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 The Nearshore Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) will apply as changed below.
   (a) In the event of a conflict between the SERs and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
   (b) The following SERs will also apply:
       SER 2.4.1, Lifelines
       SER 2.7.2, Mechanical Propulsion
       SER 3.14, GPS receiver
       SER 3.22, Soft plugs for through-hull fittings
       SER 3.24.1, Lights
       SER 3.26, Radar reflector
       SER 3.35, Rigging: Halyards

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY
2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a valid 2020 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating or a valid 2020 CRCA rating, the rating certificate to be on board.
2.2 Separate starts will be given to all PHRF classes, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, J-30, J-105 and CRCA classes as long as a minimum of 3 paid entries per class have been received by the Thursday, August 6th deadline of 1200.
2.3 Eligible boats may register by going to the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/racing) and completing the entry form for the event. Entry forms and fee payment must be received no later than 1200 on Thursday, August 6.

3 FEES
3.1 The entry fee is $50 for USSA or CBYRA members, $55 for all others, to be received no later than 1200 on Thursday, August 6. Note: Entry fee covers both the August 7th Oxford Regatta Race to Oxford and the August 8th Robson Races, but separate entry forms must be submitted for each event.

4 SCHEDULE
4.1 Participants shall rendezvous at 1300 in the vicinity of Annapolis Area Mark “H” (GR C “SR”) and check in with the Race Committee (RC) signal boat flying the “L” flag prior to the first class’s Warning Signal.
4.2 Classes may be combined for starting and scoring purposes at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
4.3 The Warning Signal for the first class to start is scheduled for 1330. Classes will generally be started in reverse order, with slower classes first.
4.4 Post-race, tender service between TAYC and moorings will be provided between 1700 and 2300. A la carte meals may be purchased at club from 1700 to 2100, dance band from 1800 to 2200. Yachts may secure alongside club piers at Dockmaster’s discretion. Bringing alcoholic beverages to and from club premises is unlawful.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website no later than 1700 July 31.

6 THE VENUE
6.1 The course will be point-to-point from Annapolis, MD to Oxford, MD sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, Choptank River and Tred Avon River and using government marks.

7 TIME LIMIT
7.1 8 hours for first boat in each class

8 SCORING
8.1 Corrected times for PHRF and one-design classes will be calculated using PHRF time-on-time and Circular Random ratings. The A and B factors will be specified in the SIs.
8.2 Corrected times for the CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps provided by the CRCA class administration.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION
9.1 Boats should monitor VHF channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee.

10 PRIZES
10.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1 if 3 finishers, 2 if 5 finishers, 3 if 7 or more finishers.
10.2 Prize winners will be recognized and asked to stand for acknowledgement at the Harleigh Presentation at 1630 on Sunday, August 9 (coat and tie required). Tender service will be provided from the anchorage in Trippe Creek to Harleigh from 1600 to 1930.
10.3 Prizes will be shipped to all winners. Results will be posted at www.tayc.com/racing.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY
11.1 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.

12 INSURANCE
12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION
13.1 For further information contact Vicky Van Loo: 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com.
13.2 Pets: 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.