



**Oxford Regatta  
Optimist Green Fleet  
August 13-14, 2022  
Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club  
Oxford, MD**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. Sailing instructions will be reviewed in their entirety with the Green Fleet competitors at the skippers meeting.

### **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, 73 and 78A.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons via VHF radio on channel 78A.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 4.1. A competitors meeting will be held in the tent on the water side of the TAYC clubhouse at 0930 on Saturday, Aug 13.
- 4.2. The Green Fleet will launch last, following all other classes of boats. Races will begin as soon as possible after the Green Fleet has launched.
- 4.3. 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.
- 4.4. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday.

### **5. RACING AREA**

- 5.1. The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River north of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Echo. PRO will confirm racing area location at competitors' meeting.

### **6. THE COURSES**

- 6.1. The attached diagrams (page 4) show two courses with corresponding course letter **W** or **T**:
  - 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.

- 6.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter.
- 6.3. Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark.

## **7. MARKS**

- 7.1. The windward, leeward and reach (wing) marks will be green balls.
- 7.2. 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.

## **8. THE START**

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. Races will be started using a three (3) minute Audible Signal Racing System as follows:
  - 3 minutes - 3 long blasts
  - 2 minutes - 2 long blasts
  - 1 minute - 1 long blast
  - 30 seconds - 3 short blasts
  - 20 seconds - 2 short blasts
  - 10 seconds - 1 short blast
  - Start - 1 long blast
- 8.3. 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.
- 8.4. For individual recalls, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats over early by sail number or any distinguishing feature on your boat or person. Over early boats are not cleared until hailed by the Race Committee.
- 8.5. When many boats are over early, a general recall will be signaled by two long horn blasts and a hail.

## **9. THE FINISH**

- 9.1. The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball on the port side of the signal boat. Refer to attached course diagrams.

## **10. COACHING**

- 10.1. Coaches must assist all sailors. All coaches should monitor the prescribed VHF channel for the RC.

## **11. TIME LIMITS**

- 11.1. There will be a 60-minute time limit per race. Boats that have not finished within 30 minutes of the first-place boat may be scored DNF. The committee also has the option to finish boats in current sequence in the last leg in order to start the next race.

## **12. ABANDONMENT**

- 12.1. If for any reason a race needs to be abandoned, the Race Committee will give three long blasts followed by a hail.

## **13. PROTEST AND BEHAVIOR**

- 13.1. Protests are generally not recognized by the Green Fleet Race Committee. However, please take note that there will be observation boats on the water that

will report to the race committee of any rule infractions. Competitors please take your turns as required, when safe.

#### 14. SCORING AND AWARDS

14.1. Participation awards will be presented. Sailors will be able to see where they placed in the fleet following the regatta.

#### 15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. All boats and coaches are required to sail by the Race Committee signal boat and check in prior to the first race each day.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance.
- 15.4. 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.
- 15.5. 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.

#### COURSE DIAGRAMS

