and timing for the 2019 events. AYC expects to hold the Annapolis YC 3-2-1 Chesapeake Challenge on May 18/19, 2019, and a fall Annapolis YC 3-2-1 Challenge on September 13-15, 2019.

“We look forward to showcasing AYC’s hospitality to visiting clubs’ members and debuting a new, innovative regatta,” continued Commodore Ellis. “The Annapolis YC 3-2-1 Challenge participants will be able to enjoy all our facilities including our newly renovated clubhouse that is opening this summer as well as a brand new Sailing Center.”

Clubs will be selected by invitation for both the May and September events.

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