



Helly Hansen Sailing World Regatta Series

May 2-4, 2025
Annapolis Yacht Club
Annapolis, MD

ADDENDUM 2 - DISTANCE RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 the rule in these Sailing Instructions means that this rule is not grounds for a protest or request for redress by a boat. 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).
- 1.2 Per RRS 42.3 (i), a competitor may use their engine or other method to propel themselves to avoid impeding or interfering with commercial vessel traffic that is underway, provided that competitor does not gain a significant advantage. Any use of the boat's engine is to be reported in writing to the race committee. [DP]
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.
- 1.4 Boats shall not fly drones while racing or in the racing area. [DP]
- 1.5 RRS Rule 47, prohibiting the practice of allowing bands on spinnakers to fall in the water (even if the material used is biodegradable), will be in effect.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located online at: <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/>
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. [DP]
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 06.
- 3.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.5 Check-In: Boats shall check-in on the water by motoring, or sailing on starboard tack, by their Division signal boat and hailing their sail or bow number until acknowledged. There will be no check-In by radio.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, bow numbers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

No official signals will be displayed ashore. Notifications to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board: <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/>

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1100 Warning signal for all Distance Race Classes

7. COURSE

7.1 Courses for the distance race are as described in Distance Race SI Attachment 1. Note different classes may sail different courses. The course to be sailed by each class will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 on the day to be sailed and on a whiteboard on the side of the Signal Boat.

8. MARKS

8.1 The starting mark will be the nearby Government Mark.

8.2 The rounding marks will use CBYRA Region III Standard Race Marks as described in Distance Race SI Attachment 2. Government marks "1AH" (Tolly Point), R"4" (off Greenbury Point), Thomas Point Light, and the Bloody Point Bar Warning Light shall be passed on the channel side at all times.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26

9.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end and course side of the starting mark.

9.3 The Class flag for the distance race start for all classes will be Pennant 4.

9.4 The race committee will attempt to hail on VHF 06 any boats that are OCS. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcements or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.5 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.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag displayed on the RC vessel and the course side of R"2" at the mouth of the Severn River (Mark X).

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

11.2 RRS Appendix T ARBITRATION will apply.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 RRS 35 is replaced by SI 12.

12.2 The time limit will be 1500 hours. If there is a postponement before the first warning signal, the time limit will be extended by the duration of that postponement, but not to exceed one hour.

12.3 If no boat in a class sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes within the time limit, the race committee shall abandon the race for that class.

12.4 Boats failing to finish 60 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13.2 Hearing request forms, scoring inquiry forms, and penalty acceptance forms can be found online at or on the event website under General Race Forms. They shall be delivered to the race office by email to <https://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>.

13.3 Hearing requests shall be delivered to the race office by the protest time limit.

13.4 When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable. The time limit for requesting redress based on a scoring inquiry is 30 minutes after posting of the results of the scoring inquiry. Except on the last day of the event, if this time limit is after 2000 hours, it is extended to 0830 the following morning. This changes rule 62.2.

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13.5 The protest committee intends to conduct hearings in person at the AYC Sailing Center. The protest committee will post a notice on the event's Protest Committee console on Yachtscoring to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.6 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

14.1 [DP] A boat intending to withdraw from racing shall attempt to notify any race committee vessel, by hail on VHF Ch 06, of her withdrawal before leaving the race area.

14.2 [NP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

14.3 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 14.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

15. SCORING

15.1 PHRF will be scored using Time-on-Time (TOT).

15.2 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and rating prior to scoring. The decision on the scoring parameters used for the race including course details and wind details shall not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

15.3 Boats scored TLE and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1 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 racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The OA and AYC 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.

16.2 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 the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club's restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

16.3 It is the skipper's obligation to ensure that each crew member's waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration and check-in.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. PRIZES

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

19. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

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 either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.