



## HELLY HANSEN SAILING WORLD REGATTA SERIES ANNAPOLIS

Including:

*29er Nationals*  
*Alberg 30 Maple Leaf Trophy*  
*Youth Keelboat Series*

Annapolis Yacht Club  
Annapolis, MD  
May 1-3, 2026

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series/>

### NOTICE OF RACE

Sailing World and the Annapolis Yacht Club are co-organizing authorities (OA) for this regatta. The Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) is the host club and will provide race management assisted by Eastport Yacht Club and the Severn Sailing Association.

#### 1. RULES

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following rules are changed:

**1.2.1** RRS 60.4(a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat, and is based on a rule with the notation [NP],"

**1.2.2** RRS 60.5 (c) adds "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification."

**1.2.3** RRS 61.2 is changed to, "A request for redress is invalid if it does not comply with rule 61.2."

**1.2.4** RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat, and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

**1.2.5** 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...

**1.3** All US One Design Class Rules apply with the following exceptions:

(a) [DP] For the J/70 Class: Class Rules Part III Sections I.3 (Support Boat) and I.4 (Corinthian Division) will apply.

(b) For the J/105 Class: J105 Class Rule 7.10 shall not apply to the OA-approved coachboat.

(c) For the J/88 Class competitors are required to declare all sails carried during the event, including class tag numbers, through Yachtscore before the close of registration. Any subsequent changes to sails carried, must be in compliance with Class Rule 5.3.2.

**1.4** The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble of Part 5, Section B and 63.1(b) shall not apply.

**1.5** Personal flotation shall be worn as required by class rules. Competitors should be aware that the race committee may display Flag "Y" in accordance with RRS 40.

**1.6** [DP] Competitor boats shall not fly drones, which includes support boats.

#### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**2.1** Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the regatta website, prior to the event.



**2.2** Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB located on the regatta website. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the ONB for any amendments or notices.

**2.3** Separate sailing instructions will be available for the Distance Races.

### **3. COMMUNICATION**

**3.1** The ONB is located online at:

<https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/>

**3.2 [DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels. This may change a class rule. Some classes may request an exemption from this requirement.

**3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

**3.4 [DP]** While racing, except when requesting outside assistance, 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** The following are eligible to enter:

- (a) Classes invited by the OA,
- (b) Boats in good standing and current members of a one-design class association whose class is invited by the OA,
- (c) Level class, determined by OA,
- (d) PHRF

**4.2** A minimum of eight boats is required for a class to remain eligible for one-design. The OA reserves the right to invite additional classes at its sole discretion. To enter the event, the helmsman of the boat shall be a member in good standing of the class association.

**4.3** RRS 76.3 is deleted.

**4.4** Invited one-design classes include: 29er, Alberg 30, Beneteau 36.7, Etchells, Harbor 20, Sonar, J/22, J/24, J/30, J/70, J/80, J/88, J/105, J/111, Lightning, Melges 15, Melges 24, Snipe, Viper 640, VX One, and Waszp.

**4.5** Invited handicap classes PHRF and Cal 25s for the Saturday and Sunday distance racing division. The OA reserves the right to add additional classes. Other classes that want to participate should contact the OA by email to [regattas@sailingworld.com](mailto:regattas@sailingworld.com).

**4.6** Due to the number of classes anticipated at this event, classes may be started together but scored separately.

**4.7** The Distance Racing division (Saturday and Sunday only, 1 race per day) is open to Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker boats of 20 feet LOA or greater that hold a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>.

**4.8** Entries shall be completed online at <https://www.sailingworld.com/regatta-series-annapolis/>

**4.9** Classes shall meet eligibility requirements no later than April 14, 2026. Fees for new and incomplete entries after April 5 will increase by \$75.00, this includes any unpaid entries.

**4.10** A representative of each eligible boat shall register in person at the Annapolis Yacht Club during the allotted registration times. All skipper and crew waivers must be completed

**4.11 Waiver of liability:** As part of the entry process, all skippers and crew waivers must be completed and submitted before registration to be a valid entry. Crew names shall be identified by the close of onsite registration.

**4.12** In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must be added to the entry's crew list and submit a signed waiver of liability online prior to racing on that boat.

