



**2022 Oxford Amateur Racing Series (“OARS”)
Friday Evenings May 13 - September 16, 2022
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
As Amended to Incorporate Amendment 1**

1. RULES

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by these instructions and the Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications (SER Inshore) of U.S. Sailing.
- 1.2. It is the skipper’s responsibility to read and understand the basic rules. If you are not 100% sure of your rights, give way. Have fun and remember: the most important rule is to avoid collision.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. Any mono-hull at least 18’ LOA with a PHRF handicap rating may enter. PHRF handicap ratings will be used to score boats. If a boat does not have a PHRF handicap, the committee will assign one.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may register by going to <https://www.regatanetwork.com/event/24303>. Contact Katlin Mills at katlinthetide@tayc.com or Chris Kalinski at c.kalinski911@gmail.com if you have difficulty with online registration.
- 2.3. Skippers are required to insure that their boat is equipped according to USCG Regulations.
- 2.4. Boats shall monitor VHF Ch. 71 prior to the warning until finished.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted at the TAYC clubhouse and on the event website at www.tayc.com/racing by 1500 on race day in the News and Notices section.
- 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. Flag AP raised with two sounds indicates that the race is postponed. When flag is lowered with one sound, the warning will be in one minute.

5. 2022 RACING SCHEDULE

MAY 13	Warning 6:00 pm
MAY 20	Warning 6:00 pm
MAY 27	No Race - Memorial Day Weekend
JUNE 3	Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 10	Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 17	Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 24	Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 1	Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 8	Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 15	Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 22	Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 29	Warning 6:00 pm
AUG 5	Ladies’ Race
AUG 12	No Race - Oxford Regatta
AUG 19	Warning 6:00 pm
AUG 26	Warning 6:00 pm

SEPT 2	Warning 5:30 pm
SEPT 9	Warning 5:30 pm
SEPT 16	Warning 5:30 pm

6. COURSES

- 6.1. Courses are shown on the attached course sheet. This indicates order of marks and the side on which they are to be rounded.
- 6.2. A course chart reflecting mark locations and descriptions is also attached to these instructions.
- 6.3. The course for each race shall be designated by a letter displayed from the TAYC floating dock. When L is a rounding mark, it may be honored within a spinnaker pole length on the channel side if your boat draws too much to round as indicated on the course sheet. In doing so, boats may not gain position or time on any boat.
- 6.4. The Race Committee, in its discretion, may shorten the course for one or both Classes (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), and will announce on VHF and display code flag S & 2 sounds.

7. STARTS AND STARTING SEQUENCE

- 7.1. For races May 13 through August 26 (except July 15): 6:05 Spin, 6:10 Non-Spin.
- 7.2. For races September 2 through September 16: 5:35 Spin, 5:40 Non-Spin.
- 7.3. For July 15 Night Race: 8:35 Spin, 8:40 Non-Spin.
- 7.4. Class Flags for all races: Spinnaker - Purple, Non-Spinnaker - Green
- 7.5. Starting Sequence: RRS rule 26 will be used, preceded by an alert signal. Rule 26 stipulates a 5 minute sequence (see details at end of instructions)
- 7.6. Alert: The alert is a few short blasts of an air horn. The time between the alert and the warning will be approximately one minute before the Spinnaker warning. No alert before the Non-Spinnaker warning.
- 7.7. Starting Line: Starting line is between an orange flag on the upper deck of TAYC and a yellow mark off the club. If conditions permit, R 2 may be used as the pin end of the line.

8. ABANDONMENT AND RECALLS

- 8.1. The Race Committee, in its judgment, may abandon any race after the start and will announce on VHF and display code flag N & 3 sounds.
- 8.2. An Individual recall will be signaled by the hoisting of code flag X (white with blue cross) and one long horn sound. It is the responsibility of the competitor to start properly.
- 8.3. A General recall will be signaled by hoisting the First Substitute flag with 2 sounds. When the flag is lowered with 1 sound, the warning flag will be raised 1 minute later. Order of start does not change.

9. FINISH

- 9.1. Finish line will always be between the orange flag on TAYC upper deck and mark X. (red flasher R2).

10. TIME LIMIT

- 10.1. The time limit for each race is 90 minutes. If one boat in a fleet sails the proper course within the time limit, all boats that finish within 2 hrs. of the start time will be scored. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the RC shall abandon the race for one or both fleets.

11. FLEET SELECTION

- 11.1. Boats shall register as either spinnaker or non-spinnaker and, except as noted in Section 12.2, shall race in that fleet the entire series.

12. LADIES' RACE

- 12.1. For the ladies' race only, the helmsperson must be female.
- 12.2. This race is not scored as part of the series. For this race only, boats may elect to choose a different division (spin or non-spin).

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. There is no protest committee. If you need to absolve yourself of a penalty you must perform a 360 degree turn. (One tack & one jibe)

14. SCORING

14.1. High point system. One throw-out for every 5 races completed.

15. AWARDS

15.1. Trophies and other awards will be presented at awards banquet. Time and Date TBA.

Rule 26 - Starting Races (OARS VERSION)

Signal	Flag & Sound	Minutes before starting
Courtesy Alert	Air Horn	6 +/- prior to Spinnaker start
Warning	SPINNAKER - Purple flag 1 sound NON-SPIN - Green flag 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P flag up (blue & white) one sound	4
One Minute	P flag down; one long sound	1
Start	Purple or Green lowered; one sound	0