

**Draft Sailing Instructions For 2003 AYC Build – A – Boat Regatta**

1. **Rules:** The regatta will be governed by the ‘rules’ as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by these sailing instructions.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board is the bulletin board outside the club at the lower level entrance to the skipjack.
3. **Changes to the Sailing Instructions:** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 15 minutes before the race it will take effect.
4. **Signals made ashore:** Will be displayed from the AYC clubhouse yardarm.
5. **Schedule of races:** The first race is scheduled to start at 1317 on 6/22/03. A second and third race may be run if there is time. Second and third races (if run) will be by announced by loud hail or over the build-a-boat (BAB) PA.
6. **Class Flags:** Class flags are not required.
7. **Racing Area:** Annapolis Harbor in front of AYC between the Eastport bridge and the Chart House Restaurant.
8. **The Course:** From the start, proceed to the single orange tetrahedron buoy, round to port and return to finish.
9. **Marks:** The start/finish mark will be an orange cylinder. The turning mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
10. **The Start:** The Starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the end of the “T” dock, or on a boat moored at the “T” dock, and the upstream edge of an orange cylinder mark in Spa Creek. A three minute time sequence of sound signals will precede each race. Sound signals will be as follows:

<b>Starting Sequence</b>	
Time Before Start	Signal
3 minutes	1 long sound
2 minutes	2 long sounds
1 ½ minutes	1 long sound and 1 short sound
1 minute	1 long sound
30 seconds	3 short sounds
20 seconds	2 short sounds
10 seconds	1 short sound
5 – 0 seconds	5 short sounds at one second intervals and 1 long sound at the start

Boats (including all parts of the hull, crew, equipment, etc.) must be completely behind the starting line at the starting signal. Any boat(s) not completely behind the line (i.e. Over Early Boats) at the starting signal will be awarded a minimum penalty of 1 place at the finish. If all boats are on the course side no penalty will be assessed. This penalty may be increased up to complete disqualification as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the race committee. (e.g. a racer half way down the first leg of the course).

**11. Change of position of next mark: N/A**

**12. The Finish:** The finish line will be between an orange flag on the end of the “T” dock, or on a boat moored at the “T” dock, and the downstream edge of an orange

cylinder mark in Spa Creek. The boat is finished when any part of the boat or crew in it's normal racing position crosses the finish line (i.e. the crew may not extend a bow sprit or throw a part across the finish line to gain an advantage). Finished boats must clear the finish line and attempt not to interfere with boats still racing. Any boat not clearing the finish line in a timely manor may be penalized or disqualified by the race committee.

13. Penalty system: The Scoring Penalty (rule 44.3) will apply.
14. Propulsion: Ordinary propulsion is solely by means of wind on the sails.  
Extraordinary propulsion includes ordinary and any non-mechanized propulsion (e.g. paddling, rowing, sculling, etc.). Boats will be permitted to carry 1 paddle to assist with extraordinary propulsion. See item 15 for extraordinary propulsion limitations. This changes RRS 42.
15. Time Limits: The following time limits apply. Fifteen minutes after the start a whistle will sound and an announcement will be made that boats may use extraordinary propulsion. All boats not around the first mark may paddle until they no longer overlap the first mark. Thirty minutes after the start 2 whistles will sound and boats may paddle to the finish line.
16. Protests and Requests for Redress may be permitted at the discretion of the judges.
17. Scoring: The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
18. Safety Regulations:
  - a. boats are required to carry 1 PFD per crew.
  - b. paddles may not be used as weapons.