

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2015 INTERNATIONAL PENGUIN CHAMPIONSHIP AUGUST 22 & 23

Tred Avon Yacht Club

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 This Regatta is sanctioned by the International Penguin Class Dinghy Association (IPCD), and will be conducted and hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC). The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US Sailing prescriptions, the Notice of Race, the Penguin Class rules and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Minimum crew weight for the regatta is 290 lbs for classic Penguins and 310 lbs for modern boats which adhere to the Burtis design parameters. Minimum hull weight is 140 lbs for all boats.
- 1.3 Excess hull weight may be applied toward the crew weight minimum. Maximum non-floatable ballast is 40 lbs. Additional ballast shall be floatable.
- 1.4 Any boat that capsizes during a race as defined by the mast touching the water, shall retire from that race.
- 1.5 Required equipment includes: one USCG approved PFD for each person, one serviceable paddle, a scoop, and a painter or tow rope not less than twenty five (25) ft long and three-sixteenths (3/16) inches in diameter.
- 1.6 Any boat may be disqualified for overboard discard of trash.

## **2. ENTRIES**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing the online registration form available at TAYC.com. Junior waiver forms will be available at [www.penguinclass.com](http://www.penguinclass.com) and at registration.

## **3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the TAYC clubhouse.
- 3.2 A skipper's meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22, at 1000 in the TAYC clubhouse.

## **4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

- 4.2 A change to the Schedule of Races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

## **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

A maximum of eight races are scheduled over the two day period. The plan is to hold four races on Saturday, August 22 and four on Sunday, August 23, conditions permitting. The first warning signal for Saturday will be at 1100. For Sunday the first warning will be at 1000. On Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## **6. RACING AREA**

The race area will be on the Tred Avon River.

## **7. THE COURSE**

7.1. Course W is a windward/ leeward/windward course with the start and finish line 1/3 of the way up from the leeward mark to the weather mark. If there is a two (2) posted with the course designator (W), the course is twice around.

7.2 Course T is a triangle (windward, reach, reach, windward) with the start and finish line 1/3 of the way from the leeward mark to the windward mark. If there is a two (2) posted with the course designator (T), the course is twice around.

7.3 Course O is a triangle (windward, reach, reach,) followed by a windward, leeward, windward with the start and finish line one-third (1/3) of the way up from the leeward mark to the windward mark. Course designator is (O).

7.4 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course designator and the approximate course bearing of the first leg.

## **8. MARKS**

8.1 The rounding marks will be inflatable orange tetrahedrons.

8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction ten (10), will be yellow cylinders.

## **9. THE START**

9.1 Races are started using RRS Appendix S with a courtesy sound before the three minute sequence

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and a yellow cylinder race mark at the port end.

9.3 A boat shall not start later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal.

## **10. CHANGE OF COURSE**

A change of course after the start will be signaled in accordance with RRS rule 33 before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark (yellow cylinder) may

not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

#### **11. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be the same as the starting line unless the course is shortened.

#### **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1 RRS Rule 44.1 and 44.2 will be in effect.**

**12.2 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed as follows.**

**A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing in the zone around a mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.**

#### **13. TIME LIMIT**

13.1 The time limit will be one and one half (1 ½) hours. If no boat reaches the first mark in thirty (30) minutes, the race is abandoned. Boats should return to the start line for a new start.

13.2 Boats which do not finish within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored number of finishers plus two (2).

#### **14. PROTESTS**

14.1 Participants intending to protest shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable after they finish the race in which the incident occurred, and receive verbal acknowledgement from the race committee.

14.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the pavilion or the race notice board. They are to be delivered to a member of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee within one (1) hour after the committee boat docks.

14.3 Protests will be heard as soon as possible. Hearing time and location will be announced and posted on the race notice board.

#### **15. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System will apply. Multiple races are scheduled, of which three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series. There will be one (1) throw out if six (6) or more races are sailed.

#### **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area prior to the end of racing shall notify the race committee as soon as practical. The race committee can be notified by contacting any race committee boat.

#### **17. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC**

A boat may not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.

**18. PRIZES**

Awards as per the Notice of Race will be presented on the grounds of the TAYC after the racing on Sunday, August 23rd.

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing nor hosting authorities will accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.