



**Shields Series Racing Program
2021
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, 2021 – 2024* (RRS).
- 1.2. All boats shall be in compliance with the rules of the Shields Class Racing Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to any Shields Class boat whose owner is a current member of the Shields Class Racing Association.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may register by going to the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/racing) and completing the entry form. Entry forms must be received no later than 1600 on the day before the first race of the series or the competitor will be scored DNC for the race and all succeeding races until received.
- 2.3. There will be three (3) series – Spring, Summer and Fall. Separate entry forms **must** be submitted for each series.

3. FEES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$300 per boat, which covers the three TAYC series (and the Oxford and Heritage Regattas), to be received no later than 1600 on April 23. A boat may not participate in any TAYC Shields Class racing until such fee is paid. **Note:** a separate fee will be charged by Cambridge YC for its races on Oct. 2.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1. The Series Dates and Warning Signals are as follows:

Spring Series	April 25, May 2, May 30	1325
Summer Series	June 13, 27, July 18, July 25.	1325
Fall Series	Sep 19, Oct 2 (@ CYC*), Oct 3, Oct 10	1200

*(check Cambridge YC Regatta NOR and SI for starting times and other details)

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

6. THE VENUE

- 6.1. Races will be held on the Tred Avon River or on the Choptank River SW of Choptank River Light.

7. SCORING

- 7.1. A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores unless five or more races have been completed, in which case her worst score will be excluded, subject to Rule 90.3(b). If ten or more races are completed, her two worst scores will be excluded.
- 7.2. At least one race must be completed to constitute a series.

8. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

- 9.1. Prizes for each series will be given as follows: 1 & 2 for 4 or fewer finishers; 1, 2 & 3 for 5 or more finishers.
- 9.2. Results will be posted at www.tayc.com/racing.

10. SPECIAL COVID-19 RULES

- 10.1. Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property.
- 10.2. Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property.
- 10.3. Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced throughout the series.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. 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.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1. For further information contact Harry Seemans, Fleet Captain, 410-829-3007 or quakerneck6@gmail.com.
- 12.2. 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.

13. OTHER

- 13.1. The 2021 Shields Club Championship will be awarded in accordance with the TAYC Shields Fleet High Point formula.