



# District 2 Championship, District 2 Green Star & Open Pre-Worlds Combined Regatta

Oxford, Maryland U.S.A

June 9 – 10, 2018

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Tred Avon Yacht Club in conjunction with the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association (ISCRYA). The host fleet is the Eastern Shore (ES) Fleet.

## **1. Rules**

- 1.1 Each Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in The *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the Rules of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.3 It shall be each competitor's sole responsibility to properly affix and maintain the bow numbers if assigned and provided at registration/check-in.
- 1.4 Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions are stated in full in Attachment 1.
- 1.5 RRS 35 is changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.
- 1.6 STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 to indicate that the only penalty that will apply is a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe.
- 1.7 RRS 62.2 and 66 are changed to shorten the time for requesting redress and the requesting that a hearing be re-opened on the last day of racing.
- 1.8 RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day will be scored the same as a boat not starting in that race (DNS) without a hearing. See Sailing Instruction (SI) 17.2.
- 1.9 STCR 31.2.6 is modified to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to monitor actions of the Race Committee (RC) and to transmit only in the event of an emergency or retirement on a specific channel designated in the SIs. The RC will attempt to notify all boats that are OCS by VHF radio. Failure to do so by RC or the order in which boats are notified shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## **2. Notice to Competitors**

Notices will be posted on the official regatta notice board located on the first level of the Tred Avon YC clubhouse.

## **3. Changes in the Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted before 0900 hours on the day they are to take effect, except that any changes in the schedule or races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take place.

## **4. Signals Made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the Tred Avon YC flag staff.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" after AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals.



## 5. Schedule

5.1 The schedule of events and racing is as follows:

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Friday, June 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Crew weigh-in from 1600 to 1800
Saturday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Registration Check In from 0800 to 0900
	Crew weigh-in from 0800 to 0900
	First Warning, 1100
	Burger Bar Social following racing at the Tred Avon Yacht Club
Sunday, June 10 <sup>th</sup> :	First Warning, 1000
	No Warning signal after 1530
	Awards Ceremonies following racing at the Tred Avon Yacht Club

5.2 Six races are scheduled with three planned for Saturday and three planned for Sunday.

5.3 When more than one race is scheduled on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as is practical. Flag A displayed by the RC finish vessel, while boats are Finishing, means no more races will be sailed that day.

## 6. Class Flag

The Class flag will be a white flag with the Star Class insignia.

## 7. Racing Area

The racing area will be in the Choptank River in the vicinity west of the Choptank River light.

## 8. Courses

8.1 Course "O", Course "1", Course "3", or Course "4", STCR 34.3, Format C, STCR 34.3.7 may be used. Courses marked with an "O" after the Course Number will include an Offset at Mark 1.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the appropriate course number, bearing and distance to the first mark from the signal vessel by white board to indicate the course to be sailed.

## 9. Marks

Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark 3 whether a single mark or gate will be a yellow tetrahedron(s) The Offset Mark, if used will an orange round "Bema" mark. The starting and finishing marks will be an orange cylinder.

## 10. The Start

10.1 The RC may sound a series of short horn sounds to alert competitors the warning will be displayed within approximately one minute.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a nearby mark on the port end.

10.3 RRS A4.2 is changed so that a boat not starting within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.

10.4 A RC boat may display an "X" flag, a "U" flag, or a black flag positioned near Mark 1 and attempt to notify boats that have been OCS or disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.3 or RRS



30.4 and will display their bow or sail number(s). Any boat notified that she has been disqualified shall leave the race course immediately.

10.5 The RC vessel may be fitted with a “stand-off” buoy, which will be considered part of the vessel.

**11. Changes Of The Next Leg of the Course**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finish line) to the new position.

**12. The Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC vessel on station for finishing and a nearby orange cylinder. For downwind finishes the finish line will be the starting line, as adjusted for line length or a change of course, if any. The RC vessel may be fitted with a “stand-off” buoy, which will be considered part of the vessel.

**13. Penalty System**

Per SI 1.6, STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 to indicate that the only penalty that will apply is a one turn penalty including one tack and one jibe.

**14. Time Limit**

The time limit will be as described in STCR 34.3.7 Format C. The time limit is 2 hours for the first boat to finish. RRS 35, A4, and A5 are changed to provide that boats not finishing within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing. In accordance with STCR 34.3.1, no course will be shortened.

**15. Protests and Requests for Redress**

15.1 Protests will be made in writing on forms available from the lower level at the TAYC.

The protest time limit shall be two (2) hours after the docking time of the RC finish vessel. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board. Protests shall be delivered to the front desk at the TAYC within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.

15.2 Requests for redress will be made in writing on forms available from the first floor at the TAYC and must be delivered to the TAYC staff within the protest time limit or thirty minutes after the incident, whichever is greater. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.3 The protest time limit shall be two (2) hours after the docking time of the RC finish vessel for protest or request for redress by the RC or protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. This changes RRS 61.3 (as above) and 62.2.

15.4 RRS 62.2 is changed to delete “or two hours after the incident, whichever is later” and RRS 66 is changed to shorten the time for requesting redress from 24 hours to two (2) hours.



- 15.5 Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS 29, RRS 30, SI 10.4, and /or SI 17.1.
- 15.6 A notice fulfilling the requirements of RRS 63.2 will be posted not later than 30 minutes following the expiration of the protest time limit.

**16. Scoring**

- 16.1 Low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 16.2 Three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.3 A boat's event series score will be the total of her race scores, less her highest race score if four or more races are completed.

