



Annual Junior Sailing Regatta 2019

Tred Avon Yacht Club

Maryland State Championship

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GREEN FLEET SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Opti Class Philosophy: USODA is a teaching class and GREEN FLEET is its introductory fleet for novice sailors. The Rules of Sailing are important and taught, but learning to race while having fun is equally stressed. These sailing instructions are structured within The Racing Rules of Sailing to provide a flexible, less structured and less formal racing environment. Green Fleet is not scored. All participants receive participation awards. While race placement and progress may be tracked, who places first is less important than learning, improving, and having fun along the way. Parents and competitors who are looking for competitive environment should consider the Red, White and Blue racing divisions.

1. Rules

This regatta will be governed by the RRS. Sailing instructions will be reviewed in their entirety with the Green Fleet competitors at the skippers meeting.

2. Notice to Competitors and Changes to SI's

Notice to Competitors and changes to SI's will be posted on the Official notice board located in downstairs dining room in the Clubhouse and announced at skippers meeting.

3. Schedule of Races

Tuesday, July 23rd Regatta Day 1

Registration 9:00-10:30

Competitors Meeting 10:30 look for Pink Flamingo pool toy

Harbor start 11:45 after other fleets have launched

Wednesday, July 24th Regatta Day 2

Harbor start 9:45 after other fleets have launched

No races start after 15:00

Award ceremony after racing

The Green Fleet will launch last, following all other classes of boats. Races will begin as soon as possible after the Green Fleet has launched. There will be a lunch break on the water when the committee feels the time is right. Coaches and parents should make sure that lunches, water and snacks go out with the coaches or safety boat.

4. Courses

The racing area will be as close to the Tred Avon Yacht Club as possible. The course will be either a triangle or a windward/leeward with marks to be rounded to port. Course will be written on white board on committee boat. See below for course diagrams. A change of course will be hailed by the Race Committee.

5. Start

The start will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and an orange ball. The starting sequence will be as follows:

Warning: A very funky blast, followed by a hail "Get Ready!"

3 minutes - 3 long blasts.

2 minutes – 2 long blasts

1 minute – 1 long blast

30 seconds – 3 short blasts

20 seconds – 2 short blasts

10 seconds – 1 short blast

5,4,3,2,1 -1 short blast each

Start - 1 long blast

Start/finish line will not be an obstruction and will be open to boats sailing downwind. Boats that have finished will immediately sail to the right and stay clear of the finish line. The finish line will be the same as the start line.

6. Marks

Are orange balls, Pink Flamingos and Red Crabs.

7. Recalls

Individual Recalls: You will be hailed by the committee by sail number or any distinguishing feature on your boat or person. You are not “cleared” until the committee hails that you are.

General Recall: Will be used if too many boats are over at once. In this case we will signal with 2 long blasts and a hail.

8. Abandonment

If for any reason a race needs to be abandoned, the Race Committee will give three very long blasts followed by a hail.

10. Penalties

If you are guilty of breaking a rule, do the right thing and take one penalty turn (one tack and one jibe).

11. Protests and Behavior

Protests are generally not recognized by the Green Fleet Race Committee. However, please take note that there will be observation boats on the water that will report to the race committee of any rule infractions. Competitors please take your turns as required, when safe. The Race Committee reserves the right to DSQ any skipper not adhering to the rules or for unsportsmanlike conduct.

12. Scoring and Awards

Only participation awards will be given. Participation awards will be presented as soon as possible after the last race. Sailors will be able to see where they placed in the fleet following the regatta.

13. Coaching

Coaching is encouraged by the race committee, and **should be focused on the bottom half of the fleet. Coaches must assist all sailors.** All

coaches should monitor the prescribed VHF channel for the RC.

14. Time Limits

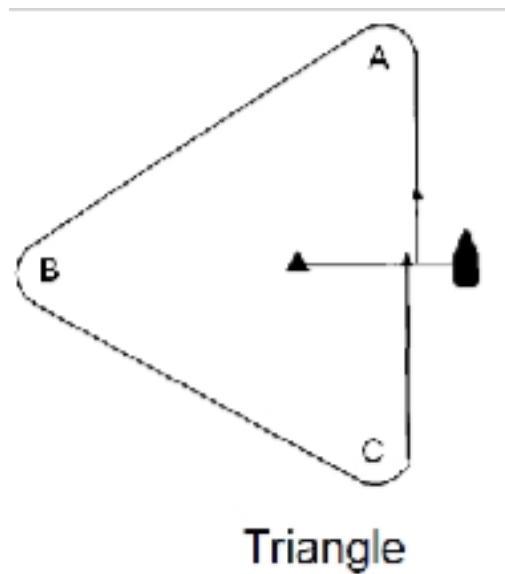
There will be a 45-minute time limit per race. Boats that have not finished within 15 minutes of the first place boat may be scored DNF. The committee also has the option to finish boats in current sequence in the last leg in order to start the next race.

15. Safety

All competitors and coaches will be required to wear a USCG approved type III lifejacket at all times afloat. The Race Committee reserves the right to postpone or abandon any race due to unstable weather conditions. Sailors, for safety reasons, please pay attention to your instructors, fellow sailors, and race committee.

[We love the Tred Avon River. Please help us continue to keep it beautiful by securing and disposing of all your trash properly.](#)

T Course



W Course



Windward/Leeward

Rule 1, 2 and 3 are to have fun!