



76th Star Fall Wind-Up & Jack Streeton Memorial

October 10th-11th, 2026

Tred Avon Yacht Club

Oxford, MD



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

1. Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) is the Organizing authority (OA)
2. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
3. All boats shall follow their respective class rules
4. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions take precedence

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The regatta is open to all Star Class and Shields Class boats. Stars must comply with Star Class Racing Association (STCR) 21 and 23.7.1. If a Novice Skipper (as defined by STCR 23.7.1), please identify yourself on the entry form. Shields must comply with their Class Rules.
2. Boats must register online at the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/racing) by completing the entry form for the regatta no later than 1500 on October 9th

3. SAFETY

1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity
2. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device when flag "Y" is displayed on the signal boat in accordance with RRS 40

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

5. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Any change to the sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted on the official notice board before 0900 hours on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect
2. Oral changes to the sailing instructions will only be made on the water. The RC will announce changes and request verbal confirmation from each boat. See RRS 90.2(c).

6. FEES

1. For the Stars the entry fee for a skipper and one crew is \$135, which is reduced from the normal fee of \$185 thanks to the sponsorship of **Charles Schwab**. The fee is payable in full upon online registration and is not refundable within one (1) week of the regatta. Entry fee includes a complimentary drink and meal Friday Oct.9, complimentary breakfast sandwich, juice, coffee, bagels Sat/Sun, and a Saturday cocktail party with a complimentary keg, and Sunday Awards Ceremony with finger foods.
2. Additional crew must be listed at registration. Additional social event tickets are available for purchase upon registration only - \$70 per person.

3. **Star boat owners please note that you should attach a Schwab sticker on the starboard side of the boom within 12" of the goose neck**
4. For the Shields the entry fee is covered by the annual registration fee. Social event tickets are available for purchase upon registration only - \$70 per person. That fee includes a complimentary drink and meal Friday Oct.9, complimentary breakfast sandwich, juice, coffee, bagels Sat/Sun, and a Saturday cocktail party with a complimentary keg, and Sunday Awards Ceremony with finger foods.
5. The cash bar is open at 1400 hours on Saturday and Sunday
6. Bagged lunches are available for purchase upon registration \$12 plus tax
7. **COMMUNICATION**
 1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is electronic and can be found at (www.tayc.com)
 2. On the water the race committee will make courtesy announcements on VHF Channel 71
8. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
 1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the TAYC Clubhouse upper deck
 2. When AP is displayed ashore, before it is removed the approximate time for the next warning signal will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS Race Signals.
9. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Wednesday-Friday
AM/PM Arrive/drop boats/rig

Friday
1730 Clubhouse or outside: Ales & Tales Club social

Saturday
0800 Close of registration
0900 Competitors' Meeting at TAYC clubhouse
1055 Warning signal for first race, subsequent races to follow; no start after 1600
1800 Cocktail party in Kap-Dun Room (upstairs) – Collared shirt requested

Sunday
1025 Warning signal for first race, subsequent races to follow; no start after 1400
1600 Post-race trophy presentation
10. **THE RACING AREA**
 1. Races will be sailed at the race committee's discretion on either the Tred Avon River or the Choptank River using club drop marks
11. **THE COURSES**
 1. The diagrams indicate the layout of the courses that will be sailed (see Page 5)
 2. A course board with course number, heading and distance to the first mark will be displayed on the starboard side of the signal boat
 3. A windward offset mark will be set, and a leeward gate will be set
 4. Per STCR 34, races will not be shortened
12. **CLASS FLAGS**
 1. No class flags are required for competitors
 2. The race committee signal boat shall display the class flag of the next class to start at its warning signal

13. STARTS

1. Races will be started using RRS 26
2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a yellow cylinder
3. The warning signal for the first race of the day will be one minute after flag "Lima" is lowered with repetitive sounds
4. A boat crossing the starting line later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "DNS" without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
5. 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 hailed, or untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.2(a).
6. After a general recall, a new starting sequence for the recalled class will begin one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one sound

14. MARKS

1. Marks for the course will be orange tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be a small red ball. The starting pin will be a yellow cylinder. For Course 4 the finish pin will be an orange cylinder. For Course 3 and Course 5 the finish pin will be Mark 1.
2. If only one leeward gate mark is in position it shall be rounded to port
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

15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

16. FINISH

1. The finishing line will be between a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a nearby finishing pin. Refer to Course Diagrams on Page 5.

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

1. The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing".
2. Each turn shall include a tack and a gybe

18. TIME LIMITS

1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to reach the first mark is 20 minutes
2. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish will be 60 minutes
3. Boats not finished within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF
4. If no boat has finished within the time limit the Race Committee shall abandon that race

19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

1. A protesting yacht shall notify the race committee signal boat at the finish line and receive acknowledgement
2. In addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 60.2, a written protest or request for redress must be filed with the Race 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
3. The time and location of protest hearings will be posted as soon as practicable after the protest time limit on the official bulletin board
4. A Protest Committee may extend the protest time limit at its discretion

20. SCORING

1. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply
2. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of all her race scores, unless five or more races have been completed, in which case her worst score will be excluded
3. At least one race must be completed to constitute a regatta, at least 5 races are planned

21. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be awarded as described in the NOR

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

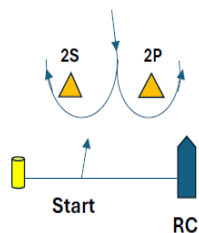
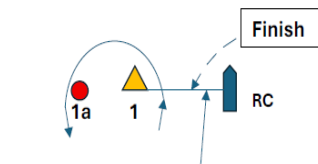
1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

1. For further regatta information, please contact Alan Campbell (Stars) 410-829-9315 or Richard Griner (Shields) 443-995-2090
2. For further club information please contact the club manager at 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com
3. Pets: With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on the club's grounds at any time
4. Alcohol purchased and opened at the club may not be removed from the club property, and outside alcohol may not be brought onto club property, by penalty of Talbot County liquor laws

COURSE DIAGRAMS

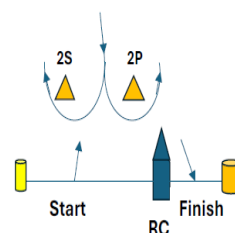
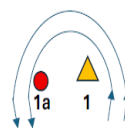
Course 3 – Windward Leeward, 3 Legs



Start -> 1 -> 1a -> 2(S or P) -> Finish

Note: Marks 2S and 2P are not a marks of the course for the 1st Leg

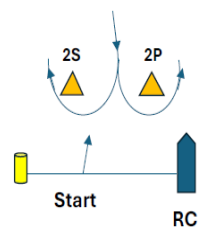
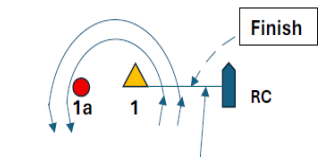
Course 4 – Windward Leeward, 4 Legs



Start -> 1 -> 1a -> 2(S or P) -> 1 -> 1a -> Finish

Note: Marks 2S and 2P are not a marks of the course for the 1st and Last Leg:

Course 5 – Windward Leeward, 5 Legs



Start -> 1 -> 1a -> 2(S or P) -> 1 -> 1a -> 2(S or P) -> Finish

Note: Marks 2S and 2P are not a marks of the course for the 1st Leg