

**Oxford Regatta  
Optimist White, Blue, Red Fleets**

**August 1, 2020**

**Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club  
Oxford, MD**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**As amended 7/28/20 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 In the event of a conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

**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.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 on race day.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) shall communicate any changes made to each boat prior to the warning signal.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on TAYC's upper deck.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 There will be no Competitors' Meeting.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race will be at 1025 Saturday, Aug 1.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will start as many races as time and conditions allow. Subsequent races may be started soon after the last boat finishes the prior race.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1600.

**6 RACING AREA**

- 6.1 The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River south of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Bravo, which is located between government mark "R2" and Pier St.

## 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The attached diagrams (page 4) show three courses with corresponding course letter **W**, **T** or **O**:
- W** – windward-leeward with start/finish line in middle of windward leg (no offset mark)
  - T** – Triangle with start/finish in middle of windward leg.
  - O** – Triangle-windward-leeward-windward with start/finish in middle of windward leg.
- 7.2 In the case of courses **T** and **W**, the number of laps to be sailed will be indicated following the course letter.
- 7.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter.
- 7.4 Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark.

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 The start and finish marks will be orange balls located on opposite sides of the race committee signal boat and are passed as shown on the course diagram.
- 8.2 The windward, leeward and reach (wing) marks will also be orange balls.
- 8.3 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.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, the five minute starting sequence. A series of short attention sounds will be used to alert competitors of the Race Committee's intention to sound the warning signal in approximately 1 minute.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball to port of the signal boat.
- 9.3 A boat crossing the starting line later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.4 For individual recalls, code flag "X" (white with blue cross) will be hoisted with one horn blast. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats, 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).
- 9.5 A general recall will be signaled by code flag "first substitute" (yellow and blue pennant) and two horn blasts. A new starting sequence will begin one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one horn blast.

## 10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball on the starboard side of the signal boat. The finish line is on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line. Refer to attached course diagrams.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 If no boat finishes within one hour of the start, the race will be abandoned.

- 11.2 Boats must finish within 25 minutes of the first boat or be scored “DNF” without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

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

- 12.1 There will be no Protest Committee to hear protests or requests for redress except a protest from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.
- 12.2 If a boat needs to absolve itself of an infraction, it must perform a 360 degree turn (one tack and one jibe). This changes rule 44.1.

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 13.2 One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 13.3 If six or more races are completed, a boat’s worst score will be excluded from her total score, subject to RRS 90.3(b).

## **14 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 14.1 All boats and coaches are required to sail by the Race Committee signal boat and check in prior to the first race.
- 14.2 A boat that retires or leaves the racing area between races shall make every effort to notify a committee boat before leaving the area.
- 14.3 The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance.
- 14.4 **All competitors AND all coaches SHALL properly wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices at all times while afloat except for brief periods while changing. Any inflatable type PFD is not permitted. This changes RRS 40.**
- 14.5 While afloat, competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with the PFD requirement in SI 14.4.
- 14.6 Non-compliance with SI 14.4 and 14.5 is grounds for protest by the Race Committee.

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

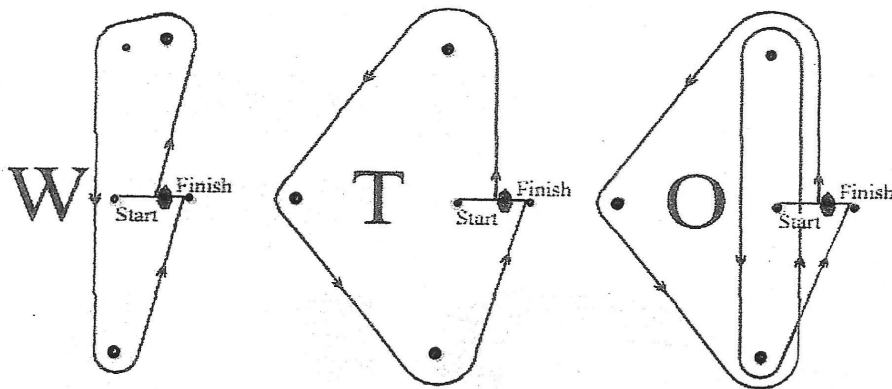
- 15.1 Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property.
- 15.2 Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property.
- 15.3 Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced 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. Water may be purchased at the Galley Window for \$1/bottle.
- 15.5 Non-crew members, except when helping to off-load and load boats, will not be allowed on Club property. Coaches and race officials are excepted.

## **16 PRIZES**

- 16.1 Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR for each fleet and for overall.

## **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.



No offset will be set (W)

**Do not sail thru the finish line unless finishing**