



2026 ADMIRAL BYRD REGATTA

Cambridge Yacht Club
Cambridge Maryland

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CBYRA One Design Sanctioned Regatta - Blue Book

July 17-18, 2026

Organizing Authority: Cambridge Yacht Club (CYC)



Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2021-2025, except if any of these are altered by this notice or by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2. [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available by 2000 hours on 6/30/2026

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/regatta/DrHkxSK7o1/#notice-board>
- 3.2. Each boat is encouraged to carry a working VHF Radio.
- 3.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) main communication regarding starts, postponements, and general recall will be by signal flags. The RC will also attempt to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio regarding RC intentions, postponements, and attempts to hail OCS boats. The radio channel(s) will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. This regatta is open to the following One Design classes: (* indicates CBYRA sanctioned)

- A Class catamaran
- Albacore*
- Buccaneer*
- Chesapeake 20
- C420
- Flying Scot*
- Hampton
- Laser ILCA7*
- Optimist (Green / Novice)
- Penguins
- Shields one design



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- 4.2. Additional classes may be added based on the interest of one design fleet. A minimum of three boats required to add class and start. Please contact sailing@cambridgeyachtclub.com to be considered. Additional classes may be added up to 6/30/2026
- 4.3. All boats must comply with their Class Association requirements.
- 4.4. Three boats are required for a class start.
- 4.5. Eligible boats may register at
<https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/register/regatta/DrHkxSK7o1/class>
- 4.6. Registration closes at noon on Friday, 7/10/2026
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee includes racing, trophies, entertainment, and coupon to be used towards dinner on Saturday evening.

Two-handed boats

\$90 for paid entries received before 6/30/2026

\$100 for paid entries received after 7/1/2026

Single Handed boats

\$60 for paid entries received before 6/30/2026

\$70 for paid entries received after 7/1/2026

Green Fleet Optis

\$40 for paid entries received before 6/30/2026

\$50 for paid entries received after 7/1/2026

A 50% entry fee refund will be provided if a request to withdraw from the race is received by 2000 hours on 7/6/2026



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5.2. Docking / Storage

Free docking at CYC for race participants from 7/17 - 7/19

Contact the CYC Fleet Captain to make arrangements.

- o fleetcaptain@cambridgeyachtclub.com

Parking for boats and lifts is available at CYC on a first come first serve basis.

5.3. Overflow parking/launching

Overflow parking and launching (standard boat ramp and the small beach) will be at Jerry Boyle/Great Marsh Park, within sight of CYC

6. EVENT FORMAT

6.1. The Race Committee intends to set windward-leeward drop mark courses for all classes.

6.2. Multiple races will be attempted each day. Our goal is to complete as many races as available given the weather conditions.

6.3. Penguin fleet will only race on Saturday with Awards that evening.

7. SOCIAL

7.1. Cambridge Yacht Club extends the courtesy of its gazebo, bar, and restaurant to all race participants. Please note that there's a dress code for the use of the inside bar and restaurant.

It is recommended that restaurant reservations be made in advance by contacting the club at cyc@cambridgeyachtclub.com

7.2. Family-friendly Regatta party to be hosted on Saturday evening for all participants.

7.3. Each participant will receive a coupon that can be used towards dinner as part of the registration.

8. HOUSING / LODGING

8.1. Cambridge has many VRBO, AirBnB, hotels, and bed and breakfast options. Please check your favorite booking site for availability.



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8.2. Holiday Inn Express in town on Rt. 50 has some rooms available at a discount rate.
Ask for the regatta discount

9. RACING SCHEDULE

Friday. 7/17/2026

1800 - 2000 Check-In

Saturday. 7/18/2026

0830 Check-In / Coffee and Donuts

0900 Skippers meeting at CYC

1055 Warning signal for the first day of racing

1700/ASAP Penguin Fleet Award Ceremony

Sunday. 7/12/2026

0955 Warning signal for the second day of racing

1300 No Warnings After

1430/ASAP Awards ceremony at CYC

10. SCHEDULE

6/30/2026 Early registration ends and registration fee increases

6/30/2026 SI posted

7/17/2026 (NOON) Entry / Registration closes

11. VENUE

The racing area will be the Choptank River channel outside of the Cambridge Yacht Club, as shown in the NoR Attachment 1.

The Opti Green Fleet will have a separate course setup on the north-west side of the clubhouse.



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12. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS US Sailing Prescription Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply. Hearings conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, [Hearings & Decisions] will be in person as soon as possible the day's racing on both days.

13. SCORING

Scoring will be as per RRS Appendix A Low Point, except that, if five (5) or more races are completed and scored, there will be one (1) throw-out.

14. RISK STATEMENT

Boats participate in the Admiral Byrd Regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. 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. The OA will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. PRIZES

Overall prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony at Cambridge Yacht Club following the conclusion of racing on 7/14/2024. Prizes in each class will be as follows:

- 1st place for three (3) or more entries,
- 2nd place for five (5) or more entries,
- 3rd place for seven (7) or more entries.

Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA).

FURTHER INFORMATION - For further information, please contact the following:

Race Director - davidn7982@gmail.com

Race Committee - sailing@cambridgeyachtclub.com

Fleet Captain – fleetcaptain@cambridgeyachtclub.com

CYC manager – cyc@cambridgeyachtclub.com

CYC Website - www.cambridgeyachtclub.com

Event Site - <https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/regatta/DrHkxSK7o1>



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2022 Admiral Byrd Regatta NoR Attachment 1

The racing area will be the Choptank River. The approximate coordinates are 38.58821° N and 76.07112° W

