



**2026 Mustang Survival**  
**Annapolis to Bermuda Ocean Race**  
**Bermuda Ocean Race Association, Inc.**  
**Assisted by**  
**Eastport Yacht Club and Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club**  
**June 5, 2026**  
**Annapolis, MD, USA to Bermuda**  
**Notice of Race      Amendment No. 2**

A new NoR 1.4. is added to invoke a World Sailing developmental rule that allows changing the definition of *start*. Insertion of NoR 1.4. leads to renumbering of previous NoRs 1.4., 1.5., & 1.6. to be NoRs 1.5., 1.6., & 1.7., as shown below.

- 1.4. Under World Sailing Rule DR21-01-V3.0, the definition **Start** is changed as follows:  
**Start** A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:
  - (a) at or after her starting signal, or,
  - (b) at any time after the Preparatory Signal, but before her starting signal.When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition **Start**, and if she fails to return to the pre-start side of the starting line, one hundred twenty (120) minutes will be added to her elapsed time.
- 1.5. [DP] RRS 41(c) is replaced with: “Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such “at a cost” information shall not include private forecasts or advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats or their situation.”
- 1.6. [DP] If any lifesaving equipment is lost overboard, it should be retrieved. If recovery is not possible, the loss of any equipment that floats shall be reported immediately to the US Coast Guard and to the Race Committee (RC) in Bermuda.
- 1.7. Boats are strongly encouraged to review, understand, and abide by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

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New NoR paras 4.6. & 4.7. are added to define two new trophies. This revision leads to renumbering of previous NoR 4.6. to be NoR 4.8., as shown below.

- 4.6. A boat that is registered and fully-crewed by a military service or maritime academy may complete in the All-Academies Sub-Class. Boats that elect to compete in the All-Academies Sub-Class will be scored using the ORC handicap rating. Boats entered in the Rally class are not eligible to compete in the All-Academies Sub-Class.
- 4.7. A boat sailing with Active Duty and/or Veteran crew may compete in the Patriot Sub-Class. Crew requirements are:
- One (1) Active Duty and/or Veteran crew for boats less than forty (40) feet in length; and,
  - Two (2) Active Duty and/or Veteran crew for boats equal to or greater than forty (40) feet in length.
- Boats that elect to compete in the Patriot Sub-Class will be scored using the ORC handicap rating. Boats entered in the Rally class are not eligible to compete in the Patriot Sub-Class.
- 4.8. A class not listed here may be included upon formal petition to the OA. Such petition must be received by the OA by April 1, 2026, and must be endorsed by at least one (1) member of the OA to be considered. Similarly, waivers to these eligibility rules may be granted by the OA on a case-by-case basis to accommodate special classes of boats (e.g., Mini 6.5).

A new NoR 6.4. is added to define when sailing resumes for the Captain and Watch Captain(s) shall be submitted. This revision leads to renumbering of previous NoR 6.4. to be NoR 6.5., as shown below. (Note that new NoR 6.4. is a requirement that was originally provided as NoR 9.1., which is deleted, as noted in Amendment No. 2.)

- 6.4. A sailing resume for the Captain & Watch Captain(s) shall be submitted to the [A2B Entries Chair](#) which provides a summary of each person's racing and/or cruising experience, including overnight underway experience.
- Boats that register by March 31, 2026, shall submit the sailing resume by 2359 on April 30, 2026.
  - Boats that register between April 1, 2026, and May 30, 2026, shall submit the sailing resume within forty-eight (48) hours of registration.  
The resume should show offshore sailing experience to safely navigate from Annapolis to Bermuda.
- 6.5. The term Captain, as used in this NoR, means the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is the "person in charge" of the boat during the race as described in RRS 46, Person in Charge. The Captain is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before, during, and after the race, and compliance with the NoR and SIs.

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Original NoR 9.1. is deleted & moved to NoR 6.4. (as noted above) with updated timelines. NoR 9. and its subsections are replaced in their entirety with the following.

