



# Oxford Regatta-Weekend 1 Optimist White, Blue, Red Fleets

August 7&8, 2021

Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club  
Oxford, MD

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

As amended August 6 to incorporate the changes of Amendment #1

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 0900 each race day.
- 2.2 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) shall communicate any changes made to each boat prior to the warning signal.

### 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) by 0900 each race day.
- 3.2 All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons via VHF radio on 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 A competitorsmeeting will be held in the tent on the water side of the TAYC clubhouse at 0930 on Saturday, Aug 7.
- 5.2 The warning signal for the first race will be at 1030 on Saturday, Aug 7, and 1000 on Sunday, Aug 8.
- 5.3 The Race Committee will start as many races as time and conditions allow. Subsequent races may be started soon after the last boat finishes the prior race.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday.

### 6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River south of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Bravo, which is located between government mark "R2" and Pier St. PRO will confirm racing area location at competitors' meeting.

### 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The attached diagrams (page 4) show three courses with corresponding course letter **W**, **T** or **O**:

**W** – windward-leeward with start/finish line in middle of windward leg (no offset mark)

**T** – Triangle with start/finish in middle of windward leg.

**O** – Triangle-windward-leeward-windward with start/finish in middle of windward leg.

- 7.2 In the case of courses **T** and **W**, the number of laps to be sailed will be indicated following the course letter.
- 7.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter.
- 7.4 Unless preparing to start, starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through the finish line. A breach of this rule is grounds for disqualification. This changes RRS A5.
- 7.5 Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark.

## **8 MARKS**

- 8.1 The start and finish marks will be orange balls located on opposite sides of the race committee signal boat and are passed as shown on the course diagram.
- 8.2 The windward, leeward and reach (wing) marks will also be orange balls.
- 8.3 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.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS Appendix U3, a three (3) minute Audible Signal Racing System. A series of short attention sounds will be used to alert competitors of the Race Committee's intention to sound the warning signal in approximately 1 minute.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball to port of the signal boat.
- 9.3 A boat crossing the starting line later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.4 For individual recalls, code flag "X" (white with blue cross) will be hoisted with one horn blast. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats, 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).
- 9.5 A general recall will be signaled by code flag "first substitute" (yellow and blue pennant) and two horn blasts. A new starting sequence will begin one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one horn blast.

## **10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1 A change of the next leg of the course will be accomplished in accordance with RRS 33.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball on the starboard side of the signal boat. The finish line is on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line. Refer to attached course diagrams.

## **12 TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1 If no boat finishes within one hour of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 12.2 Boats must finish within 25 minutes of the first boat or be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **13 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1 The protesting yacht must satisfy the requirements of RRS 61.1a.

- 13.2 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 signal boat returns to the dock. Docking time will be posted on the official bulletin board. Protest forms are available in the clubhouse.
- 13.3 The time and location of protest hearings will be posted on the official bulletin board.

## 14 SCORING

- 14.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 14.2 One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 14.3 If six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded from her total score, subject to RRS 90.3(b).

## 15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 A boat shall not pass through the start/finish line of any other fleet.
- 15.2 All boats and coaches are required to sail by the Race Committee signal boat and check in prior to the first race each day.
- 15.3 A boat that retires or leaves the racing area between races shall make every effort to notify a committee boat before leaving the area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the Race Committee immediately after arriving ashore.
- 15.4 The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance.
- 15.5 All competitors SHALL properly wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices at all times while afloat except for brief periods while changing. Any inflatable type PFD is not permitted. This changes RRS 40.
- 15.6 All persons aboard support vessels shall wear a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. The PFD shall be the proper size for the wearer, and in good and serviceable condition. Inflatable PFDs are permitted.
- 15.7 While afloat, competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with the PFD requirement in SI 15.5.
- 15.8 Non-compliance with SI 15.5 and 15.6 is grounds for protest by the Race Committee.

## 16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR for each fleet and for overall, as well as the top female skipper.
- 16.2 Perpetual trophies may also be awarded:  
Captain Bray Perpetual Trophy: Highest finishing TAYC Optimist (red, white and blue) skipper  
Parents Trophy: Highest finishing TAYC skipper in the age fleet (red, white or blue) with the most TAYC entries

## 17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 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.

