



Annapolis YC 3-2-1 Invitational® September 18-20, 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Annapolis Yacht Club,
Annapolis, Maryland, USA

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 For the match races, RRS Appendix C, Match Racing, will apply. For the team races, RRS Appendix D, Team Racing, will apply.
- 1.3 All races will be umpired.
- 1.4 [DP] Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when on the water, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment per RRS 40.1. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.
- 1.5 [DP] Competitors shall bring their own personal flotation device and it shall be worn outside of all clothing except team identification bibs. Bibs provided by the Organizing Authority or supplied by the team may be required to be worn over PFDs while racing.
- 1.6 [DP] Each team shall provide a minimum of three VHF radios capable of communicating on US channels.
- 1.7 The OA will provide water-filling stations both ashore and on the water. Teams are responsible for providing their own individual water containers.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the event website approximately 10 days before the event.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located electronically on the event website.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee and umpires intend to communicate with boats using VHF radio. The specific channels will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Teams will only be accepted from clubs invited by the OA.
- 4.2 Interested teams may request an invitation by completing the [request for invitation form](#) by Feb 21st, 2026. Crew lists and highlights from sailors resumes are encouraged but not required.

- 4.3 Invited teams shall enter by submitting an entry form (provided with the invitation) and paying the entry fee by Friday, April 3, 2026.
- 4.4 The entry fee is \$4,500 per team. A \$1,500 administrative fee is non-refundable. The remainder of the entry fee is refundable until 1700 on Friday, June 26, 2026.
- 4.5 Checks for entry fees should be made out to the Annapolis Yacht Club, c/o Linda Ambrose, PO Box 908, Annapolis, MD 21404. If paying with a credit card there is a 3% processing fee.
- 4.6 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing, supplied boats, breakfast and lunch on race days, and entry to the three post-race social events. Additional information will be detailed on the event website. A limited number of additional social packages will be available for purchase as detailed on the event website.

5 CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 Each team shall consist of six persons.
- 5.2 All team members shall be members (or spouses of members) of a club that the team represents, except that team members younger than 26 (on the first day of racing) may be children of members of a club they represent.
- 5.3 All team members shall be at least 21 years of age on the first day of racing.
- 5.4 The combined weight of team members shall be no greater than 1150 pounds. Teams will be weighed during registration. In case of a substitution, the replacement team member will also be weighed to ensure that the team remains compliant with the combined team weight limit.
- 5.5 Each team member shall compete as either skipper or crew in all disciplines.
- 5.6 All team members shall complete a waiver form provided by the OA prior to practicing or racing.
- 5.7 Within a team, the skipper may change provided that each skipper has provided a damage deposit in accordance with NoR 8. Skippers for each team will be confirmed at registration.

- 5.8 [DP] A team may not replace a team member after registration without advance permission of the race committee.

6 REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1 The regatta format will be a mix of match and team racing disciplines with the same team of 6 sailors.
- 6.2 For 1v1 match racing discipline:
- (a) Each team will race one J/105 boat with 6 sailors and an owner's representative appointed by the OA.
 - (b) Spinnakers may be used.
- 6.3 For 2v2 team racing discipline:
- (a) Each team will race two Sonar boats with 3 sailors per boat.
 - (b) Spinnakers may be used.
- 6.4 For 3v3 team racing discipline:
- (a) Each team will race three Sonar boats with 2 sailors per boat.
 - (b) Spinnakers will not be used.
- 6.5 The intended format will be a single full round-robin with each club racing each other club in each discipline once. If time permits, a finals series with the top teams from the round robins may be sailed. The number of races and the boat rotation will be described in the sailing instructions (SIs). The format may be adjusted due to weather and time considerations.
- 6.6 There will be a maximum of 8 teams.
- 6.7 Boats will be provided by the OA:
- (a) The class rules will not apply.
 - (b) When the winds exceed 15 knots, the OA intends to prohibit the use of spinnakers.
 - (c) Standing rigging shall not be adjusted, except at the direction of the OA.
 - (d) Additional boat handling requirements will be included in the SIs.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The racing days will be Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20.
- 7.2 Boats will be available for practice sessions on Thursday, September 17 from 1100-1800. Practice times will be assigned by the OA on a first-come-first-serve basis. A practice request form will be sent to Team Captains in August.
- 7.3 Registration will be 1200 to 1800 on Thursday, and 0830-0930 on Friday.
- 7.4 There will be a morning briefing at 0930 on Friday, and 0830 Saturday and Sunday. Attendance at this briefing is mandatory for all skippers.
- 7.5 The warning signal for the first race is scheduled for 1100 on Friday.
- 7.6 No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Sunday.

8 DAMAGE DEPOSITS

- 8.1 Prior to helming a boat, each skipper shall provide a damage deposit of \$2,000. The deposit can be made either by providing credit card information or an AYC member number, if applicable.
- 8.2 The deposit is a per-incident maximum. If a skipper has more than one incident, he or she is then liable for up to \$2,000 for each individual incident.
- 8.3 While the OA will attempt to identify all damage at the post-regatta inspection, sometimes this is not possible due to the nature of the damage. The skippers are responsible for all damage, even if it is discovered after the post-regatta inspection.
- 8.4 If there is material damage to a boat that is not covered by insurance and no one acknowledges responsibility (e.g., crews are rotated among the boats and no one reports the damage), the cost of repairs will be charged to all skippers prorated by the number of races each skipper sailed the boat.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The racing area will be the Severn River or the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Severn River.
- 9.2 The regatta shore side venue will be the AYC Sailing Center, 510 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward courses for match racing, and either port-boxes, N, or digital N courses for team racing. Details will be provided in the SIs.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Scoring for individual races will be in accordance with RRS C10 for match racing and RRS D3 for team racing.
- 11.2 In the 2v2 discipline, the team that has a boat finish in last place will be scored with a loss (this changes D3.3).
- 11.3 Teams shall be ranked by total number of race wins across all disciplines. Tiebreakers will be described in the SIs; RRS C11 and D4 will not apply.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 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, which are assumed by the competitor.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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