



2018 Jim Thompson Cup

May 5 & 6, 2018

Hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS(SI's)

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority(OA) is Tred Avon Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Shields Class Sailing Association and:
 - (a) the "rules" as defined in the current RRS, including Appendix C,
 - (b) The rules are modified as follows:
 1. C2.7, C6.1(b), C6.3, C6.4(b), C6.6, C6.7, C9, C10, C11.1, C11.2(a), C11.3 are deleted.
 2. In C5.1 "A green and white flag" is replaced by "A green flag"
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the SI's, the SI's will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 When a boat in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with RRS 28.1, she will be disqualified without a hearing and scored as a loss unless both boats in the match have sailed the same course in which case the boats will be scored as if they had sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28.1. This changes RRS 28, 35, 63.1, 90.3(a) and A5.
- 1.5 Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.8 If the first boat has finished leaving the second boat in the match owing a penalty, the umpires may signal according to RRS C5.5 that the outstanding penalty is now completed and remove the corresponding penalty flag. Once she then finishes, the second boat may then be scored with a loss without the requirement of completing her penalty turn before finishing. This changes RRS C7.4.

2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible boats are:
 - a) The event will be sailed in Shields.
 - b) Skippers will supply their own boat.
 - c) The following sails will be provided with each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 2.2. Each skipper must be a member of TAYC
- 2.3. The teams shall be entered by the submission of crew lists by email to the PRO or in person at the Wednesday information session but no later than Friday at 1830
- 2.4. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 2.5. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment,

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at TAYC.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag staff located on the TAYC deck.
- 3.3 Skippers shall attend the daily morning briefing, which will be at 0830 on Saturday at TAYC, unless

excused by the OA. Sunday briefing time will be posted on Saturday after racing

- 3.4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'warning' is replaced by 'attention' and '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP.
- 3.5 The race committee intends to communicate with boats on the water via VHF Channel 71.

4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of any round affected and will be signed by the OA and the Umpires Committee representatives.
- 4.2 Amendments made afloat will be signaled by the display of code flag "L" with one sound signal meaning come within hail of the signal boat. An umpire may communicate these amendments either verbally or in writing. If the PRO announces such changes by radio under code flag "L" competitors must still come within hail and acknowledge receipt of the revised instructions.

5. EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES

- 5.1. Racing days are Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6.
- 5.2. Rules and format information session for all participants will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 1830 at TAYC.
- 5.3. First round pairings will be made by random draw at Sails and Ales on Friday, May 4 2018 at 1900. Skipper and/or crew will be given the opportunity to draw. PRO will draw for any boats not represented.
- 5.4. Competitors' first briefing and meeting with umpires is 0830 Saturday.
- 5.5. The scheduled warning signal for the first race on Saturday is 1000. Sunday final is planned for the afternoon but start time may be modified if conditions prohibit completion of all flights planned on Saturday
- 5.6. The event will consist of a series of matches in a knockout format.
- 5.7. The first round will be a best of 3 races series between the four pairs drawn on Friday night.
- 5.8. Losers of the opening series will retire and following a lunch break a semi-final best of three series will be held among the four winning teams.
- 5.9. On Sunday, the two winning boats will race a best of three series for the Cup.
- 5.10. The OA may change the format, terminate, or eliminate any round when conditions or the

remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

- 5.11. The latest time for an attention signal on Sunday is 1430. Saturday racing may go to 1630 for the successful boats
- 5.12. Trophy presentation will be held at a time and place to be determined by the OA.

6. COURSE

- 6.1 The intended course area will be waters in the Tred Avon River as close as possible to the Club.
- 6.2 Courses will be windward/leeward, all marks to be rounded to **starboard**
- 6.3 Windward and Leeward mark will be tetrahydrons. The Leeward mark will be set in front of the start/finish line.
- 6.4 Start/Finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and an orange cylinder to port.
- 6.5 Course letter A will be posted for a course of Start – Windward – Leeward – Windward – Finish. Course letter B will be posted for a course of Start – Windward – Finish

7. BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 7.1 As the schedule is very tight, there will be no time for repairs and rescheduling of matches or flights. If there is a breakdown, forfeit to your opponent in that round and retire.
- 7.2 PRO may allow some breakdown time for minor issues in the semi-final and final rounds.

8 STARTING PROCEDURE

- 8.1 Starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS Appendix C3.1.
- 8.2 The attention signal will be at series of sounds 6 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 The principal prize for first place will be the Jim Thompson Cup
- 10.2 Trophy presentation will be held at a time and place to be determined by the OA.

11 DISCLAIMER

11.1 All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused
