



Oxford Regatta
Club 420, Jr. ILCA 6, 29ers
August 8-9, 2026



Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club
Oxford, MD
PRO Keith Mayes

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Includes Amendment #1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board located in the first-floor lobby of the TAYC clubhouse and at www.tayc.com/racing-cal 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

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

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board and at www.tayc.com/racing-cal located in the first-floor lobby of the Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) by 0900 each race day
- 4.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 79a or 1079

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on TAYC's upper deck
- 5.2. When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signal AP

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. A competitors meeting will be held in the tent on the south side of the TAYC clubhouse at 0900 on Saturday, Aug. 8th, at which time the starting order will be announced
- 6.2. Prior to the first class's warning signal, competitors shall check in by passing close by the Signal Boat flying flag "L"
- 6.3. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1025 on Saturday, Aug 8 and 1000 on Sunday, Aug 9.
- 6.4. The warning signal for the first race for the first class each day will be one minute after flag "Lima" has been lowered
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Race Committee shall display the class flag of the next class to start no later than its warning signal.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River south of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Foxtrot. The PRO will confirm the racing area location at the competitors meeting.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The attached diagrams (page 4) show four courses with corresponding letters **L**, **O**, **P** or **T**.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter and, for course **P**, the number of laps. For course **T**, if additional laps are displayed, they will be

Windward-Leeward between Marks 1 and 3; Mark 2 will no longer be a mark of the course. For courses **L** and **O**, the leeward mark on the first upwind and last downwind legs can be disregarded.

- 9.3. Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. The start and finish marks will be orange balls located on opposite sides of the race committee signal boat and are passed as shown on the course diagram.
- 10.2. Marks 1,2 and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 10.3. 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.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26. The warning signal for the first class to start will occur approximately one (1) minute after the “L” flag has been lowered with a series of short attention signals. Attention signals will not be sounded for the second-class warning even if that warning is delayed from the first class’s starting signal.
- 11.1.1. 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:
- 11.2. A boat crossing the starting line later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “DNS” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.3. The Race Committee will attempt to hail OCS boats, but the failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order in which hailed or untimely hailing of boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.2(a).
- 11.4. 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.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange ball on the starboard side of the signal boat. The finish line is on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line. Refer to attached course diagrams.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. If the first boat fails to round the windward mark within 30 minutes or complete the course within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. Boats must finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class or be scored “DNF” without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PENALTIES

- 14.1. The first sentence of RRS 441. Is changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one of more rules in Part 2 while *racing*.”
- 14.2. Each turn shall include a tack and a gybe

15. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. The protesting yacht must satisfy the requirements of RRS 60.2
- 15.2. A written protest or request for redress must be filed with the PRO or a member of the Protest Committee within one hour after the Race Committee finishing boat returns to the dock. Docking time will be posted on the official bulletin board. Protest forms are available in the clubhouse.
- 15.3. The time and location of protest hearings will be posted on the official bulletin board.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 16.2. One race must be completed to constitute the series.

- 16.3. If six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be excluded from her total score, subject to RRS 90.3(b).

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. 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
- 17.2. The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance
- 17.3. All Junior competitors SHALL properly wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices at all times except for brief periods while changing. Any inflatable PFD is not permitted. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.4. 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.
- 17.5. While afloat, Junior competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with the PFD requirements in SI 16.4.
- 17.6. Non-compliance with SI 16.3 and 16.4 is grounds for protest by the Race Committee.

18. PRIZES

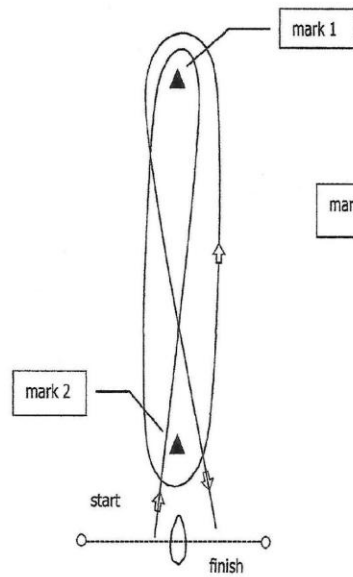
- 18.1. Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR
- 18.2. Perpetual trophies may also be awarded
- 18.3. Awards will be presented on Sunday afternoon August 9th at Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand Oxford, MD 21654. Coat & Tie required.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

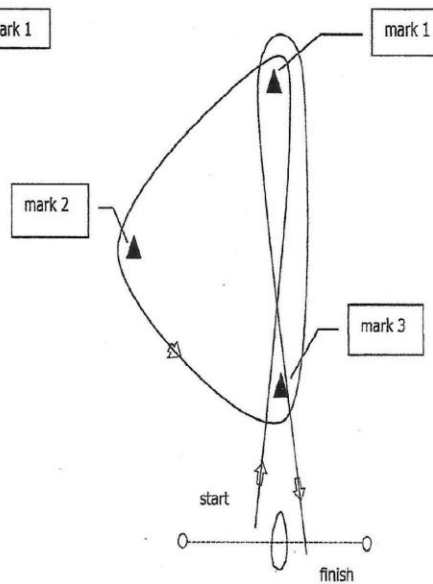
- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

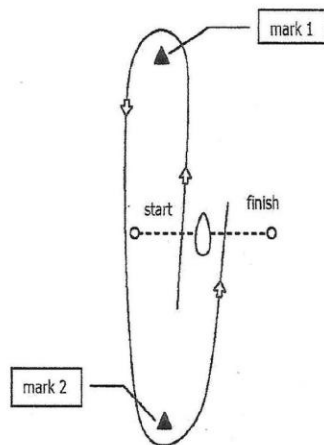
- 20.1. For further information contact TAYC Manager: 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com.
- 20.2. **Pets: With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on the club's grounds at any time, except when leashed to and from a boat.**



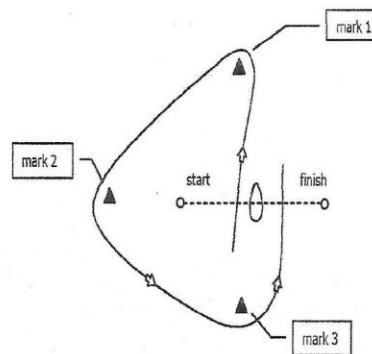
Course L



Course O



Course P
May be multiple laps



Course T
May be multiple laps