**4.13** For entries to be considered valid, all registration items must be completed, including but not limited to online crew, waiver, submission, paid fees, rating certificates submitted, etc. All incomplete registrations will be considered withdrawn from the regatta if incomplete on or



after 1900 on Thursday, April 30.

**4.14** Competitors under 18 should request and submit a Minor Waiver from the OA.

**4.15** When a boat signs up, if appropriate, designated as a subclass for **Youth Team** (under 21 years of age), and Mixed + (50% female+). Awards will be given for these categories in one-design classes with 12 boats or more.

| REGISTRATION DETAIL                               | DATE                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Early Entry Opens for All Classes                 | November 15, 2025                               |
| Last call for Early Entry Discount - All Classes  | By 2359hrs on April 5                           |
| Call for One Design Class Formation (8 boat min.) | By 2359hrs on April 14                          |
| Online Entry Closes                               | At 2359hrs on April 30                          |
| Onsite Registration (One Design)                  | 1630 - 1900 on April 30<br>0800 - 0900 on May 1 |
| Onsite Registration (Distance Race)               | 1700 - 1900 on May 1<br>0800 - 0900 on May 2    |

## 5. FEES

**5.1** The entry fee will be based on the LOA as follows:

| LOA                                  | Early Entry Fees | Entry Fees after 4/5/26 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| up to 19'                            | \$235            | \$310                   |
| 20' - 24'                            | \$275            | \$350                   |
| 25' - 30'                            | \$300            | \$375                   |
| 31' - 40'                            | \$325            | \$400                   |
| 41' and over                         | \$355            | \$430                   |
| Distance Race<br>(Saturday & Sunday) | \$175            | \$250                   |

**5.2** Visiting guests can organize guest cards with AYC for non-regatta activities at the Front Desk of AYC's Main Clubhouse located at 2 Compromise Street for use within the Main Clubhouse from April 30 to May 3, 2026. AYC accepts MC/Visa and American Express as forms of payment.

**5.3** Entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the OA. An entry is not valid until the entry form and fees are accepted by the organizing authority. To withdraw your entry, please email [regattas@sailingworld.com](mailto:regattas@sailingworld.com) no later than April 28. In the event that the regatta is canceled all entry fees will be credited less a \$25 administration fee.



**5.4** The Regattas Socials are open to sailors, members, and guests for events on Thursday to Sunday. The Regatta Social Pass fee is inclusive of Friday and Sunday light bites and drinks, Saturday Party, dinner buffet and live music. Social passes may be purchased in advance on the race website.

## 6. ADVERTISING

**6.1** Boats are urged to refrain from displaying advertisements for businesses or products competing with those of the primary and support sponsors of the event.

**6.2** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA, e.g., bow stickers, boom stickers, and/or flags.

**6.3** Bow numbers may be required for some classes.

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

**7.1** As many races will be sailed as are viable on each scheduled day of racing. Except for the Wasp class, a maximum of ten races may be sailed for each class.

**7.2** The first warning signal is scheduled for 1100 on Friday to Sunday. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Sunday.

**7.4** Post race socials are scheduled for 5:30pm on Friday - Sunday at Annapolis Yacht Club. Additional social activities include Friday and Sunday light bites and Cocktail Contest, Saturday Live Music and Dinner. All families are welcome.

| 2026 IMPORTANT DATES                                             | REGISTRATION DETAIL                                                                                        | LOCATION                                                         |
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| Thursday, April 30<br>1630 - 1900<br>1800 - 1830                 | Registration - All Boats<br>Skippers Meeting                                                               | AYC Sailing Center                                               |
| Friday, May 1<br>0800 - 0900<br>1100<br>1700-1900<br>1730 - 1930 | Registration (OD + Distance)<br>First Warning<br>Registration (Distance Race)<br>Regatta Social + Contests | AYC Sailing Center<br>Designated Race Area<br>AYC Sailing Center |
| Saturday, May 2<br>0730 - 0830<br>1100<br>1730 - 2000            | Registration (Distance Race)<br>First Warning<br>Regatta Social                                            | AYC Sailing Center<br>Designated Race Area<br>AYC Sailing Center |
| Sunday, May 3<br>1100<br>1500<br>1600<br>1630                    | First Warning<br>No warning after this time<br>Regatta Social<br>Tentative time for Awards                 | Designated Race Area<br>AYC Sailing Center<br>AYC Sailing Center |

## 8. MEASUREMENT/WEIGH-IN

**8.1** Measurement is not required, but each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class

**8.2** Neither SW nor AYC shall be responsible for conducting or administering weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.



