



# FAWCETT'S FRIDAY NIGHT BEER CANS SERIES

Fridays, 08 May – 28 August 2026



ORGANIZING AUTHORITY  
Eastport Yacht Club

## NOTICE OF RACE with Amendment No. 1

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

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event shall be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Double headsails are not permitted in the non-spinnaker classes.
- 1.3 RRS 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”.
- 1.4 J/105 Class Rules are modified by Article IX of the local J/105 Fleet 3 Article/Rules. This event is designated Level 3C. J/105 Fleet-3 Articles/Rules can be found at [j105fleet3.org/rules](http://j105fleet3.org/rules).
- 1.5 [NP] Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at [eastportyc.org/regattas](http://eastportyc.org/regattas).

### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at or before 1700 on Friday, 24 April 2026, on the [Official Notice Board](#).

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The [Official Notice Board](#) will be online at the Yacht Scoring event page.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 9, 13, 16, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, Race Committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4 [DP] 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

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This event is open to boats of the following classes, provided five (5) or more paid registrations are received by 1700 on Wednesday, 13 May 2026:

Spinnaker	Non-Spinnaker	Cal 25	Harbor 20	EYC J/22*
J/30	J/105	Viper 640		

**\* Non-EYC-owned J/22s are welcome to participate in this class, provided they understand and accept that EYC-owned J/22s have not been measured for class-compliance and may not be equivalent to a PHRF J/22 ODR certificate. Skippers of a privately-owned J/22 should enter either a handicap class (NoR 4.4) or their own one-design class (NoR 4.5) if they do not wish to compete against EYC-owned J/22s.**

- 4.2 RC may split the Spinnaker and/or Non-Spinnaker classes into subclasses, based on the number of paid entries.



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- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event online at the Yacht Scoring [event registration](#) page.
- 4.4 Participants competing in a handicap class shall have a valid 2026 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate.
- 4.5 Additional one-design classes will be accepted upon the receipt of five (5) or more paid entries by 1700 on Wednesday, 06 May 2026.
- 4.6 A boat will not be allowed to change classes (e.g., switch from Spinnaker to Non-Spinnaker) after the first race is sailed.
- 4.7 New entries will be accepted after the first race is sailed and will be assigned to an existing class.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

**5 FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$145.
- 5.2 Refunds will not be granted for canceled registrations.

**6 SCHEDULE**

6.1 RC will host a competitors meeting via video teleconference on Thursday, 07 May 2026, beginning at 1900. An email with the link will be sent to competitors no later than 1700 on Thursday, 07 May 2026.

6.2 The race schedule is:

<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>
08 & 29	12 & 19	17 & 24	07, 14, 21, & 28

6.3 The Warning Signal for the first class to start each night is intended for 1815.

**7 VENUE**

- 7.1 The racing area will be on the lower Severn River, in the vicinity adjacent to Annapolis Harbor.
- 7.2 The event venue will be EYC, 317 First Street, Annapolis, MD, 21403. EYC extends the courtesy of its bar and galley to race participants.

**8 COURSES**

Competitors will sail one (1) fixed-mark course on the Severn River each night, as described in the SIs.

**9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, shall apply.
- 9.2 Protest hearings are intended to be in-person, but may be conducted virtually, depending upon instructions from the Protest Committee. Details will be provided in the SIs.

**10 SCORING**

- 10.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 10.2 PHRF classes will be scored in accordance with the PHRF Time-on-Time Circular Random Course ratings.
- 10.3 A boat's worst score will be discarded if seven (7) or more races are sailed and scored.
- 10.4 RRS 90.3(e) will apply, with the time limit changed to seven (7) days. This changes RRS 90.3(e).
- 10.5 RRS A5.3 shall apply.

**11 RISK STATEMENT**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (including the OA, RC, Protest Committee, EYC, sponsors, volunteers, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each



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competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law, and as a condition to participation in the event, specifically agrees with the Waiver and Release at [eastportyc.org/regattas](http://eastportyc.org/regattas).

**12 INSURANCE**

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

**13 PRIZES**

13.1 Weekly prizes will be awarded to the winning boat in each class.

13.2 An end-of-season party will be held at EYC on Friday, 11 September 2026, beginning at 1800. Prizes for the overall series results will be awarded.

13.3 The Valhalla Sailing Project Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the boat meeting the veteran crew requirements and having the best performance (lowest score) at the end of the annual Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series. Refer to the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Can Series Notice to Competitors for more information regarding the entry requirements.



13.4 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

**14 ENVIRONMENT**

[NP] This is a Clean Series. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



**15 INFORMATION**

For more information, contact [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org).



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