



**Oxford Regatta
Optimist Green Fleet
August 10-11, 2019**



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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 official bulletin board located in the first floor lobby of the Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) by 0900 each race day.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 each 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 A competitors meeting will be held under the tent on the water side of the TAYC clubhouse at 0930 on Saturday, August 10.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race will be at 1030 on Saturday, August 10, and 1000 on Sunday, August 11.
- 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 A mid-day lunch break will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Saturday and 1330 on Sunday.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area will be in the Tred Avon Rivernorthwest of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Echo, which is off Peck's Pt. PRO will confirm racing area location at competitors' meeting.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The attached diagrams (page 4) show two courses with corresponding course letters **W** and **O**:
- W** – windward-leeward with start/finish line in middle of windward leg
 - O** – Triangle with start/finish in middle of windward leg
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter, **W** or **O**.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks will be green balls.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U3, Audible-Signal Racing System, which is described on page 4.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby starting mark to port of the signal boat
- 9.3 Individual recalls will be signaled by hail of the sail number of each recalled boat. 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 29.1 and 62.1(a).
- 9.4 A general recall will be signaled by hail. A new starting sequence class will begin as soon as practicable. This changes RRS 29.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby mark on the port side of the signal boat. 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 30 minutes of the first boat or be scored “DNF” without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

12 SCORING

- 12.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 12.2 One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 12.3 If six or more races are completed, a boat’s worst score will be excluded from her total score.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 All boats and coaches are required to sail by the Race Committee signal boat and check in prior to the first race each day.
- 13.2 A boat that retires or leaves the racing area between races shall make every effort to notify a committee boat before leaving the area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the Race Committee immediately after arriving ashore.
- 13.3 The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance.

- 13.4 **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.**
- 13.5 While afloat, competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with the PFD requirement in SI 16.3.
- 13.6 Non-compliance with SI 16.3 and 16.4 is grounds for protest by the Race Committee.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 Awards will be presented at the trophy presentation at Harleigh, 1630 on Sunday. Jackets and ties required.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1 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.

Racing Rules of Sailing – Appendix U: Audible-Signal Racing System

The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Warning signal	Sound	Time Before Start
	multiple blasts	approx 1 minute
	3 Long	3 Minutes
	2 Long	2 Minutes
	1 Long, 3 Short	1 Minute, 30 Seconds
	1 Long	1 Minute
	3 Short	30 Seconds
	2 Short	20 Seconds
	1 Short	10 Seconds
	1 Short	5 Seconds
	1 Short	4 Seconds
	1 Short	3 Seconds
	1 Short	2 Seconds
	1 Short	1 Second
	1 Long	Start

Course Diagrams: Windward-Leeward (W) or Triangle (T) once around

