



DCPFR
David Cox Penguin Frostbite Regatta
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, Maryland



Saturday, November 14, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

A day of Penguin racing, a turn at the helm for the crews, and after-racing festivities—in the spirit of the traditional creek frostbite regattas.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA). The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025–2028 and the Penguin Class rules.
- 1.2 The traditional Penguin Racing Association Racing Rules of James Place Thompson will be in effect: “Do unto others and still have fun.” The spirit of the James Place Thompson Sailboat Racing Authority lives on at DCPFR.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available in the clubhouse before racing hopefully but not guaranteed. The event webpage, when established at www.tayc.com/racing-cal, will be the official online notice board.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to Penguin Class dinghies, including boats sailed with a crew and solo skippers.
- 3.2 Registration will be on ClubSpot. Proposed on-site check-in is 0900–1100 at TAYC on November 14.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Proposed entry fee: One food dish to share with the group. There will be a WhatsApp to coordinate located [HERE](#).

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Saturday, November 14: proposed check-in 0900–1100; Skippers’ Meeting 1130; racing to follow.
- 5.2 Five races are planned, including one crew race, typically the third race. One completed non-crew race will constitute the regatta..

6 THE VENUE AND COURSES

- 6.1 Races will be sailed in the Tred Avon River off TAYC using club drop marks. Launching and check-in will be at Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand, Oxford, MD 21654.
- 6.2 Courses will be determined by the Race Committee on the morning of the regatta depending on the direction and velocity of the wind. Gusts of wind from the participants concerning course selection will be given appropriate interest by the RC.

7 STARTS

- 7.1 A three-minute starting sequence will be used - probably the Ollie. The starting line and starting procedure will be described in the Sailing Instructions and at the Skippers’ Meeting.

8 THE CREW RACE

- 8.1 One race, typically the third, will be designated as the crew race. The regular crew will take the helm, giving the usual skipper an opportunity to discover how helpful the advice from the front of the boat really is.
- 8.2 Solo skippers and those with crew who prefer not to skipper may elect to sail this race by starting at a predetermined time after the crew race starting signal, typically one minute. The Race Committee will announce the delay and procedure at the Skippers' Meeting.
- 8.3 The crew race will be scored separately and will not count toward the overall DCPFR standings. Boats in the delayed start will be recorded separately from the crew-at-the-helm results.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. A boat's regatta score will be the total of all her non-crew race scores, with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 9.2 The crew race results will be posted separately.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 Must be filed at the Choptank River Light, Midnight New Year's Eve 2026! A protest hearing will be held at Doc's and the bill will be paid by the protesting skipper.

11 TROPHIES

- 11.1 Prizes awarded will depend on what people bring to the regatta we can use as prizes. . .

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 12.2 Competitors shall wear properly secured personal flotation devices while afloat. Cold-weather clothing appropriate to November sailing is strongly recommended.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 Tred Avon Yacht Club • 102 West Strand, Oxford, MD 21654 • 410-226-5269 • www.tayc.com.
Regatta and food coordinators: to be confirmed.
- 13.2 With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on club grounds. Outside alcohol may not be brought onto club property; alcohol purchased and opened at the club may not be removed from club property.
- 13.3 It is kindly requested that participants park either on the beach or just outside the club because there is an Italian Dinner scheduled at 6PM we want to leave the good parking for them.