



The 2026 CORINTHIAN CUP

The San Francisco Yacht Club
& Annapolis Yacht Club

Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16

<https://bit.ly/26CCONB>

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) in conjunction with the Joint Committee (JC) of the SFYC/AYC Corinthian Cup.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Declaration of Trust and Conditions Governing the SFYC/AYC Corinthian Cup (DOT).
- a. RRS Appendix C will apply for match races.
- b. RRS Appendix D and Appendix U will apply for team races.
- 1.2 RRS17 is deleted. (US Sailing permission letter on file).
- 1.3 All races will be umpired.
- 1.4 In regard to match racing, this will not be a World Sailing graded event.
- 1.5 The rules for the handling of boats and equipment as provided in the sailing instructions will apply.
- 1.6 Rule 40.1 applies at all times when boats are outside the harbor. PFDs shall be USCG approved.
- 1.7 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery. Assisting in recovery of a Crew from another boat, as described above, will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.1(b).
- 1.8 Any additional alterations to the rules or prescriptions will be published in the sailing instructions.
- 1.9 The warning or attention signal for a flight shall not be given if the average wind strength, when measured from the signal boat, is less than six (6) knots or greater than twenty-two (22) knots for a three (3) minute period. The JC may elect to change the wind limits by a majority vote.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than 1600 on August 12 on the official noticeboard.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at: <https://bit.ly/26CCONB>
- 3.2 On the water the race committee will communicate with umpires and competitors on VHF radio channel listed in SI's.
- 3.3 Except in an emergency or breakdown, or if requested to do so by the race committee, competitors shall not make voice or data transmissions, nor shall they receive voice or data communication unless it is available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The San Francisco Yacht Club and Annapolis Yacht Club shall each be represented by three teams; an open team, a youth team and a women's team which shall include at least one junior. All junior sailors must have reached their 13th birthday but not their 19th birthday prior to the first day of racing. All sailors shall be members, or spouses of members, or children of members in good standing of their respective yacht club, according to that club's bylaws.
- 4.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.3 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2 and shall be categorized as World Sailing Group 1.
- 4.4 The teams shall be entered by the submission of crew lists to the Joint Committee no later than 1700 on August 1.

5 BOATS AND SAILS

- 5.1 Each team will be assigned, by random draw by a representative of the visiting team at the Saturday meeting: 3 boats from the AYC fleet of matched Sonars for each day of racing. Boats will be swapped between the two clubs for the second day of racing.
- 5.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 5.3 Variations between provided boats or sails shall not be grounds for redress.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 Each boat shall be crewed by 4 sailors.
- 6.2 Teams shall declare 3 skippers for the event, one for each boat: open, women's, and junior
- 6.3 Registered crew shall sail all races; however, the JC may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment when a crew can no longer continue to race due to an emergency.

7 DAMAGE AGREEMENT

Each skipper, or the case of a minor, their parent or guardian or club representative, shall sign an online Damage Liability Agreement prior to helming a boat, which outlines the cost of damage per incident.

8 EVENT FORMAT AND SCORING

- 8.1 One point shall be awarded for each race win in each discipline. Other race points will be awarded as specified in Appendices C and D, as appropriate.
- 8.2 The format on Saturday will be 3v3 team racing.
- 8.3 The number of races to be sailed on Saturday will be determined by the JC with the intention to start each subsequent race as soon as practicable after the previous race until one team has accumulated 5 points.
- 8.4 Races on Sunday will be organized into flights of match races within each division: Open, women's, then junior. A coin toss on Saturday evening will determine the entry side for the first match. On Saturday after racing, the JC may change the points system for Sunday.
- 8.5 Racing will continue on the second day until one team has accumulated 11 or more points at the end of a flight, and the other team has not, in which case the team with 11 points will be declared the winner of the 2026 Corinthian Cup.
- 8.6 If neither team has accumulated 11 points at the conclusion of racing on the second day, the winner shall be the team with the most points at the end of the last completed flight.
- 8.7 In the event of a tie at the end of racing on the second day, the tie will be broken in favor of the team that accumulated the most points during the 3v3 team racing. If the 3v3 team racing was tied the tie shall be broken in favor of the team that won the last completed match race.
- 8.8 The JC may change the format or terminate racing on either day when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold more races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled.

9 SCHEDULE

Friday August 14

1100-1700 Boats available for practice

1730 Cocktail reception at the AYC Sailing Center.

Saturday August 15

0915 Mandatory competitors' briefing

A meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first competitor's briefing

1100 First warning or attention signal

1830 Hosted Club blazer dinner at AYC Main Clubhouse

Sunday August 16

0915 Mandatory competitors briefing

1100 First warning or attention signal

1530 Latest time for an attention signal

Following racing: The Prize Giving at the AYC Sailing Center

10 VENUE

Shore side will be hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club. Racing will be in the Chesapeake Bay near the entrance to the Severn River or decided by the JC.

11 COURSES

11.1 The team racing course for 3v3 will be a port box type.

11.2 The match racing course will be starboard rounding with windward offset and W/L type with a gate.

12 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images, and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage, and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

13 DISCLAIMER AND RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the AYC liability waiver which each competitor must sign online.

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

14 PRIZES

14.1 The Corinthian Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

14.2 Take home trophies will be awarded to the sailors on the overall winning team.