

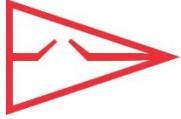


Annapolis to Miles River Race

Saturday, 25 May 2024

Hosted by Miles River Yacht Club

Assisted by Eastport Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules:

Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). In the event of conflict between the NoR and the SIs (or amendments thereto), the SIs as amended shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
All boats shall comply with their Class Rules.

Notices to Competitors:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at [Annapolis to Miles River](#)

Changes to Sailing Instructions:

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore: No signals will be made ashore.

Rendezvous:

Competitors shall rendezvous in the vicinity of CBYRA Annapolis Area Chart mark "X" (R2).

Prior to a competitor's warning signal, competitors must check in at the "Race Committee Check-In" boat flying a large *yellow* flag stationed approximately 300 yards NW of the Race Committee Signal Boat. Please do not attempt to check in with the Signal Boat.

If necessary, the Signal Boat may begin moving to the new location prior to the scheduled Warning in which case the Check In boat will remain near R2 until 0930 am then proceed to the new starting area.

Schedule of Races:

Saturday, May 25 – 0900 Check in Boat on Station

0925 Warning Signal for first start

Class groupings and start times shall be posted no later than 10:00 am on Friday, May 24.

Racing Area:

The racing area will be Chesapeake Bay, between the mouth of the Severn River and Miles River.

Course:

Annapolis Area Chart - round mark "Q" (R "84A") to port, mark "F" (R "2A") to port, and mark "N" (R "4") to starboard (20.2 nautical miles).

Start:

Starting Line shall be between orange (or yellow) flag on the Signal Boat and Annapolis Area Chart mark "X" (R "2"), or alternative mark if the Signal Boat displays the "L" flag and moves to another location.

If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side (OCS) of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

A boat that is identified as OCS, and fails to start properly, will be penalized by having 15 minutes added to her elapsed time without a hearing. For the purposes of RRS 28, and A5, a boat so penalized shall be considered to have started properly. This changes the definition of *Start*, RRS 28, 63.1, and A5.

Classes that have a General Recall will be moved to the end of the starting order in the order they were recalled. Classes which have not been recalled shall be started as though the general recall(s) had not been made. This changes RRS 29.2.

A boat starting more than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal of the last class shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.

Finish:

Unless the course is shortened, the finishing line will be between an orange or yellow flag on the Signal Boat and CBYRA Miles River and Eastern Bay Area Mark "H" (RN8). If necessary, the course will be shortened at a rounding mark in accordance with RRS 32.

For one-design classes only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that when a rule of Part 2 is broken outside the zone at a mark, and there is no injury or damage, and no significant advantage is gained, the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

Time Limit:

Boats finishing after 1500 should text your finish time, the boat in front of you, and the boat behind you to 410-829-3157.

Protests and Requests for Redress:

Boats intending to protest an incident in the racing area shall inform the Race Committee when they finish. Should a vessel leave the course without finishing, an intent to protest may be made via VHF channel 71 or text to 410-829-3157. The information shall include the Sail Number and/or Boat Name of the protested yacht.

Protest forms will be available at MRYC and must be filed with the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the Signal Boat docking **or within 90 minutes of the finish time of any boat taking its own time**. Notices of protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board at MRYC within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held at MRYC beginning at 5 pm or approximately (30) minutes after being posted.

Scoring:

- Corrected times for PHRF Classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring using Random Course Handicaps. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$
- Corrected times for the ORC classes will be calculated using the appropriate ORC Time-on-Time ratings with 5 band wind ranges as determined by the Race Committee.
- Corrected times for CRCA-ORR Classes will be calculated using ToT handicaps provided by the CRCA Class Administrator
- Corrected times for the Multihull Classes will be calculated using CMA ToT handicaps.
- Race Committee decisions regarding course type and/or wind speed may not be used for redress. This changes RRS 60.1.

Safety:

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible either by hail, VHF channel 71 or text to 410-310-3366

A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's

only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (in writing or by e-mail or text) by the protest filing deadline described the incident and the boat's actions.

The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3 and 63.6

Trash Disposal:

This is a Clean Race; all competitors are encouraged not to use disposable water bottles. Racers should refrain from throwing trash in the water and recycle all appropriate items. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified or subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

Radio Communication:

Competitors shall have a working VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 71.

RC will communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.

Boats are encouraged to make contact with commercial traffic on VHF channel 13, as required for safety.

Awards:

1st/3, 2nd/6, 3rd/9 & 4th/12 in each class. Awards will be presented at approximately 2000 at the post-race party. Rhine Trophy will be awarded to the MRYC skipper with the best corrected finish time.

Beneteau America will also award prizes to the top three Beneteaus in the Cruising Class and the top three Beneteaus in the Handicap Classes.

NOTE: Awards ceremony may be earlier if scoring permits – a shotgun warning will be fired ½ hour before the ceremony

Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority or any other party involved in the organization of the regatta will not accept any responsibility or liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustain in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Insurance:

Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.