Cambridge Yacht Club

2026 The DuPont Cup Race

Organizing Authority: Cambridge Yacht Club
October 10th, 2026, October 11th, 2026 rain date
Cambridge Maryland, Dorchester County

Notice of Race (NoR) & SI

Amendment #1

Posted October 4, 2026
Changes appear in red text

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

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) version 2025-2028.

1.2 The NoRSI and any other pertinent documents will be available at the Cambridge Yacht Club (CYC) bulletin board (located by the ice boxes next to I dock) or online.

1.3 [NP] - RRS 42 is changed as follows: A boat may use its motor to unground, provided it does not make progress along its proper course.

1.4 [NP] CYC recommends that each competitor review and prepare their boat to the U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements, Nearshore. A copy of the Nearshore requirements is available at https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/US-SER-2025.2-Nearshore-Mono.pdf

1.5 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) COLREGS 72, as updated, apply when competitor boats participating in racing meet boats or vessels not racing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions are incorporated into this document. Both the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions have been combined for simplicity.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The online official notice board can be accessed via the club website using this link: https://www.cambridgeyachtclub.com/racing

3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72, as well as a cell phone.

3.3 In the event that there is an on-the-water emergency, RC will attempt to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors.

3.4 A boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication in all forms of communication, including text, cell, VHF, and voice, between competitors or outside boaters that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

~~4.1 The event is open to all keel boats with a ORR EZ certificate - honoring set parameters of the certificate.~~

NORSI AMENDMENT #1

1. In order to promote stronger participation in the race, 4.1 is replaced with:

4.1 The event is open to all keel boats. Competitors must carry an ORR EZ certificate under which they will compete. If a valid ORR-EZ certificate is not available, the competitor may present to Race Organizers a substitute for consideration. A substitute ORR-EZ certificate may be utilized provided the competitor readies his/her vessel in such a manner to not exceed parameters outlined in the certificate to the benefit of the competing boat. For example, utilizing a sail plan that is larger than what is declared, or manipulating boat weight or crew weight in such a way that the certificate is grossly in-accurate.

4.2 The ORRez - PHRF 5 Wind Rating System will be used in scoring the race.

4.3 All boats will race together in one class. Competitors will declare prior to racing wether they will use their Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker rating per the ORRez certificate to the RC. Announcement must be made 30 minutes prior to start. If a declaration is not made, the Spinnaker rating will be used.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering via a link on the Cambridge Yacht Club Website. A signed waiver form must be e-signed or submitted to CYC prior to racing.
Failure to comply will preclude the boat from being scored.

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. All 2026 fees are waived.

4.6 There must be a minimum of three (2) competitors for the race to count.

5 FEES and ENTRY DEADLINES

5.1 The cost of the race is $35. Note: 2026 Fees are waived.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Race Schedule

One race on 10/10, with make-up date of 10/11

6.4 Timing

If single class, first class warning at 0855

If a second class, second warning at 0900

A modified starting sequence to RRS 26 will be used. A courtesy warning will be made prior to the standard 5-minute sequence.

If no RC is available for race day, competitors will initiate the starting sequence using GPS times, and one pre-designated boat from each class will call out the start sequence via VHF.

6.6 Time Limit

6.7 The first boat must finish the course by 1700 or the race is abandoned.

6.8 Boats not finished by 2000 hours is considered DNF

7 VENUE

7.1 Cambridge Yacht Club, 1 Mill street, Cambridge Maryland, 21613

7.2 The racing area is comprised of the entirety of the Choptank River.

8 CHECK-IN

8.1 All boats must check-in with the Race Committee or designated Boat with number of souls onboard using VHF Channel 72 at least 5 minutes before the starting sequence. Boats not acknowledged by the Race Committee Boat or their designate within the time frame will not be scored.

9 START

9.1 When a Race Committee boat or land crew is available, they will handle starting the race as per normal operating procedures for CYC Wednesday nights. If a Race Committee boat or land crew is not available a designated competitor (typically the fleet captain) can broadcast the start sequence via VHF Channel 72. All participants must individually record their GPS finish time and report it by email to Trevor Carouge (tcarouge@gmail.com or text 443-786-1061, by 8 PM the day of the race. The time of day should be reported: hour, minute, and seconds. Example: 3:22: 35 PM or 15:22:35 Use GPS time or cell phone time with seconds please.

10 FINISH LINE & SHORTENED COURSE

10.1 The finish line will be the same as the starting line unless there is need for a shortened course. In the case of a shortened course, the finish line is where a boat passes abeam of the new finish mark within six boat lengths on the heading between the last two marks, and on the designated racecourse side.

10.2 Shortened course will be communicated prior to start.

10.3 If conditions drastically change during the day, either lack of wind or too much wind, the RC may shortened the course as needed. All competitors should have VHF and CELL phones available for communication and announcements.

11 PROTESTS

11.1 Any yacht protesting another yacht must follow US Sailing Rules with the following provisions and exceptions: 1) Any yacht may exonerate herself for the infraction of a Rule in Part 2 of “The Racing Rules of Sailing” by getting clear of other boats as soon as possible & promptly completing one turn including one tack and one gybe in the same direction. 2) Notify the Race Committee or designate promptly within one hour of the Race Committee boat or designate docking. 3) Protestors should provide a written protest on a standard protest form to the Committee Boat as soon as possible. 4)

Protesting vessels must call the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72 to report the protest.

12 COURSE

The start and finish line will be in front of the Cambridge yacht club, between the floating red tomato marker and the Z flag.

Outbound Leg:

- Z - starboard
- R20 - starboard
- Choptank River Light - port (Option for shortened course, or for twice around)
- R10 - port
- G9 - starboard
- Sharps Island Light - port

Inbound Leg:

- G9 - port
- R10 - starboard
- Choptank River Light - starboard
- R20 - port
- Z - port

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS Appendix V will be in effect – the racer may take the penalty at the time of the incident.

13.2 For the Spinn and Non-Spinn RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 SCORING

14.1 Scoring will follow Appendix A of the RRS and rule RRS 5.3 will be applied.

14.2 Scoring systems will follow standard system, low point, as outlined in section A4 of the RRS

14.3 The appropriate PHRF 5-wind rating from each ORR EZ handicap certificate will be utilized to calculate corrected times for scoring. The scoring will utilize ToT and the appropriate PHRF wind rating to complete the scoring process.

The following variables will be used depending on the wind conditions:

Medium/Heavy: A= TBD B= TBD

V. Light, Light, and light/medium: A= TBD B= TBD

15 SKIPPERS' MEETING

15.1 No onshore Skippers meeting will be held. Any final notices before the race will be made on Channel 72. Channel 72 will be monitored after the race begins. If light wind or excessive wind or adverse weather is present, the RC or designate will announce all changes to the fleet on Channel 72 and via TEXT. Such announcements may occur during the race.

Due to the length of the race, comms may be severely limited while using VHF and so skippers are required to keep a cell phone available for race communication pertaining to RC or designate announcements.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Boats participating in the race entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (OA) will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

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.

16.2 Waiver

All boats/skippers must sign waiver of liability for their boat and crew. Boats that have not signed the waiver, may not compete.

17 INSURANCE

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Insurance Coverage:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18 PRIZES and AWARDS

18.1 The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the competitor who has the fastest corrected time. Second and third place certificates or awards will be available so long as there are more than three (3) competitors.

19. Race Contacts

Fleet Captain:	Trevor Carouge
Head Race Officer:	Gordon Potter
Race Committee:	Gordon Potter & Marianne Stipe
Sailing Committee:	Tracie Van Dorpe