**9.      EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION**

- 9.1. All boats competing in this race shall pass inspection by a person appointed by the OA for compliance with the A2BSER, prior to 1500 on June 4, 2026. Boats may be subject to inspection and re-inspection either before or after the race, including immediately after finishing. Inspection will be conducted according to procedures set forth by the OA Safety Committee. These procedures will be posted to the Official Notice Board by February 1, 2026.
- 9.2. Boats shall carry a GPS tracking device supplied by the OA. The unit shall be mounted according to instructions supplied with the device, and a good faith effort shall be made to maintain its operation throughout the race; refer to RRS 56.3. This unit will provide tracking data which will be posted on the event web site during the race. A \$500 deposit, fully refundable upon the unit's return, will be required.
- 9.3. Each boat shall continuously transmit its position using its Automatic Identification System (AIS) transceiver, required by US SER 3.9, beginning no later than her start until arriving in Bermuda or, if she retires, after returning to a harbor and contacting the RC.
- 9.4. RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails, specifies the display of racing numbers on certain sails. In the event that none of these sails is set while starting or finishing, these numbers shall be displayed by alternate means.
- 9.5. Each boat shall carry a satellite telephone for safety and position reporting during the race.

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Original NoR 15.1. is deleted. New NoR 15.2. is revised to add 2 new trophies – the Storm Trysail All-Academies Cup and the Patriot Cup presented by Veterans Yacht Sales and the Ministry of Sailing.

15.1. The following trophies will be presented across the ORC Open, ORC Performance Cruiser, and approved one-design classes:

- **First to Finish Overall** – The OA will present a prize to the first boat to finish, across all classes.
- **First out of the Chesapeake Bay** – The OA will present a prize to the first boat to exit Chesapeake Bay. The definition of exiting the Chesapeake Bay will be provided in the SIs.
- **Storm Trysail Club Trophy** – The Trophy is awarded to a club and to individual boats. To qualify, it is necessary for at least two (2) boats skippered by members of the same club to race. The club whose top two (2) racers achieve the lowest combined score wins this beautiful trophy to display in its clubhouse until the next race. The entry form will be provided on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- **Weems & Plath Navigator Trophy** – The Trophy is awarded to the navigator whose logs and plotting sheets are found to be complete, neat and readable. The judge(s) will look for that navigator who exhibits conservative, knowledgeable and conscientious navigation incorporating proper dead reckoning, charting some celestial and some electronic navigation. This includes keeping a proper dead reckoning tract, the plotting of lines of position and other phenomena in the proper and traditional manner and exhibiting navigational enthusiasm. An entry form, which will be available on the [Official Notice Board](#), must be completed at the time of Registration on June 6, 2024. Logs must be presented to the Officer of the Day at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club Duty Desk by 1200 (local) on June 13, 2026.
- **Youth Recognition Trophy** – Awarded to the youth sailor, the age of 18 or under as of June 13, 2026, to complete the race, and demonstrate the tenets of good sportsmanship such as leadership, fellowship, maturity, and concern for others while at sea, as selected by the OA. An entry form, which will be available on the [Official Notice Board](#), must be submitted to the OA by June 6, 2024.

15.2. The following trophies will be presented across the ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser classes:

- **Fastest Corrected Time – Chesapeake Bay** - The OA will present a prize to the fastest corrected time in each handicap class.
- **Fastest Corrected Time in Class** – The OA will present prizes up to the first three places on corrected time in each class, depending on the number of boats entered in the class.
- **Storm Trysail All-Academies Cup** – Awarded to the boat with the fastest corrected time in the All-Academies Sub-Class.
- **Patriot Cup presented by Veterans Yacht Sales and the Ministry of Sailing** – Awarded to the boat with the fastest corrected time in the Patriot Sub-Class.

15.3. Other trophies as may be specified by the OA.