



# SANTA MARIA CUP

## ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

**Eastport Yacht Club**



**Race Days – Wednesday-Saturday, 03-06 June 2026**

**Practice Day – Tuesday, 02 June 2026**

**Eastport Yacht Club 317 First Street Annapolis, MD USA**

## NOTICE OF RACE

The following acronyms and abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

EYC	Eastport Yacht Club
NoR	Notice of Race
[NP]	A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.2
OA	Organizing Authority
PC	Protest Committee
RC	Race Committee
RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing
SIs	Sailing Instructions
WS	World Sailing

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in RRS, including RRS Appendix C.
- 1.2 The notation “[NP]” in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule, nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and 61.1
- 1.3 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the SIs, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.4 The prescriptions of US Sailing that will apply are posted on the event website.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.6 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.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The SIs will be available after 1200 on Monday, 01 June 2026, at the [Santa Maria Cup SIs page](#).

### **3 COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The [Official Notice Board](#) will be online at the Santa Maria Cup event page.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the EYC flagpole, located on the waterside of the clubhouse.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 Ten (10) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.



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- 4.2 Requests for invitation must be made electronically at [santamariacup.org](http://santamariacup.org) by Sunday 01 March 2026. 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.
- 4.3 Competitors shall have Competition Eligibility as detailed in the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.4 A non-refundable entry bond of US \$250 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid.
- 4.5 Entry Fee
  - a. Upon registration, the entry bond of US \$250 will be applied to the non-refundable entry fee of US \$1,500. The balance shall be paid at registration and before any practice sailing.
  - b. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all competitors Wednesday through Saturday. Post-race appetizers and/or dinner will be provided daily.
- 4.6 Competitors shall have Competition Eligibility as detailed in the World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.7 The skipper and crew 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.
- 4.8 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two (2) months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero (0) score may be applied to their ranking points for that event by WS (World Sailing Policy H1.5).

## 5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1 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 (1) incident.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The OA will return the remainder of the damage deposit to each skipper within twenty (20) days of the last day of the event.

## 6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 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.
- 6.5 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg (600 lb), when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

## 7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA intends to provide eight (8) J/22 type boats. Each boat will be provided with the following sails: mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the RC. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.



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- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 The course will be windward/leeward, with starboard roundings. The RC intends to use a leeward gate.
- 7.7 The intended racing area is in the mouth of the Severn River or the adjacent portion of Chesapeake Bay.
- 7.8 The event will consist of the following stages.

### **STAGE 1 – Double Round Robin**

Each skipper will sail each other skipper twice.

The four (4) skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to Stage 2.

### **STAGE 2 – Semi-Finals Knockout Series**

The winner of each series of Stage 2 will be the first to score three (3) points.

### **STAGE 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Knockout Series**

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

### **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.

- 7.9 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage of the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

## **8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

- 8.1 This event schedule is:

- a. Registration will be open 1300-1700 on Monday, 01 June 2026, and 0900-1200 on Tuesday, 02 June 2026.
- b. Crew weighing may be done any time during registration.
- c. Practice sailing will be available 0900-1530 on Tuesday, 02 June 2026.
- d. The initial briefing for skippers will be at 0800 on Wednesday, 03 June 2026.
- e. The first meeting with umpires will follow the initial briefing for skippers.
- f. Racing days will be Wednesday, 03 June 2026, through Saturday, 06 June 2026.
- g. A morning briefing each day will be held each racing day at 0800.
- h. The intended time of the first race each day will be 0900.
- i. A daily umpire debrief will begin thirty (30) minutes after the last race of each day.
- j. Prize giving will follow racing on Saturday, 06 June 2026.

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

- a. Welcome Reception at 1800 on Tuesday, 02 June 2026.
- 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, 06 June 2026.



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### **9 ADVERTISING**

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

### **10 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the OA with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality

### **11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON**

Coach boats will not be permitted.

### **12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, AND SOUND**

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

### **13 DATA PROTECTION**

Any personal information given will be kept secure. The OA and Host will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information.

### **14 RISK STATEMENT**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (including the OA, RC, Protest Committee, EYC, sponsors, volunteers, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law, and as a condition to participation in the event, specifically agrees with the Waiver and Release at [eastportyc.org/regattas](http://eastportyc.org/regattas).

### **15 PRIZES**

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



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**16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1 Housing in private homes of Eastport Yacht Club members or friends will be provided to all competitors upon request.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 Eastport Yacht Club  
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