



**Jim Thompson Cup Regatta
May 16-17, 2020
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD**

2020 TAYC Match Racing Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

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 All boats shall be in compliance with the rules of the Shields Class Racing Association.
- 1.3 Any changes to the RRS, particularly those pertaining to Match Racing, Appendix C, will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all registered Shields Class boats skippered by a TAYC member.
- 2.2 Entry is limited to the first eight boats to register.
- 2.3 Entry, including skipper's name and full crew list, must be submitted to the PRO no later than 1830 on May 13 when an information session will be held at the TAYC clubhouse.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 1830, May 13 – rules and information session at TAYC clubhouse
- 3.2 1900, May 15 – first round pairings to be determined by blind drawing at Sails & Ales
- 3.3 0830, May 16 – Competitors' Meeting
- 3.4 1000, May 16& 17 – first warning signal scheduled
- 3.5 **Rain date**, if needed, will be June 13-14

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by 1600 one week prior to the event and in the TAYC clubhouse by 0900 on each race day.

5 THE VENUE

- 5.1 The course will be windward/leeward using drop marks placed in the Tred Avon River as close to the Club as practicable.

6 TIME LIMIT

- 6.1 No race on Saturday will be started after 1700.
- 6.2 No race on Sunday will be started after 1630.

7 FORMAT

- 7.1 The event will consist of a knockout series of match races conducted in successive elimination rounds.
- 7.2 The opening round on Saturday will be a best of three series between the four pairs drawn on Friday night. If fewer than eight boats register, one or more boats will draw a bye to the semi-final round.
- 7.3 After a break, a semi-final best of three series will be held among the four winning teams.
- 7.4 Conditions and logistical considerations permitting, the PRO may opt to offer a consolation round of best of three matches between boats knocked out in the first round.
- 7.5 On Sunday, the two semi-final winners will compete in a best of three series for the Thompson Cup.
- 7.6 All racing covered by this NOR may be rescheduled by the PRO and, in such event, every effort will be made to timely notify all competitors.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Boats should monitor VHF channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts from the RC.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 The winning skipper and crew will be awarded the Jim Thompson Cup.
- 9.2 Prizes may be awarded in the TAYC clubhouse as soon as possible following Sunday's races or at a time and place determined by the organizing authority.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 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.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 11.1 For further information contact Harry Seemans, Fleet Captain: 410-829-3007 or seemans@atlanticbb.net.
- 11.2 With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on the club's grounds at any time.