



SANTA MARIA CUP

Wednesday-Saturday, 04-07 June 2025



NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be Annapolis, Maryland, USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is a World Sailing Grade 2 event and is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 This event schedule is:

- a. The race office will be open from 0900 on Monday, 02 June 2025.
- b. Registration will be open 0900-1700 on Monday, 02 June 2025, and 0900-1200 on Tuesday, 03 June 2025.
- c. Crew weighing may be done any time during registration.
- d. Practice sailing will be available 0900-1530 on Tuesday, 03 June 2025.
- e. The initial briefing for skippers will be at 0800 on Wednesday, 04 June 2025.
- f. The first meeting with umpires will follow the initial briefing for skippers.
- g. Racing days will be Wednesday, 04 June 2025, through Saturday, 07 June 2025.
- h. A morning briefing each day will be held each racing day at 0800.
- i. The intended time of the first race each day will be 0900.
- j. A daily umpire debrief will begin thirty (30) minutes after the last race of each day.
- k. Prize giving will be at 1800 on Saturday, 07 June 2025.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- a. Welcome Reception at 1800 on Tuesday, 03 June 2025.
- b. Initial briefing for skippers.
- c. Daily briefing, for skippers.
- d. Daily umpire debrief, for skippers sailing that day.
- e. Prize giving for the skippers and crews on Saturday, 07 June 2025.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 5.2 Requests for invitation must be made electronically at santamariacup.org by 15 February 2025.
- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of US \$250 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.
- 5.5 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing, and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or cheque, payable in US dollars.



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- 6.2 Entry Fee
- Upon registration, the entry bond of US \$250 will be applied to the non-refundable entry fee of US \$1,250 the balance shall be paid at registration and before any practice sailing.
 - Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all competitors Wednesday through Saturday. Post-race appetizers and/or dinner will be provided daily.
- 6.3 Damage Deposit
- Upon registration, damage deposit of US \$1,000 must be paid before any practice sailing. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - For damage to borrowed boat(s) that cannot be attributed to any specific skipper or incident, the OA intends to take all the costs to repair the unattributed damage and keep an equal portion of each team's damage deposit to cover that amount to mitigate the damage, and to recoup the costs associated with repairing the damage. The OA will return the remainder of the damage deposit to each skipper within twenty (20) days of the last day of the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C.
- 7.2 The rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3 The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply are posted on the event website.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in J/22 type boats.
- 8.2 Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee (RC).

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The total number of crew (including the skipper, but excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races. The skipper and all crew shall be female.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg (600 lb), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee (PC) in conjunction with the OA, may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the PC in conjunction with the OA, may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event will consist of the following stages.

STAGE 1 – Double Round Robin

Each skipper will sail each other skipper twice.

STAGE 2 – Semi-Finals Knockout Series

The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to Stage 2. The winner of each series of Stage 2 will be the first to score three (3) points.

STAGE 3 – 5th through 10th Knockout Series

The remaining six (6) skippers not included in Stage 2 will race, starting with 10th place vs. 9th place, then that winner races 8th place, and so on.



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STAGE 4 – Petit-Final Knockout Series

The loser of each series of Stage 2 will sail in the Petit Final series. The winner shall be the first to score two (2) points.

STAGE 5 – Final Knockout Series

The winners of each series in Stage 2 shall sail in the Final series. The winner shall be the first to score three (3) points.

- 10.2 The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

The course will be windward/leeward, with starboard roundings. The RC intends to use a leeward gate.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of boats placing first through third.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
- Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA has the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

Coach boats will not be permitted.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Housing in private homes of Eastport Yacht Club members or friends will be provided to all competitors upon request.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates, and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 ENVIRONMENT

This is a Clean Regatta. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



19 OA CONTACT INFORMATION

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