



Robert K. Robson Memorial Races
Saturday, August 14, 2021
Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club
Oxford, MD

Sanction # 325

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*(RRS).
- 1.2 The Nearshore Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply.
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board and at www.tayc.com/racing no later than 2000 the day prior to the race.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located in the first floor lobby of the Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC).
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF channel 71.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on TAYC's upper deck.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 0900 - Rendezvous in vicinity of Region 3 Choptank River Area Mark "O" (Choptank River Light).
- 5.2 Two races are scheduled.
- 5.3 1000 – Warning signal for first start. Scheduled warning signals and related warning signal flags are as follows:
 - 1000 PHRF Spinnaker (PHRF A0, A1, A2, B, C) with Purple Flag
 - 1005 PHRF N with pennant 5
 - 1010 CRCA-ORR with White Flag
- 5.4 The second race will start as soon as possible after the finish of the first race.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Race Committee signal boat shall display the **classflag(s)** of the next class(es) to start at its warning signal.
- 6.2 The class flags are:
ClassFlag
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| PHRF A0/A1 | Pennant 9 or 0 |
| PHRF A2 | Pennant 2 |
| PHRF B | Pennant 6 |
| PHRF C | Pennant 7 |
| PHRF N | Pennant 5 |
| CRCA-ORR | White flag |
- 6.3 All boats shall clearly display their class flag from the backstay.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Choptank River generally between Blackwalnut Pt. to the west and Howell Pt. to the east.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be set in the Choptank River using CBYRA Region 3 Choptank River Area Standard Racing Marks.
- 8.2 The course will be designated by letters corresponding to the marks displayed on the Race Committee Signal boat.
- 8.3 One lap shall be sailed unless the course designation is followed by a numeral specifying the number of laps to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 CBYRA Region 3 Choptank River Area Standard Racing Marks use both government marks and drop marks.
- 9.2 Drop marks will be yellow tomatoes.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a nearby government mark to port of the Race Committee signal boat.
- 10.2 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 A yacht in the starting area other than at her authorized time can expect to be protested by the Race Committee.
- 10.4 A Race Committee starting or finishing boat may set a stand-off buoy, which buoy, the line attaching it to the Race Committee boat and the Race Committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark.
- 10.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF channel 71, but the failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order in which hailed or untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.6 After a general recall, a new starting sequence for the recalled start will begin one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one sound. Succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

11 SHORTENING COURSE

- 11.1 If a course is shortened, all boats shall finish between a mark of the original course and code flag "S" on a Race Committee boat in accordance with RRS 32.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of a nearby government mark to port of the Race Committee signal boat.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 will apply.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish will be 3 hours.

15 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 The protesting yacht must satisfy the requirements of RRS 61.1a.
- 15.2 A written protest or request for redress must be filed with the PRO or member of the Protest Committee within one hour after the Race Committee finishing boat returns to the dock. Docking time will be posted on the official bulletin board. Protest forms are available in the clubhouse.
- 15.3 The time and location of protest hearings will be posted on the official bulletin board.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 16.2 One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 16.3 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time and Circular Random ratings.
- 16.4 Corrected times for the ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings.
- 16.5 Corrected times for the CRCA-ORR classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA-ORR class administration based upon course type and observed wind strength.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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 channel 71.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophies will be awarded for PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, ORC and CRCA-ORR classes.
- 18.2 Perpetual trophies may also be awarded:
 - Robert K. Robson Memorial Trophy – TAYC skipper with best combined corrected time in the PHRF spinnaker fleet
 - Philemon A. Willis Memorial Trophy – Skipper with best combined corrected time in all PHRF classes, spinnaker and non-spinnaker

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.