



**District 2 Star Class Championship**  
**Lippincott Memorial Regatta**  
Saturday & Sunday, September 6-7, 2025  
Annapolis Yacht Club  
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (STCR)
- 1.3 STCR 21 and 23.7.1. A Novice Skipper (as defined by STCR 23.7.1) should identify themselves on their entry.
- 1.4 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/17015>
- 3.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at: [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) . Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice> .
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

**4.0 SAFETY**

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be will be flown from the flagpole at the AYC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the approximate time of the next warning signal will be posted on the notice board before it is removed. This changes RRS Race Signals.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 A competitors' meeting will be held on the back deck of the AYC Sailing Center on Saturday, September 6 @ 0900.

A total of five races on Saturday and Sunday are scheduled for the District 2 Championship with no more than three in one day

Saturday - 1100 First race warning. Subsequent races to follow

Sunday - 1100 First race warning. Subsequent races to follow

**6.2** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500

## **7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River as shown in SI Attachment 1.

## **8 COURSES**

**8.1** Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, may be used. The lengths of the legs are as described in Format C, STCR 34.3.9. The Race Committee signal boat will display the appropriate numeral pennant (or the course number by placard) to indicate the course.

**8.2** The approximate compass bearing and length from Mark 3 (or Marks 3S and 3P) to Mark 1 will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat prior to or with the Warning Signal.

**8.3** RRS 32 is changed to provide that courses will not be shortened as required by STCR 34.3.1

**8.4** The lengths of legs may be shortened under RRS 33 (b) as provided in STCR 34.3.1 and STCR 34.3.9. This modifies RRS 33 (b).

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Mark(s) are orange cylinders for the windward mark, offset and gate marks. A green mark will be used as a starting pin. Either a cylinder or markset bot will be used.

**9.2** A new windward mark will be a yellow cylinder with no offset.

## **10 CHECK-IN**

Prior to the first Warning Signal of a yacht's first race of the day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat to be recorded per STCR 34.1. RRS A5.3 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive the same score as a boat not starting without a hearing. [DP][NP]

## **11 THE START**

**11.1** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

**11.2** Starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark

**11.3** If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 72. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order or order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

**11.4** A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13 THE FINISH**

Finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the green mark designating the end of the finish line. (Either a markset bot or anchored cylinder)

#### 14 **TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

14.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	2 Hours	30 minutes

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

14.3 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored 'time limit expired' (TLE) and will be scored two points more than the number of finishers. However, no boat will receive a score worse the number of points awarded a DNF

#### 15 **HEARING REQUESTS**

15.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal vessel docks. The Race Committee will post the protest time limit on the official notice board.

15.2 Protests, requests for redress or reopening, scoring inquiry forms and penalty acceptance forms shall be delivered to the race office email by the protest time limit. (raceoffice@annapolisyc.org ). Forms can be found online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice> .

15.3 As soon as practicable after a protest is filed, 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.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

#### 16 **SCORING**

16.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.

16.2 Three races are required for a valid District Championship; one race shall be completed to constitute the Lippincott Memorial.

#### 17 **INSPECTIONS**

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

17.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

#### 18 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the regatta as well as the The Howard L. Lippincott Perpetual Trophy

#### 19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable

platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

**20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent

**21 COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

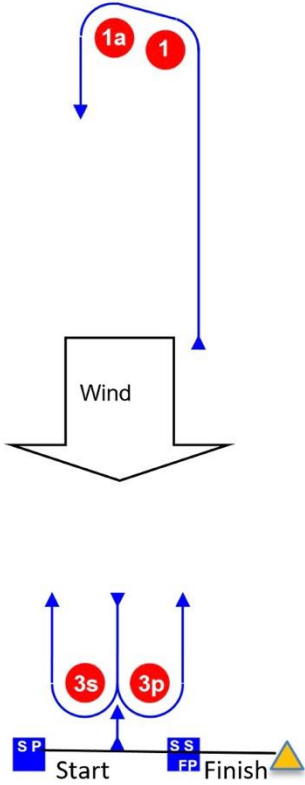
**21.1** [NP] [DP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay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

**21.2** In accordance with Rule 42.3i a boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail to [raceoffice@annapolisyc.org](mailto:raceoffice@annapolisyc.org)) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.

**21.3** The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 18.1 based on information received from any source. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. The protest time limit does not apply. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.

COURSE DIAGRAMS

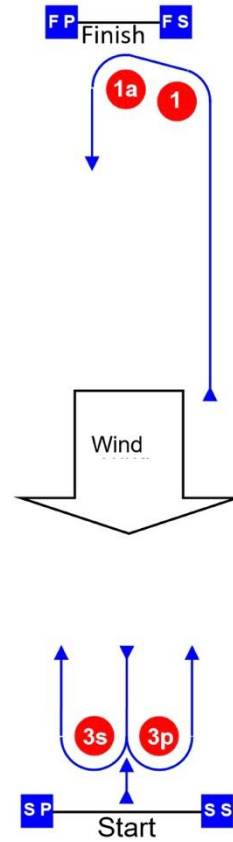
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Course: Leeward finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – Finish

3



Course: Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – 1 – 1a – 3s/3p – Finish

# SI ATTACHMENT 1 - RACE AREA FOR DROP MARKS RACES

