



2022 Choptank Challenge
Sunday, May 8, 2022
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD

Sanction # 307

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Nearshore Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SERs) apply. In the event of a conflict between the SERs and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board at the TAYC clubhouse by 0700 on race day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the TAYC clubhouse by 0700 on race day.
- 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.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. 0800 - Rendezvous off the Tred Avon Yacht Club Floating Dock displaying the L Flag for check-in with the Race Committee.
- 5.2. 0830 - Warning signal.
- 5.3. 0835 - Start for all classes.

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River, the Choptank River, and finish in the vicinity of Choptank River R "10" off Black Walnut Point.

7. THE COURSE

After starting, round Choptank River R "14" to starboard.
Proceed to finish at Choptank River R "10" off Black Walnut Point.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The course will use government marks.

9. THE START

- 9.1. The race will be started using RRS 26. The class flag for all classes will be a green flag. A series of short attention sounds will be used to alert competitors of the Race Committee's intention to sound the warning signal.
- 9.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on TAYC's upper deck and a standard round "tomato" Racing Mark off the TAYC clubhouse. If conditions warrant, government buoy R "2" may be used as the starting pin.

- 9.3. 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).
- 9.4. 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.

10. SHORTENING COURSE

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

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the channel side of government buoy R"10" off Black Walnut Point.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS 44.1 will apply.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit for all boats is 5 hours and/or within 1 hours of the first boat in its class to finish.

14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. The protesting yacht must satisfy the requirements of RRS 61.1a.
- 14.2. A boat's intent to protest or request redress must be reported via text message, giving names and sail numbers of boats involved, to the Scoring Committee at (410) 829-9640 no later than 60 minutes after the boat finishes.
- 14.3. A written protest or request for redress must be emailed to the Protest Committee (c/o manager@tayc.com) no later than 1200 Monday, May 9.
- 14.4. The protest committee intends to schedule and conduct hearings via tele- or videoconferencing after racing, if possible. If this proves impossible, the PC will conduct hearings during the week following the regatta. The protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2. Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time and Circular Random ratings.
- 15.3. Corrected times for the CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps provided by the CRCA class.
- 15.4. Corrected times for the Multihull classes will be calculated using handicaps provided by the Multihull class.
- 15.5. Corrected times for the Beach Cat class will be calculated using SCHRS handicaps provided by the Beach Cat class.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat that retires or leaves the racing area shall notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity by hail or on channel 71.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR.