



Hosted by  
The ANNAPOLIS YACHT CLUB and J/105 FLEET 3  
ANNAPOLIS, MD USA  
31 October – 4 November 2007

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions. This changes RRS 63.7. The Organizing Authority is the Annapolis Yacht Club in conjunction with the J/105 Class Association.
- 1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 40.1, 68, 76.1, and 76.3 apply and are stated in full in paragraph 19 below. No other prescriptions of US SAILING apply.
- 1.3 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply.
- 1.4 The regatta is a Level A Event in accordance with Class Rule (CR) 3.6
- 1.5 Boats must comply with CR 7.3.2.
- 1.6 RRS 35 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within 20 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored points equal to the last finisher plus 2 without a hearing.
- 1.7 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and for requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.

- 2 **Advertising** - The regatta is designated Category A, ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display Event Advertising on the forward part of the hull.

### 3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to J/105 boats eligible in accordance with CR 1.3 and that have completed registration, the measurement procedure and paid all fees by 1800 hrs. 31 October 2007.
- 3.2 Crew lists and unexpired ISAF classification rulings for all crew and substitute crew shall be submitted to the Organizing Authority (OA) by 1800 hrs Wednesday 24 October 2007. The crew list must specify the days each crew will sail. Changes to the list submitted require prior written consent of the race committee. The Classification Protest Time Limit will be 1600 hrs. Wednesday 31 October, or 24 hours after the posting of a changed crew list.
- 3.3 Crews shall demonstrate compliance with the crew weight limit in accordance with CR 7.1 prior to racing.
- 3.4 Proof of marine liability insurance (property and injury) in the amount of \$300,000 covering the person in charge (RRS 46) during this regatta must be provided to the OA at registration.
- 3.5 Entries will not be accepted after 1800 hrs. Wednesday 17 October 2007. Entries shall be made online at: [www.race.annapolisyc.org](http://www.race.annapolisyc.org)

- 4 **Entry Fee** - The entry fee is \$650 for entries received by 1800 hrs 21 September 2007. There will be a \$100 late fee for entries received after this deadline and before the close of entries on 17 October. The entry fee includes invitations to all social events for skipper and five crew. Additional social packages will be available at registration. For out of town boats only, rafting will be available at AYC docks at no charge from 27 October through 5 November.

## **5 Schedule**

- 5.1 Measurement will be by appointment Saturday 27 October through Wednesday 31 October.
- 5.2 Registration and crew weigh-in will be 0800 – 1800 hrs Wednesday at the Yacht Club Annex and Sailing Center. Late weigh-in will be available 0800-0900 on Thursday at the Annex.
- 5.3 Seven races are scheduled. Two races are scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. One race is scheduled on Sunday. Races not completed on the day scheduled will be added to the following day's schedule. Races not completed on Sunday will not be sailed. No more than three races may be sailed per day.
- 5.4 If there are 50 or more entries, the race committee may split the fleet. A qualifying series of four races will be scheduled to be sailed on Thursday and Friday. Qualifying series scores will be carried forward into the championship series of three races scheduled to be sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

## **6 Measurement**

- 6.1 Each boat must be made available at the Sailing Center for inspection of sail tags and compliance with weight certificate and CR 5.
- 6.2 Sails shall be declared by sail tag and the list provided to the OA by 1800 hrs Wednesday 24 October 2007. Sails are subject to measurement according to CR 6 at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.3 If a sail is damaged during the event a competitor shall make a written request to the race committee to have it professionally repaired. Written permission for repair from the race committee is required.

## **7 Sail and Bow Numbers**

- 7.1 Each boat shall show the sail number and national letters (if any) as indicated on the Official Entry Form.
- 7.2 Bow numbers will be assigned by the race committee and given to each participating boat at registration. They shall be affixed to the hull according to instructions provided by the OA.

## **8 Sailing Instructions** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online at [www.race.annapolisyc.org](http://www.race.annapolisyc.org)

## **9 Racing Area** - Racing will be conducted on the Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of the Severn River.

## **10 Courses** – The courses will be windward – leeward with a weather offset and leeward gate.

## **11 Arbitration** - For protests involving the rules of RRS Part 2, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to the protest hearing.

## **12 Scoring** - The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A, will apply, except that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. Three races must be completed to constitute a championship.

## **13 Support Boats** – The Sailing Instructions will contain restrictions on support boats during racing, including but not limited to, a prohibition of communication with support boats from the warning signal until the boat has finished the race.

## **14 Haul-Out Restrictions** – All boats shall be in the water by 1700 hrs. 31 October 2007 and must remain in the water through the end of the regatta. Boats may not be hauled without written permission of the race committee.

## **15 Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools** – Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

**16 Radio Communication**

- 16.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 16.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors, including OCS hails after starts.

**17 Prizes** – Prizes will be awarded to skipper and crew for first through fifth place overall. Daily prizes will be awarded.

**18 Disclaimer of Liability** - The Organizing Authority shall require each competitor to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of the Annapolis Yacht Club. The Annapolis Yacht Club, the J/105 Class Association, J/105 Fleet 3, their members, employees, officers and/or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury that may occur to person or property whether ashore or at sea as a consequence of the participation of any boat.

**19 US SAILING Prescriptions that Apply**

- 19.1 After RRS 40.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that every boat shall carry lifesaving equipment conforming to government regulations."
- 19.2 After RRS 68 add: "US SAILING prescribes that:
  - (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
  - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
  - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats."
- 19.3 After RRS 76.1 add: "US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age."
- 19.4 Add RRS 76.3: "US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6."

**20 Information**

- 20.1 See the regatta website at [www.j105fleet3.org/nahome.html](http://www.j105fleet3.org/nahome.html)
- 20.2 Guest privileges will be established at registration. All areas of the Club will be available for your use. For more information contact J/105 Fleet 3 Officers at [eventinfo@j105fleet3.org](mailto:eventinfo@j105fleet3.org) or Linda Ambrose, AYC Racing Manager: 410-263-9147 (AYC); [Lambrose@annapolisyc.org](mailto:Lambrose@annapolisyc.org)

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