



**Oxford Regatta Race to Oxford  
Friday, August 7, 2020  
Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club  
Oxford, MD**

Sanction # 341

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**As amended 8/6/2020 to incorporate the changes of Amendment #1**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017 – 2020* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Nearshore Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website at [www.tayc.com/racing](http://www.tayc.com/racing) by 0900 on race day in the News and Notices section.
- 2.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF channel 71.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at [www.tayc.com/racing](http://www.tayc.com/racing) no later than 2000 the day prior to the race.

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 4.1 0930 - Rendezvous in vicinity of Region 3 Annapolis Area Mark "H" (GR C "SR") and check in with the Race Committee boat flying code flag "L" prior to the first class's warning signal.
- 4.2 1000 – Warning signal for first class. Scheduled warning signals are as follows:

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| 1000 | PHRF N   |
| 1005 | PHRF B/C |
| 1010 | CHESS    |
| 1015 | PHRF A   |

### **5 CLASS FLAGS**

- 5.1 The Race Committee signal boat shall display the class flag of the next class to start no later than its warning signal.

5.2 The class flags are:

ClassFlag

PHRF APennant 9

PHRF B/CPennant 6 and 7

PHRF N Pennant 5

CHESS

Third Substitute (Repeater)

5.3 All boats shall clearly display class flags at the bow and at the stern.

## 6 THE COURSE

6.1 The start will be in the vicinity of GR C "SR" (Annapolis Area Mark "H").

6.2 After starting, the following marks shall be passed or rounded in the order shown:

Pass Bloody Point Bar Light to port

Pass R "84" (off Poplar Is.) to port

Pass RN "80A" to port

Round G "7" (off Blackwalnut Pt.) to port

Pass R "10" (Region 3 Choptank River Area Mark "D") to starboard

Round Choptank River Light (Region 3 Choptank River Area Mark "O") to port (beware submerged rocks)

6.3 Pass R "2" (Region 3 Choptank River Area Mark "N") off TAYC to starboard

## 7 THE START

7.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of GR C "SR".

7.2 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

7.3 A yacht in the starting area other than at her authorized time can expect to be protested by the Race Committee.

7.4 A Race Committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy, which buoy, the line attaching it to the Race Committee boat and the Race Committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.

7.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 71, but the failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order in which hailed or untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7.6 After a general recall, a new starting sequence for the recalled class will begin one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one sound. Succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

## 8 SHORTENING COURSE

8.1 Before the start, the Race Committee may shorten the course by displaying code flag "L" accompanied by one sound and moving the starting area south.

8.2 After the start, the Race Committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at G "7" or at Choptank River Light.

## **9 THE FINISH**

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of government mark R "2" off TAYC.
- 9.2 If the Race Committee finishing boat is not on station off TAYC, boats shall:
  - a. Pass R "2" on the channel side
  - b. Record their finish time when R "2" bears 100 degrees magnetic and
  - c. Report their finish time and sail # to the Scoring Committee via text message to 410-829-9640 as soon as practical after finishing.
- 9.3 If finishing in poor visibility, a vessel shall illuminate her sail number for at least 30 seconds at the finish line regardless whether a Race Committee boat is present.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 RRS 44.1 will apply.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is 8 hours after their class start.

## **12 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 There will be no Protest Committee to hear protests or requests for redress except from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.
- 12.2 If a boat needs to absolve itself of an infraction, it must perform the appropriate one-turn or two-turn penalty.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 13.2 Corrected times for PHRF classes and CHESS will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time and Circular Random ratings.
- 13.3 Corrected times for the CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration based upon course type and observed wind strength.

## **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1 A boat that retires or leaves the racing area shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by hail or on channel 71.

## **15 Special Covid-19 Regatta Rules**

- 15.1 Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property.
- 15.2 Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property.
- 15.3 Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced throughout the regatta.
- 15.4 The clubhouse will be locked; restrooms may be accessed from the outside only. There will be no food or bar service and no entertainment.
- 15.5 Non-crew members will not be allowed on Club property with the exception of race officials.

## **16 PRIZES**

16.1 Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR.

16.2 Perpetual trophies may also be awarded:

Poker Bowl Trophy– Best corrected time in PHRF spinnaker fleet

Arthur J. Grimes Memorial Trophy – Best elapsed time in PHRF spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes

Grace Cordo Wilford Memorial Trophy – TAYC skipper with best corrected time in PHRF spinnaker fleet

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.