

Tred Avon Yacht Club PHRF Spring Series and Spring Fling 2014 Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES:** The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the CBYRA General Sailing Instructions, and these sailing instructions.
2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice bulletin board located in the entry foyer of the TAYC clubhouse. Competitors should monitor VHF channel 71 for announcements.
3. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours prior to the race in which they will take effect. In addition this information will be broadcast on VHF channel 71 fifteen minutes prior to the warning signal.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

RACE #	DATE	START LOCATION	WARNING SIGNAL	SERIES OR FLING?
1	May 4	River	1000	Series
2	May 4	River	As soon as possible after first race ends	Series
3	May 11	Club	1300	Series
4	May 17	River	1000	Fling (Sanctioned races)
5	May 17	River	As soon as possible after race four ends	Fling (Sanctioned races)
6	May 18	River	1000	Fling (Sanctioned)
7	May 18	River	As soon as possible after race 6	Series

5. **CLASS FLAGS:** Competing yachts must display proper class flags as specified in CBYRA Greenbook 2014 from bow pulpit and backstay.
6. **CLASSES:** If there are fewer than three entries in any class, classes may be combined for scoring purposes.
7. **COURSE:** The course will be displayed at the end of the dock for races starting at the Club, and on the committee boat for Choptank River starts. Choptank Area Standard Racing Marks or a drop marks type course may be signaled as indicated in the 2014 CBYRA Green book. Non-spinnaker classes should pay attention to the possibility of a different course.
8. **MARK:** Tred Avon River channel marker "1" (Choptank area mark "L") is a passing mark and must always be passed on the channel side.

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9. STARTING LINE:

- a. CLUB STARTS: between an orange flag on the TAYC balcony and an orange mark in Tred Avon River.
- b. RIVER STARTS: between an orange flag on Race Committee boat and an orange club mark. Starting area will be approximately 1.2 nm SW of the Choptank Light (Area Mark "O") towards G13 (Area Mark "A").
- c. Keep clear of the starting area when other classes are starting. The Race Committee may employ a limit mark. While a limit mark is not part of the starting line, yachts shall not touch it or sail between it and the Race Committee Boat.

10. STARTING SIGNALS: (Except on 5/3 when warning for PHRF A/B/C/N will be at 1300)

Class	Time	Signal
	_0915	Rendezvous (River Start Only)
	1000	Warning
PHRF A/B/C	1005	Start
PHRF N	1010	Start

The warning signal on two race days will be ten minutes or as soon thereafter as possible after the last finisher from the earlier race.

11. FINISH LINE:

- a. Club start races: Between an orange flag on TAYC balcony and Mark "N" (R2). If the course is shortened, finish between the last mark of the shortened course and the Race Committee Boat.
- b. River races: Between an orange flag on RC boat and dropped orange mark or government mark in immediate vicinity of RC boat. If shortened, all classes finish between a mark of the original course and orange flag on RC boat. Boats will round mark as if course had not been shortened.

12. TIME LIMIT: 3 hours for each race

13. **SCORING:** A low point scoring system as specified in the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A will be used except no score will be excluded when scoring the Spring Fling Regatta. Boats competing only in the Spring Fling will be excluded from the scores for Spring Series. Any number of races will constitute a series. If five or fewer races are completed in a series, a yacht may not exclude any score.

14. **PROTESTS:** Intent to protest and sail number of the protested yacht must be given to the Race Committee immediately after finishing by hail acknowledged by the RC. Written protests must be delivered to the day's PRO within one hour after the race committee finish boat docks or the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

15. **KEEP THE RIVER CLEAN RULE:** Any yacht found disposing of litter over the side will be disqualified from the race.