



Robert K. Robson Memorial Races
Sunday, August 9, 2020
Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club
Oxford, MD

Sanction #342

NOTICE OF RACE
As amended 7/14/20 to incorporate the changes of
Amendments #1 & #2

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 (SERs) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SERs and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) The following SERs will also apply:
 - SER 2.4.1, Lifelines
 - SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion
 - SER 3.14, GPS receiver
 - SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through-hull fittings
 - SER 3.24.1, Lights
 - SER 3.26, Radar reflector
 - SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2020 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating or a valid 2020 CRCA rating, the rating certificate to be on board.
- 2.2 Starts will be given to all PHRF classes, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, CHESS, J-30, J-105, Melges 24, Shieldsand CRCA classes as long as a minimum of 3 paid entries per class have been received by the deadline of Thursday, August 6.
- 2.3 Eligible boats must register by going to the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/racing) and completing the entry form for the event. Entry forms must be received no later than 1200 on Thursday, August 6.
- 2.4 **All regatta participants**, including skippers and crew, **must** individually sign and electronically submit the Covid-19 waiver found at www.tayc.com/racing.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee for the Robson Race is \$20/boat, to be received no later than 1200 on Thursday, August 6.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 There will be one race, approximately 12 to 15 nm in length, weather permitting with a “club” (Race Committee on upper deck) start and finish.
- 4.2 Participants shall rendezvous at 0830 in the vicinity of Choptank River Area Mark “N” (R “2”) off Tred Avon Yacht Club and check in with the Race Committee (RC) signal boat flying the “L” flag prior to their Warning Signal.
- 4.3 Classes may be combined for starting and scoring purposes at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Changes to the starting order or classes will be announced in an Amendment to the Sailing Instructions to be posted on the event website no later than 1700 August 8.
- 4.4 The Warning Signal for the first class to start is scheduled for 0900. Handicap classes will generally be started in reverse order, with slower classes first.
- 4.5 There will be no post-race social activities at TAYC, no meals, no bar. No docking nor tender service for PHRF and CRCA racers. The clubhouse will be locked, but restrooms will be accessible from the outside. Bringing alcoholic beverages to and from club premises is unlawful.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website no later than 1700 July 31 and will contain special Covid-19 related racing rule changes.

6 THE VENUE

- 6.1 The courses may use government buoys and/or drop marks in the Choptank and Tred Avon Rivers.

7 TIME LIMIT

- 7.1 5 hours for first boat in class in each race.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Corrected times for PHRF and one-design classes sailing with PHRF handicaps will be calculated using PHRF time-on-time and Circular Random ratings.
- 8.2 Corrected times for the CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps provided by the CRCA class.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Boats should monitor VHF channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1 if 3 finishers, 2 if 5 finishers, 3 if 7 or more finishers.
- 10.2 There will be no award ceremony.
- 10.3 Prizes will be shipped to all winners. Results will be posted at www.tayc.com/racing.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 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.

12 INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 SPECIAL COVID-19 REGATTA RULES

- 13.1 Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property.
- 13.2 Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property.
- 13.3 Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced throughout the regatta.
- 13.4 Non-crew members will not be allowed on Club property with the exception of race officials.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1 For further information contact Vicky Van Loo: 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com.
- 14.2 Pets: With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on the club's grounds at any time.