



2019 Comet Class Yacht Racing Association International Championship Regatta

August 23, 24, 25

Organizing Authority: Comet Class Yacht Racing Association

Hosted By: Tred Avon Yacht Club

Oxford, Maryland

www.tayc.com

Sailing Instructions

1.0 Rules

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of sailing 2017-2020, the by-laws and appendices of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. The regatta is designated Category A.

2.0 Eligibility

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the regatta registration committee. Boats, sails, or other equipment may be subject to measurement at the discretion of the organizing authority or its CCYRA representative. Boats failing to meet CCYRA equipment requirements may be subject to protest. All boats shall be helmed by a member in good standing with the CCYRA.

2.2 Eligible yachts are requested to register in advance by completing the registration form found on the TAYC website at www.tayc.com/racing. **All yachts must register on line.** Registration closes at 0900 on Friday, August 23rd.



3.0 Changes in Sailing Instructions/Notices to Competitors

3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 each day on the official noticeboard at the club house. Any change in the racing schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 Signals made ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on TAYC's upper deck.

4.2 If a postponement (Flag AP) is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP flag is lowered. This changes Race Signals.

5.0 Schedule

5.1 The regatta racing schedule (See NOR for Social Schedule) is as follows:

Friday, August 23rd

0730 – 0900 Registration/Check-in
0900 Competitors' Meeting
1030 Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600.

Saturday, August 24th

1000 Warning Signal. Three races tentatively scheduled. Lunch break on the water as determined by the RC. No warning signal after 1600.

Sunday, August 25th

1000 Warning Signal. One race tentatively scheduled. No warning signal after 1400.

5.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled. Several races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the race committee. The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled as indicated above.

5.3 Races will be run back to back each day. A yellow flag will be displayed at the finish when races are concluded for that day.



6.0 Courses

6.1 The Olympic course (O) will be sailed for all races. See Attachment 1 for details of marks and the order of rounding.

6.2 No later than the warning signal for each race, a course board with approximate distance and bearing to the first mark will be posted on the signal boat.

6.3 Race courses may not be shortened. This changes RRS 32

6.4 Each day prior to the warning signal of the first races each boat shall check in at the stern of the Signal Boat after the Signal Boat anchors. Pass by one at a time on starboard tack, hail your sail number and receive confirmation. Failure to do so will result in a scoring of DNS. This changes Rule A5.

7.0 Marks

7.1 Marks #1 and #2 will be Yellow Tetrahedrons except that a new mark used for a modification of the course will be a Yellow Tetrahedron with a black band. If the course to that mark is modified again the original mark will be used. Mark #3 which also serves as the starting line pin will be an Orange Cylinder.

7.2 Any original mark to be rounded after rounding a new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

7.3 A limiting mark may be trailed behind the Signal Boat and is to be considered an integral part of the Signal Boat.

8.0 The Start

8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and an Orange Cylinder to port of the signal boat that also serves as the leeward mark.

8.2 The decision to start a race shall be made by each skipper on his/her own responsibility and each competitor is solely responsible for his/her safety. A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practical.

8.3 RRS 26 shall be used except that an attention signal (repeated horn blasts) will be given approximately one minute prior to the Warning Signal.

8.4 The Comet class flag will be used as the class flag for the starting sequence.

8.5 A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal or will be scored DNS. This changes RR A4.1 and RR A5.



9.0 Recalls and Starting Penalties

9.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats that have started on the course side, solely as a courtesy. It is the skipper's responsibility to recognize his/her violation. Failure to hail or hear a hailed number, or the order of it being called will not be grounds for redress.

10.0 The Finish

10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Finish Boat (identified by its RC flag and blue "on station" shape) and the course side of the windward mark Yellow Tetrahedron to port.

11.0 Time Limit

11.1 The time limit for each race shall be two hours, EXCEPT that if the leading boat fails to round the windward mark within 30 minutes after the start, or complete the course in two hours, the race shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the lead boat will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12.0 Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1a, a boat intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the finish line and receive acknowledgment or as soon as practical thereafter.

12.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Signal Boat returns to the dock and the time will be posted on the official notice board. The time, location of the hearing and list of pending protests will be posted on the official notice board 30 minutes after the close of the protest time limit.

12.3 Protest/redress forms will be available in the area of the Official Notice Board. A list of pending protests to be heard will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the close of protest filing time.

12.4 Redress Requests for penalties OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD must be made within 60 minutes after the Signal Boat Returns to the dock. Docking time and penalties assigned by the Race Committee will be posted on the official notice board when docked. This changes RRS 62.2.

12.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- A. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous days or
- B. No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on the last day of the regatta. This changes RRS 66.



13.0 Scoring

13.1 The low point scoring system as describe in Appendix A will apply. Each boat's series score shall be the total of all races unless more than four (04) races are sailed in which case the worst score may be excluded. Changes RRS A4.

13.2 Three (03) races must be completed to constitute a regatta. At the discretion of the Race Committee abandoned races may be re-sailed to complete the maximum number of races, not to exceed seven (07) complete races in total.

14.0 Crew and Boat

14.1 The same crew and boat will be used throughout the regatta unless approval for a change is granted in writing by the PRO or the CCYRA President.

15.0 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.

16.0 Awards

16.1 The following trophies will be awarded as applicable:

COMET INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Trophies top five places Skipper and Crew

COMET PREPETUAL TROPHIES

President's Permanent Trophy 1st Overall

Jay Achenbach Trophy – 2nd Overall

Dave Rodgers Trophy- 3rd Overall

C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy – 1st in 1st race

Wilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy – 1st in last race

Eugene Barilla Trophy- Best finish from sponsoring club

Herbert L. Stone Trophy – First time participant with best score

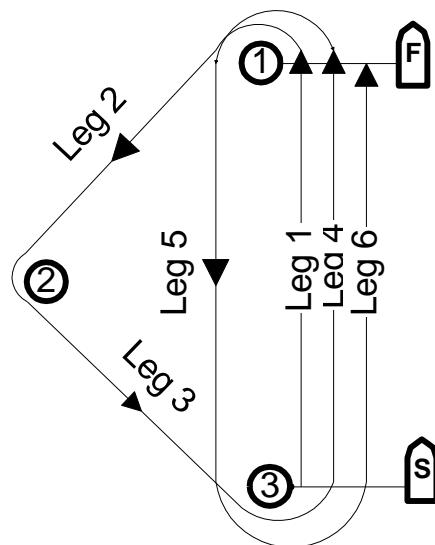
Dr. Allen Brown Memorial Trophy- Best score for skipper 21 years old or under

Court and Ginny Dunn Memorial Trophy



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Attachment 1

Course "O"



Order of Rounding: Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish