



Oxford Regatta

Solomons to Oxford Race

Friday August 7, 2026
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Including Amendments #1, #2 and #3

Sanction # 26-208

1. **RULES**

- 1.1. The Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) is the Organizing Authority (OA).
- 1.2. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. **SAFETY**

- 2.1. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity
- 2.2. Boats shall not exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a freighter, tug, or other commercial vessel. Competitors must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially dangerous situation. A boat protested under this rule has the burden of proof that she complied with this rule. RRS 60.2 is changed to add, "If the Race Committee receives a report of an incident where a boat or boats may have interfered with the commercial traffic, it may protest any boat involved."

3. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

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

4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The regatta is open to all boats with a current valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate.
- 4.2. Classes must have a minimum of three (3) paid entries received by the deadline of noon Thursday, August 6th to be eligible for a start.
- 4.3. Eligible boats must register by going to the TAYC website (www.tayc.com/regatta/ggEXDmR36T) and completing the entry form and the waiver for the event to complete entry.
- 4.4. Boats will be scored in PHRF A0, A, B/C and N.

5. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1. If there is a conflict between the NOR and SI's, the SI's shall govern
- 5.2. Any change to the sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted on the official notice board (www.tayc.com/regatta/ggEXDmR36T) before 0800 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.
- 5.3. 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).
- 5.4. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the RC signal boat displaying flag "L", hail her sail number and the number of persons on board, and receive a verbal confirmation by the race committee. A boat that starts without checking in will receive a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**
 - 6.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, which is electronic and can be found at www.tayc.com/regatta/ggEXDmR36T
 - 6.2. On the water, the race committee will communicate with competitors on VHF Channel 71
7. **SCHEDULE AND START**
 - 7.1. The race will be started using RRS 26
 - 7.2. Rendezvous at Mark G"77" south of Cove Point
 - 7.3. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and G"77"
 - 7.4. The first warning is scheduled for 1100 hours
 - 7.5. Class assignments and order of starts will be posted on the official notice board before 1700 hours on August 6th. Classes may be combined for starting and scoring purposes at the discretion of the OA.
8. **CLASS FLAGS**
 - 8.1. All boats shall clearly fly their assigned class flags at the stern
 - 8.2. The class flags are:

Class	Flag
<i>PHRF Non-Spinnaker</i>	<i>Pennant 5</i>
<i>PHRF A</i>	<i>Pennant 9</i>
<i>PHRF B/C</i>	<i>Pennant 6</i>
9. **THE COURSE**
 - 9.1. After starting, the following marks will be rounded or passed in the following order:
 - (a) Choptank R"2C" to starboard (approx. location 38 32.108 N, 76 23.221 W)
 - (b) Choptank R"10" to starboard (approx. location 38 38.890 N, 76 18.300 W)
 - (c) Choptank River Light to port approx. location 38 39.370 N, 76 11.062 W)
 - (d) Finish at R"2" off the Tred Avon Yacht Club as described below, total distance is approximately 26.78 nm
10. **FINISH**
 - 10.1. The finish line will be between the Tred Avon River R"2" and a blue flag on the signal boat
 - 10.2. The Race Committee may shorten the race in accordance with RRS 32.2
11. **TIME LIMIT**
 - 11.1. Boats not finished 8 hours after their start will be scored DNF without a hearing.
12. **SCORING**
 - 12.1. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
 - 12.2. Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time (ToT) scoring where $TCF = 650 / (550 + PRF + PHRF \text{ Rating})$. The race committee will determine the course type rating (Handicap Spinnaker) or Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker) prior to scoring the race. A boat may not base a redress request on the race committee's decision of course type.
13. **PRIZES**
 - 13.1. Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters
 - 13.2. The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded: (a) Poker Bowl Trophy: best corrected time in the most competitive class. (b) Arthur J. Grymes Memorial Trophy: best elapsed time for all competitors. (c) Grace Cordo Wilford Memorial Trophy: TAYC skipper with the best corrected time.
 - 13.3. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA
 - 13.4. **Awards will be presented on Sunday afternoon August 9th at Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand Oxford, MD 21654. Coat and tie required**
 - 13.5. Further information on the awards party, visit the official notice board.
14. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 14.1. Competitors may dock or moor at Tred Avon Yacht Club on a first come/first served basis. Rafting is permitted subject to suitable weather. Tender service will be available for those choosing to anchor.
- 14.2. Please contact the TAYC Dockmaster on VHF Channel 72 for docking instructions.
- 14.3. Transient slip reservations can be made by calling nearby commercial marinas, Safe Harbor, Hinckley Bachelor's Point, Campbell's (Jacks' Point & Town Creek), Oxford Yacht Agency and DiMillo's.
15. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
 - 15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.
 - 15.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
16. **FURTHER INFORMATION**
 - 16.1. For further information contact TAYC Manager: 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com.
 - 16.2. **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, except when leashed to and from a boat.**
 - 16.3. Alcohol purchased at the club may not be removed from the club property, and outside alcohol may not be brought onto club property.