

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

SHIELDS CLUB SERIES

SPRING AND FALL

2010

RULES:

Races will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS), the *Shields Class Sailing Rules* and these sailing instructions. In the event of a conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence. This modifies RRS 63.7.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse foyer. Competitors should monitor VHF channel 71 for possible announcements.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be posted two hours prior to the race in which they will take effect.

Changes made on the water shall be communicated to each boat prior to her warning.

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yard arm at the Tred Avon Yacht Club. When the "AP" flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

SCHEDULE OF RACING:

The Shields Spring and Fall Series Schedule for 2010, as shown in the Notice of Race posted at www.tayc.com under "Racing" and then "Registration".

Three boats in the starting area is the minimum number of boats required to start a race. Abandoned races may be rescheduled on the Spring or Fall make-up dates defined in the NOR.

The start of successive races shall occur as soon as possible following the finish of the last boat in a race.

Races shall not be started after 1430.

START:

The start shall be between and orange flag of the RC signal boat and a start pin/mark to port of the RC boat.

Start in accordance with RRS Rule 26. RC may, at its option, sound a horn in rapid succession, one minute prior to the Warning to alert racers to the upcoming Warning signal.

First Warning will be made at 1100.

The class flag is the Shields Class Flag.

The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on Ch 71 VHF.

Failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order in which or the untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “DNS” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

COURSES and MARKS

Courses will be set at a minimum of 6 nm, but may be shortened to not to less than four nm.

See the course diagram on p. 4. The signal boat will display the course number prior to the Warning.

Marks 1 (yellow tetrahedron) and 1a (orange ball) shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

Courses 3, 4, 5 & 6 may use a gate as the leeward mark. The gate marks (orange balls) are not marks of the course for the first or final leg.

When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round that mark to port.

FINISH:

Finish line shall be between the RC signal boat and the original start pin/mark. Finish pin/mark is to be left to starboard.

In the event the course is shortened, the Finish line will be between a rounding mark and a staff displaying code flag S. If the course is shortened at a gate, boats shall pass between the boat with the “S” flag and the gate mark.

TIME LIMIT:

If the first boat fails to finish in 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat to finish a race will be scored DNF without a hearing.

PROTEST:

A protesting boat shall notify the RC signal boat as soon as possible after the race in which the infraction occurred, of her intent to file a protest and the sail number(s) of the boat(s) being protested.

Protests shall be written on the official form available in the club house. They shall be logged with the RC within the protest time, which shall begin immediately after the RC boat docks and end one hour later.

SCORING:

As defined by the NOR. For the Spring and Fall Series it is high point with one throw out if 6 or more races are completed. One race constitutes a series.

TROPHIES:

Trophies for the Spring and Fall Series will be awarded in the clubhouse on last day of series as soon as possible following the completion of the last race. 1st/3, 2nd/5, 3rd/7, 4th/9.

SAFETY:

Each Competitor is responsible for his own safety.

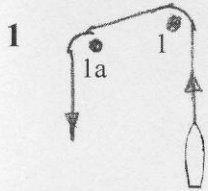
A boat that retires shall make every effort to notify the RC before leaving the race area. If not possible, she shall notify the RC immediately upon reaching the shore.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

Shields Courses

Marks

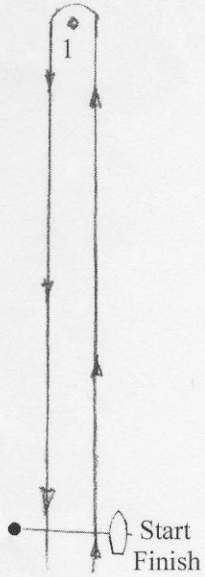


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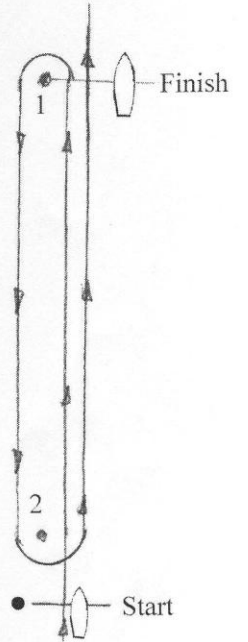
Course 2

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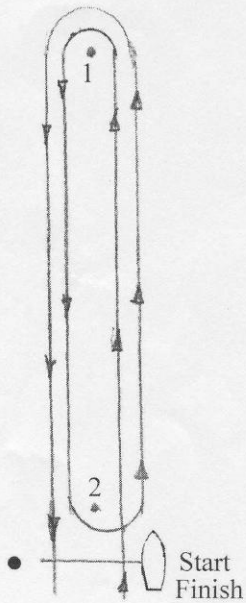
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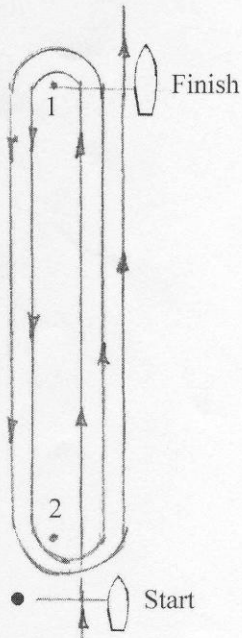
Course 4

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Course 5

START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH



Course 6

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