**17. Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC signal vessel on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.2 RRS A4.1 will be changed to provide that a boat failing to check in prior to the warning signal of their first race of each day will be scored (DNS) in that race without a hearing.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC, the protest committee or the receptionist at Tred Avon Yacht Club as soon as possible.
- 17.4 A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving extended arms.

**18. Trash Disposal**

Trash may be put aboard support and RC vessels.

**19. Team and Private Support Vessels**

- 19.1 Support persons, coach vessels, and private spectator vessels are expected to render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or protest committee. All such vessels shall monitor channel 72 during the race.
- 19.2 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 19.3 The penalty for breaking SI 20.1 or 20.2 will be at the discretion of the protest committee up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or other support persons.
- 19.4 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from support or coach boats while racing. Towing to and from the race course area is permitted.



**20. Radio Communication**

- 20.1 Under RRS 87, STCR 31.2.6 is changed to allow VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen into actions of the RC on VHF 72 and to transmit only in the event of an emergency or retirement.
- 20.2 In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers or identification of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS may be announced on VHF 72. Failure of a yacht to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

**21. Prizes**

- 21.1 1<sup>st</sup> place overall for the “Pre-Worlds” shall be awarded to the winning skipper and crew.
- 21.2 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> overall eligible for the District 2 Championship will be awarded to the winning skipper and crew.
- 21.3 1<sup>st</sup> place overall eligible for the District 2 Novice Championship will be awarded to the winning skipper.

**22. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the RC, the ISCYRA, and the sponsors will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Applicable US SAILING Prescriptions (Rx) to the Racing Rules of Sailing

**Rx to 88.2** After rule 88.2 add:

*US Sailing prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rule 61.4, Appendix R, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 60.3, 67 70.5, 70.5(a) or 76.1.*

**Rx to rule 61.4** Add rule 61.4:

#### **61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress**

*US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.*

**Rx to rule 67** After rule 67 add:

*US Sailing prescribes that:*

- a. *A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.*
- b. *A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- c. *A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by these rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

**Rx to rule 76.1** After rule 76.1 add:

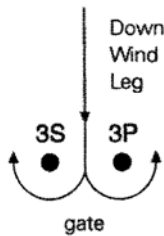
*US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*



## ATTACHMENT 2

### Star Class Courses (STCR 34.3 and 34.4)

In case of small regattas the starting line may be set up at mark 3 and the finishing line at mark 1 or mark 3.



Courses 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are diagramed as described in STCR 34.3 and modified in the diagrams as allowed by STCR 34.4.

In Gold and Silver events, Course 0, 1, 3 or 4 shall be used. Course 2 may be used in Silver events if requested by the sponsoring fleet and approved by the Continental Committee.

In Blue and Green events Course 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be used.

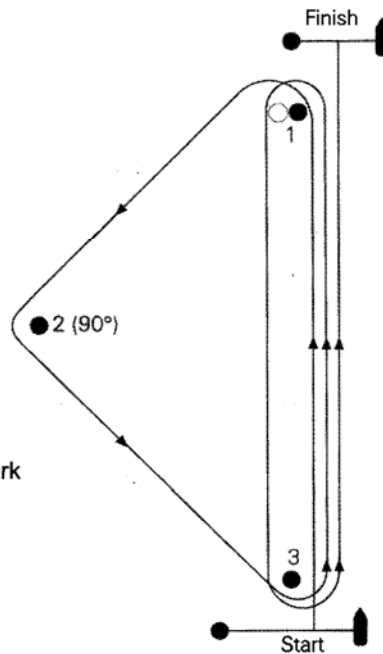
No course may be shortened during Gold, Silver, Blue or Green Events.

In Red events and Qualifications the above courses are not mandatory and may be shortened.

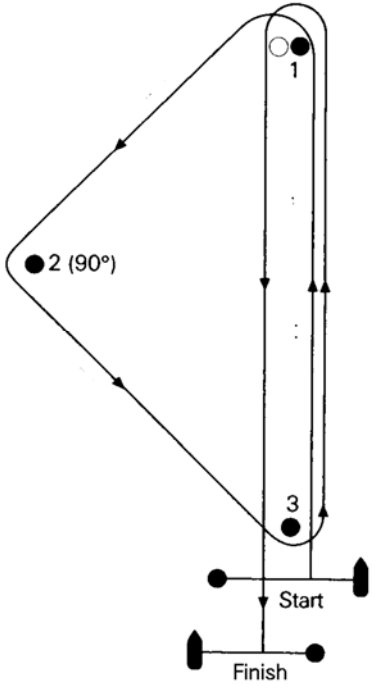
### Course "0"

Start  
1  
2  
3  
1  
3 (or gate 3A – 3B)  
Finish (upwind)

○ = optional offset mark





<p><b>Course "1"</b></p> <p>Start 1 2 3 1 (or 1 + offset mark) Finish (downwind)</p> <p>○ = optional offset mark</p>	 <p>The diagram illustrates the layout for Course 1. It features a start line at the bottom with a 'Start' label and a 'Finish' label. A vertical line runs upwards from the start line, with mark 3 located near the bottom and mark 1 near the top. A 90-degree turn is indicated at mark 2, which is positioned to the left of the vertical line. The course path is shown with arrows: starting from the start line, going up to mark 3, then turning left to mark 2, then turning right to mark 1, and finally turning right to the finish line. An optional offset mark is shown as an open circle near mark 1.</p>
<p><b>Course "2"</b></p> <p>Start 1 2 3 1 (or 1 + offset mark) 3 (or gate 3A - 3B) 1 2 3 Finish (upwind)</p>	<p>The same Course as Course "0"</p> <p>Course 2 may not be used at Gold events, and may only be used at Silver events with approval of the continental committee. (STCR 34.3.1)</p>



