



**William H. Meyers Heritage Regatta
Shields Class
August 22-23, 2020
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD**

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 their respective class rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Shields Class boats whose owners are members of the Shields class association.
- 2.2 Eligible boats must register by going to the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/racing) and completing the entry form for the event. Entry forms must be received no later than 1600 Friday, August 21. On-line registration is required. There will be no on-site registration or check-in.
- 2.3 Bag lunches will be available for \$8/each on both days, but must be ordered and paid for at registration. Lunches can be picked up at the Galley Window on race days.
- 2.4 **All regatta participants**, including skippers and crew, **must** sign and electronically submit the Covid-19 waiver found at www.tayc.com/racing beforehand.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Clubhouse: As a result of the pandemic, there will be no food (other than pre-ordered lunches), bar or social activities at TAYC. The clubhouse will be locked, but restrooms will be accessible from the outside. Bottled water will be available to the competitors at the Galley Window for \$1/bottle.
- 3.2 There will be no Competitors' Meeting. Any notices will be posted electronically at www.tayc.com/racing.
- 3.3 The Race Committee will attempt to run at least five races over the course of the weekend.
- 3.4 The warning signal for the first race on both Saturday and Sunday will be 1025. There will be no warning signal after 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday

4 LAUNCHING

- 4.1 Competitors are encouraged to launch well beforehand to avoid lift congestion. Trailers must be stored in designated areas clear of hoist and access lanes.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by 1600 on August 21 and will contain special Covid-19 related rules.

6 VENUE

- 6.1 Courses will use drop marks in either the Choptank River to the south/southwest of Choptank River Light or in the Tred Avon River.

7 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 7.1 A boat that retires or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity by hail or on VHF channel 71.
- 7.2 Competitors are strongly encouraged to wear a USCG approved PFD while racing.

8 Radio Communication

- 8.1 Boats should monitor VHF channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts from the Race Committee.
- 8.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction includes cell phones.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 9.2 If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded subject to Rule 90.3(b).

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1 & 2 for 4 or fewer finishers; 1,2 & 3 for 5 or more finishers.
- 10.2 There will be no award ceremony. Prizes will be mailed to winners.
- 10.3 Results will be posted at www.tayc.com/racing.

11 SPECIAL COVID-19 REGATTA RULES

- 11.1 Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property, especially around the boat lift and other areas of congestion.
- 11.2 Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property.
- 11.3 Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced throughout the regatta.
- 11.4 The clubhouse will be locked; restrooms may be accessed from the outside only. There will be no food service and no bar service.
- 11.5 Non-crewmembers will not be allowed on Club property immediately before, during or after the racing with the exception of race officials.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 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.

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.