

AYC 85th Fall Series Regatta



Series 1: September 27 & 28, 2025

CBYRA Sanction #25-323 & 25-324

Series 2: October 4 & 5, 2025

CBYRA Sanction #25-325 & 25-326

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD USA

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

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

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 For ORC Classes only: the "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>
- 1.3 J105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J-105 Fleet-3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 1A. J-105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at <https://www.j105fleet3.org/rules>.
- 1.4 ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <https://orcches.org/>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50051>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, and FEES

- 4.1 The classes that are invited to participate, the dates and format of racing, and the entry fees are:

Fall Series 1: Sept 27,28

Both days: J/70, J/80 and Viper 640.

Entry fee \$115.

Fall Series 2: Oct 4,5

Bay Circle: Both days: J/105, J/30, ORC Open. Sunday only: ORC Performance Cruiser

Entry Fee for ORC Performance Cruiser \$70, all other classes \$115.

Inside Circle: Saturday only: Harbor 20, J/22 and Sonars. Entry Fee \$75

- 4.2 Boats wishing to enter shall enter online at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50051>

- 4.3 Fall Series 1 entry fees (see NoR 4.1) above are due by 1700 on Friday, September 19.
Fall Series 2 entry fees (see NoR 4.1) above are due by 1700 on Friday, September 26.
Entry fees are non-refundable and payable upon entry.
- 4.4 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 5 paid entries by 1200 on Friday September 26 for Fall Series 1 and Friday, October 3 for Fall Series 2 (see NoR 4.1). Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum will be returned.
- 4.5 Boats in an ORC class shall have the appropriate valid ORC certificate for their chosen class, see <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/offshore-big-boats/orc/>. The OA may change the assignment of an ORC boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, October 3.
- 4.6 To be considered an entry and be scored in the regatta, a boat shall complete all entry/registration steps and pay all fees.
- 4.7 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards parties.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The warning signal for the first race each day of the regatta is scheduled for 1100.
- 5.2 (a) Fall Series 1: 5 races are scheduled. A maximum of 3 races per day will be sailed.
(b) Fall Series 2: (Bay Circle):
 - (1) For the J/105 class: Up to 3 drop mark races are scheduled for Saturday, and up to 3 drop mark races are scheduled for Sunday.
 - (2) For ORC Open classes: Up to 2 drop mark races are scheduled for Saturday and one government mark race is scheduled for Sunday and this race will be weighted at 1.25 for scoring purposes. ORC Performance Cruising classes will sail one government mark race on Sunday.
- (c) Fall Series 2 (River Circle, Saturday only): 3 races are scheduled.
- 5.3 On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1530

6 VENUE

- 6.1 (a) Fall Series 1: The racing area will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.
(b) Fall Series 2: The racing area for the Bay Circle will be the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River. The racing area for the Inside Circle will be in the Chesapeake Bay between Bembe Beach and the entrance to Lake Ogleton.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 (a) Fall Series 1: Drop-marks courses will be sailed
(b) Fall Series 2 (Bay Circle): Drop-marks courses will be sailed on Saturday. Both drop mark races and one government mark course race will be sailed on Sunday as per 5.2 above
(c) Fall Series 2 (Inside Circle, Saturday only): Drop-marks courses will be sailed.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply as changed by the SIs.
- 8.2 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the appropriate course type and wind strength prior to scoring as detailed in the SIs.
- 8.3 The ORC Open government mark race on Sunday, October 5 of Fall Series 2 will be weighted at 1.25 for scoring purposes.

9 RISK STATEMENT

- 9.1 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, which are assumed by the competitor.

10 INSURANCE

- 10.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit per incident or shall be a vessel representing a U.S. Government Agency. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters (boats starting in at least one race), 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters.
- 11.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded (as further described in the SIs):
- (a) Viking Trophy: best performance in ORC.
 - (b) Chesapeake Trophy: first in ORC 1.
 - (c) Commodore H.H.J. Benson Trophy: first in ORC 2.
 - (d) Harwood S. Strange Trophy: first in ORC 3.
 - (e) William G. Sullivan Trophy: first in the J/30 class.
 - (f) Charles Dell Trophy: first in the J/105 class.
 - (g) J/22 Club Championship: best performance by a member of AYC, EYC or SSA in the J/22 class.
 - (h) America's Trophy: this event will be part of AYC's season series for overall performance in ORC.
 - (i) G. di Marzo Centennial Cup: This event will be part of the Harbor 20 Fleet 5 Championship (along with the Spring Harbor Regatta).
- 11.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 Non-AYC members may organize guest cards at the Front Desk of the AYC Clubhouse.
- 12.2 For more information contact: AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964