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### CBYRA's event expected to draw crowd

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One of the Bay's largest regattas is on the horizon and rapidly heading for the starting line. CBYRA Annapolis Race Week will bring about 200 teams of racers, in more than a dozen classes, to four racing circles off Annapolis over the Labor Day Weekend.

Heading management of on-water aspects of the regatta is Bob Frey, with CBYRA Executive Vice President Gilbert Renaut managing landside portions.

Once again, regatta headquarters and the site of the daily parties after racing will be the Annapolis Yacht Club Annex in Eastport, with food and live music each afternoon. The Harken grinding challenge will return, too, along with daily post-race chalk-talks.

In one critical area, however, the event will have a different flavor as CBYRA welcomes Gosling's Bermuda Rums as a new major sponsor.

Starts currently are offered for all PHRF divisions including Nonspinnaker, along with one-design classes for Beneteau 36.7, J/35, J/30, J/105, J/24, Melges 24, Etchells, Catalina 27, Cal 25, and Tripp 26. Other CBYRA-sanctioned handicap or cruising one-designs may be added if five or more boats in a class register for that division or class.

Entries are due by next Aug. 19, to avoid a \$50 late fee, and no entries will be accepted after 3 p.m. on Aug. 25. Classes which do not have at least five entries by Aug. 19 may be eliminated, however.

Entries accompanied by checks can be mailed or hand-delivered to the CBYRA office at 612 Third Street in Eastport. Online entry with payment by credit card is available again this year through the CBYRA website, [www.cbyra.org](http://www.cbyra.org).

Joining with CBYRA to manage the racing circles will be Annapolis Yacht Club, with Wayne Bretsch as Principal Race Officer, for Fleet 1; the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron, with PRO Taran Teague, for Fleet 2; Eastport Yacht Club, with PRO

Sharon Hadsell, for Fleet 3; and Southern Maryland Sailing Association/Screwpile with PRO Don Behrens, for Fleet 4.

Although specific class assignments to the four fleets will not be finalized until later this month, Fleets 1 through 3 will race Saturday through Monday, Sept. 2-4, while Fleet 4 will sail only Saturday and Sunday.

Daily trophies will be awarded each evening, with overall awards being presented on Sunday evening for Fleet 4 and Monday evening for everyone else.

The prestigious special Race Week awards, including the City of Annapolis Trophy for the overall winner, the Silhouette Trophy for overall PHRF winner, the Crossland Trophy for overall COD winner, and the Calvert Trophy for best overall performance by an Anne Arundel County yacht, will be presented at the CBYRA High Point awards ceremony next February.

In addition to Gosling's, event sponsors also include Katcef Brothers/Michelob, Charles Schwab & Co., J/Port, Zuse regatta gear, the Boatyard Bar & Grill, Nolan Associates, and more to be announced soon.

For more information, including frequently updated scratch sheets, visit the website, [www.cbyra.org](http://www.cbyra.org).

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