



ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB
2009 WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACES

April 22, 2009 – September 9, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

[Non-Members Crew Form](#)

Entry Form

Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the 2009 – 2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of US Sailing (RRS) except as any of these are altered by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 RRS 63.7 is replaced by: “If there is a conflict between a rule in the Notice of Race and a rule in the Sailing Instructions, the rule in the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto, shall take precedence.”

1 Organizing Authority

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority for this regatta will be the Special Events Committee of the Annapolis Yacht Club.

2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Only Annapolis Yacht Club members may enter the Wednesday Night Races (WNR). Applicants for membership approved by the AYC Membership Committee may be approved to enter.
- 2.2 The Member entering the boat must be a regular, active participant on the boat for the series and is responsible for the actions of the boat and crew while participating in the event.
- 2.3 The regatta is open to boats in CBYRA sanctioned handicap divisions or classes with 5 or more boats registered for that division or class.
- 2.4 PHRF of the Chesapeake splits will be used as a guideline for PHRF Handicap divisions. Boats will be assigned to a PHRF division and those designations will be announced at the Skippers meeting.
- 2.5 Safety considerations may limit the maximum number of boats accepted for racing.
- 2.6 Entry Forms are available on-line at the *AYC Racing* web site and at the AYC front office. Early, **on-line** registration is requested by the race committee and is strongly recommended since a limit may be placed on the number of entries accepted.
- 2.7 Handicap division entrants shall have a current 2009 valid rating or measurement certificate from PHRF of the Chesapeake. The valid rating at the time of entry will be used during all three series.
- 2.8 Each entry shall submit with their entry a [crew list](#) of **non-members** on the form available on the *AYC Racing* web site or at the AYC front office. Wednesday night guest cards will be issued to all non-AYC crewmembers. Use of the card is specified on the form and allows the crewmember to purchase tickets for food and beverages at the Club.

3 Entry Fees

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$165 for boats 30 feet or less and \$190 for boats greater than 30 feet if postmarked, delivered or submitted on-line by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Entries after that date shall also pay a \$50 late fee.

4 Schedule

- 4.1 The event will consist of three series.
- 4.2 The Schedule 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

5 Sailing Instructions & Fleet Assignments

5.1 The Sailing Instructions (including Course Sheets) will be available at the AYC front desk on April 10th, 2009.

5.2 Final Class / Fleet breaks and starting sequence will be announced and posted at the Skippers Meeting.

6 Courses

6.1 All courses will be a combination of fixed and drop mark courses as described in the Sailing Instructions Attachment "A" or "B".

7 Penalty System

7.1 Per RRS 44.1, A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing must take a Scoring Penalty.

7.2 RRS 44.3 (c) is replaced with: "The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be":

- (a) 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.
- (b) After racing and before the start of a protest hearing involving the incident, by taking a 40% scoring penalty as calculated in the Sailing Instructions.

However, if the boat caused serious damages or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach she shall retire."

8 Protests and Arbitration

8.1 All 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.

8.2 The Protest Committee will post a Hearing Schedule at the Notice Board within 24 hours of the protest time limit. This posting will constitute notification for ALL parties under RRS 63.2. Hearings will normally be held at AYC on the following scheduled Wednesday IMMEDIATELY after the race or abandonment, unless scheduled otherwise.

9 Scoring

9.1 The Low-Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

9.2 Appendix A, Rule 9 is replaced by: "A starting boat not finishing, a boat that did not start, a boat that retired after finishing, or a boat disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished in there class."

9.3 One race must be completed to constitute a series. One throw-out will be scored when 4 or more races are sailed in a series.

10 Classes

10.1 A minimum of 5 boats per handicap division or class shall be registered by Friday, April 17th, 2009 for the division or class to be scored separately. If less than 5 boats are registered in a handicap division or class by that date, the AYC Special Events Committee may eliminate that division or class. Competitors who have already registered in that division or class will be notified and may race with another handicap division or class, if eligible, or the entry fee will be refunded.

- 10.2 In such cases, boats shall obtain a current rating Certificate (or proof of valid rating) by May 13th, 2009 or will face rejection of entry.
- 10.3 Classes may be started together in a Fleet, but scored separately. Handicap divisions may be divided and/or starts combined if the number of entries and/or ratings indicates that this would improve race management.
- 10.4 Fleet flags are required for all races sailed after May 13th, 2009.
- 10.5 The following classes are anticipated at this time: Alberg 30, Catalina 27, Cal 25, International Etchells, Herreshoff 12½, J105, J35, J30, J80, J24, J22, Melges 24, M30 and PHRF.

11 Prizes

- 11.1 The number of prizes awarded will depend on the average number of boats competing in each class for each series. There will be TWO (2) prize for five boats, THREE (3) prizes for seven boats and FOUR (4) prizes for nine or more boats.
- 11.2 In addition, the following perpetual trophies may be awarded: **Charles Dell Trophy** for best performance in Fleet; Harvey **Clapp Memorial Trophy** for best overall performance in the Etchells Class; **Geiger Memorial Perpetual Trophy** for best overall performance in PHRF.

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