



## *Welcome to the Annapolis Yacht Club!*

Dear Sailors, Coaches, Spectators, and Families,

On behalf of the Flag Officers, Members, and Staff of the Annapolis Yacht Club, welcome to Annapolis and the 2026 ISSA Phebe Corckran King Memorial Trophy.

We are thrilled to welcome the nation's top high school sailors to the "Sailing Capital of Maryland" for what promises to be an outstanding championship weekend. Following an incredible season of competitive racing, hard-fought victories, and lasting friendships, each team here has earned the opportunity to compete on one of sailing's most historic waterways.

This championship honors the memory of Phebe Corckran King, a lifelong sailor, All-American at the College of Charleston, fierce Chesapeake Bay competitor, devoted mother of three awesome junior sailors, and beloved member of the Annapolis sailing community. Following her passing in 2016, this regatta was established to celebrate her passion for sailing and her commitment to supporting young sailors. Those who knew Phebe remember her not only for her accomplishments on the water, but for her character, sportsmanship, and unwavering dedication to the sailing community. We are honored to continue her legacy through this championship.

Events like this are only possible because of the dedication and generosity of our volunteers. Whether setting race courses, organizing shoreside activities, assisting competitors, or ensuring safe and fair racing, our volunteers and staff work tirelessly behind the scenes to create an exceptional experience for everyone involved. If you have the opportunity this weekend, please take a moment to thank them for their efforts.

One of the greatest traditions of high school sailing is the community it creates. Beyond the racing, many of our favorite memories come from the friendships formed, the families who open their homes, the regatta socials, and the experiences shared with sailors from across the country. At Annapolis Yacht Club, hospitality is one of our core values, and we hope every competitor, coach, family member, and guest feels that AYC is their home away from home throughout the weekend.

To enhance your experience, all visiting guests are encouraged to pre-register for an AYC Guest Card, which may be used throughout our campuses during your stay. [Please click HERE to register for a Guest Card!](#)

We would also like to thank our friends at Severn Sailing Association, who will host competitor rotations and provide the primary spectator venue for the championship.

Congratulations on qualifying for this prestigious event. We wish all competitors fair winds, close racing, and a memorable championship weekend of top-notch sailing!

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