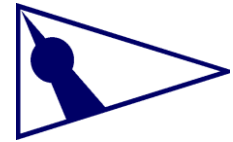




AYC/ SSA Varsity Regatta
MASSA is the Organizing Authority
Hosted by
Annapolis Yacht Club & Severn Sailing Association
September 16, 2017



**SAILING
INSTRUCTIONS**

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2017-2020 ISSA Procedural Rules, the notice of race and these sailing instructions. In an event of a conflict between governing documents and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.

1.1 RRS Appendix P applies as changed by PR14(c).

1.2 ISSA PR 2.5 (pinnies) shall be in effect.

2 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Official notices including changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board on Techscore and on a whiteboard located next to the outer crane at SSA (the rotation site). Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before the first race in which it will take effect. In the event of a conflict the white board will take precedence.

3 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday September 16th

Report time	0840
Competitors' Meeting at AYC	0900
First Warning	1000
No Start After	1600

4 BOATS & EQUIPMENT

4.1 AYC 420s and SSA 420s will be provided. Competitors, shall not modify any boat or cause any boat to be modified in any way. Jib halyards tails shall remain rigged behind the spreaders. If a boat is equipped with an auto-bailer it shall remain closed at all times while afloat.

4.2 Mainsheets may be rigged with a 3:1 or 4:1 purchase.

4.3 The penalty for infringing upon SI 4.1 will be disqualification from all races in which the boat was modified.

4.4 Competitors shall report all damage or loss of equipment; however slight, to the dock/boat committee promptly after returning to shore and to the Race Committee Finish Boat on the water immediately after all boats in that race have finished.

4.5 Breakdown points will not be awarded for the failure of knots or the loss of pins or rings, except the protest committee may grant redress for the failure of the main halyard masthead knot.

5 FORMAT

5.1 The format will be a single round robin, two division regatta. Both divisions will be on the water at the same time. It is the intention of the race committee to not switch fleets

6 COURSES AND MARKS

6.1 Standard **W4** course, with a windward offset and leeward gate above the start/finish line, will be utilized unless conditions require, or the race committee see fit to alter. A **W3** (or **W5**) course may be used to facilitate rotations by finishing near the rotation site.

6.2 The course to be sailed will be announced orally and taken from the course diagrams posted on the Techscore notice board and on these Sailing Instructions (Appendix 1). Additionally, the race committee will signal the W3 or W5 course with the display of numeral pennant 3 or 5.

6.3 All rounding marks will be orange, or red inflatable balls. The start finish marks will be white balls.

6.4 In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7, after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, if no boat is on that leg of the course. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

7 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING RACE

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7 (d) races will not be shortened but they may be abandoned. No signals are required. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible. This changes RRS32.

8 START, FINISH AND RECALLS

Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a) except that RRS Appendix S - Sound-Signal Starting System will be modified as follows:

8.1 Individual Recall - When, at a boat's starting signal, any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with RRS 30.1, the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with RRS 30.1, if it applies, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal, whichever is earlier. The Race Committee may also attempt to notify individual boats by hailing their sail or bow numbers.

8.2 General Recall – The race committee may signal a general recall by multiple sounds and the hail of “general recall” and need not display the First Substitute. Following a general recall, the warning for any subsequent start may be initiated at any time. (Changes RRS 29.2) After a general recall, RRS 30.1 (I Flag Rule) shall apply and no signal need be given. (Changes RRS 30.1)

8.3 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats "On Course Side" (OCS) as soon as possible after the start. Failure of electronic equipment, failure to hear a hail, order of hail, or delay in hailing will not be grounds for redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

8.4 The “Round the End Rule” provisions of RRS 30.1 may apply for any start if hailed prior to the starting sequence. The signal will be made orally and with the display of flag “P”. This changes RRS 30.1.

9 BREAKDOWNS

9.1 Breakdown requests shall be filed in the same manner as protests

9.2 Breakdowns shall be scored in accordance with ISSA PR 9(e). Compensation shall be consistent with ISSA PR Appendix 3.

10 PROTESTS

A competitor shall not communicate with a coach before reporting to the race committee the intention to protest, which must be done in order to file on land.

10.1 Protest forms will be available on land at SSA and must be turned in promptly to the on land pusher/boson during rotations before sailors head out for their next set (this is a new rule)

10.2 The Protestor must notify the Protestee as soon as possible once they hit land for the rotation. Failure to notify the competitor of your intentions to protest them before the start of the next set for your division will result in the protest being disallowed.

11 SCORING

11.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA PR 9.

12 COACHING

12.1 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones advisors, parents, or other support personnel shall not go afloat in the sailing area on the published dates of the regatta, unless explicitly permitted by the regatta chairperson.

12.2 Coaches, team leaders, chaperones, advisors, parents, or other support personnel may go afloat in the sailing area while serving as an umpire or assisting with race management.

12.3 Competitors may receive coaching, including instruction, assistance, equipment, or sustenance, only on the water near the docks or while ashore.

13 SAFETY

13.1 Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs). Inflatable type PFDs are not permitted.

13.2 Failure to comply with 13.1 will be grounds for disqualification from all races sailed in contravention of those instructions.

13.3 Competitors shall supply the equipment to meet the requirements of 13.1.

13.4 At its discretion, the Race Committee or Organizing Authority may require a competitor to retire from racing if the competitor is determined to be a risk to their own or others' safety.

14 TROPHIES

14.1 None.

15 WAIVER OF LIABILITY

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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each 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.

16 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

17 CONTACTS

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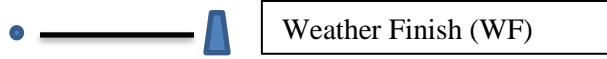
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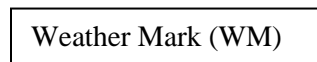
18 ANNOUNCEMENT

No contestant shall use, either on or off the water, alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, or distilled spirits, each as defined in Chapter 51 of the US Internal Revenue Code and intended for beverage use), or marijuana, cocaine, or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 US Code 802), the possession of which, by that contestant is unlawful under 21 US Code 841.

Appendix 1: Course Chart



W3: S, WM, O, G, **WF**



W4: S, WM, O, G, WM, O, **LF**

W5: S, WM, O, G, WM, O, G, **WF**