## 9. VENUE

Racing will take place on the Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis.

## 10. COURSES

The number of racing areas, specific locations, and courses to be sailed, will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

**11.1** RRS Appendix T- ARBITRATION, will apply.

**11.2** US Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 - PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will apply.

## 12. SCORING

Each boat's series score will be the sum of her scores for all races with no race scores excluded. One race will constitute a series.

**12.2** Boats entered under PHRF will be scored using time-on-time (TOT) scoring. All other boats will be scored without handicap.

## 13. BERTHING/HAUL OUT

**13.1** Each competitor is responsible for notifying the Host Club of their intention to attend, and launch from their facility. It is recommended this is done immediately after the boat's registration is paid and complete. Space is limited and not guaranteed.

**13.2** Each fleet may launch and haul from the respected Clubs

**13.3** [DP] Once launched, boats shall not be hauled out for the duration of the regatta without written permission from the OA. Lightnings, Waszps, 29ers, Harbor 20s, Melges 15s are exempt from these haul-out restrictions.

**13.4** If you are unable to secure free launching with a host club, paid storage is available to overflow dinghies and keelboats at the Annapolis Sailing School.

| HOST CLUB                                                                                                                                       | INVITED FLEETS                             | LAUNCH - HAUL PLAN                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Annapolis Yacht Club<br>510 Severn Ave, Annapolis<br>410-320-4304<br><a href="mailto:dockmaster@annapolisyc.org">dockmaster@annapolisyc.org</a> | Harbor 20<br>J/70<br>J/80<br>Sonar         | Dry storage daily<br>Dry storage daily<br>In water during regatta<br>Dry storage daily                      |
| Eastport Yacht Club<br>317 First Street, Annapolis<br><a href="mailto:waterfront@eastportyc.org">waterfront@eastportyc.org</a>                  | Melges 15<br>Viper 640                     | Dry storage daily<br>Dry storage rotation - see<br><i>Fleet Captain</i>                                     |
| Severn Sailing Association<br>311 First Street, Annapolis<br><a href="mailto:office@severnsailing.org">office@severnsailing.org</a>             | 29er<br>J/22<br>J/24<br>Lightning<br>Waszp | Dry storage daily<br>Dry storage daily<br>In water during regatta<br>Dry storage daily<br>Dry storage daily |
| Annapolis Sailing School<br>7001 Bembe Beach Rd,                                                                                                | Overflow<br>Paid Storage                   | Dry storage daily<br>Dry storage daily                                                                      |

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| Annapolis<br>410-267-7205 |  |  |
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#### 14. RISK STATEMENT

**14.1** 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. SW and AYC, EYC and SSA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**14.2** The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with the state and local laws, guidelines and recommendations as well as the host club’s restrictions or with any reasonable request of the Organizing Authorities, Race Officers, Regatta Committee members, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.

**14.3** It is the skipper’s obligation to ensure that each crew member’s waiver is reflected on the waiver list prior to closing of on-site registration.

#### 15. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 combined single limit per incident. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance upon request by the OA.

#### 16. PRIZES

**16.1** Prizes will be awarded, after racing on Sunday, to the top-three finishers of each qualifying class.

**16.2 Class Trophy:** Boats in classes participating in three or more events of the Series will qualify for the **Sailing World Regatta Series Class Champion award**, which will be based on cumulative race scores from three events:

- (i) The same boat must be used in all three events
- (ii) The helmsperson must be the same for all three events
- (iii) A boat’s series score will be the total of her points in her three best events. If there is a tie between two or more boats, each boat’s finishing position in her three best events will be listed in order of best to worst. At the first point(s) where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat(s) with the best score(s). If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their last qualifying event.

**16.3** Additional prizes may be awarded to the top **Youth Team** (under 21 years of age), and top **Mixed Plus Team** (50% + female) in any one-design class with a minimum of 12 boats registered.

#### 16. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the OA for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.



#### **REGATTA CONTACT**

For further information please contact:

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