



Oxford Regatta
Optimist Red, White & Blue Fleets
August 8-9, 2026
Tred Avon Yacht Club/Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club
Oxford, MD
PRO Katrina Greer



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.

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 by 0900 each race day
- 4.2. All support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US VHF channels 9, 13, 16, 18A/1018, 19A/1019, 71, 74, 77, 78A/1078, 79A/1079, 80A/1080.
- 4.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with support persons via VHF radio on Channel 78A or 1078

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 water (south) side of the TAYC clubhouse at 0900 on Saturday.
- 6.2. Prior to the warning signal, competitors shall check in by passing close by the Signal Boat flying code flag "L".
- 6.3. The warning signal for the first race will be at 1030 on Saturday, Aug 9, and 1000 on Sunday, Aug 10.
- 6.4. The Race Committee will start as many races as time and conditions allow. Subsequent races may be started soon after the last boat finishes the prior race.
- 6.5. No warning signal will be made after 1330 on Sunday.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be in the Tred Avon River south of the TAYC clubhouse near designated area Bravo, which is located between government mark "R2" and Pier St. The PRO will confirm the racing area location at competitors' meeting.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The attached diagrams (page 4) show three courses with corresponding course letters **W**, **T** or **O**:
- 8.2. **W** – Windward-Leeward with start/finish line in middle of windward leg (no offset mark)
- 8.3. **T** – Triangle with start/finish in the middle of the windward leg.
- 8.4. **O** – Triangle-windward-leeward-windward with start/finish in the middle of the windward leg.
- 8.5. In the case of courses **T** and **W**, the number of laps to be sailed will be indicated following the course letter.
- 8.6. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course letter.
- 8.7. Unless preparing to start, starting or finishing, boats shall not sail through the finish line. A breach of this rule is grounds for disqualification. This changes RRS A5.
- 8.8. Courses may be shortened by the Race Committee at any mark.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting mark will be an orange cylinder to port of the Race Committee signal boat.
- 9.2. The finish mark will be a yellow tetrahedron located on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat and is passed as shown on the course diagram.
- 9.3. The windward, leeward and reach (wing) marks will also be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4. 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.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will start using RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of an orange cylinder to port of the signal boat.
- 10.3. A boat crossing the starting line later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “DNS” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4. For individual recalls, code flag “X” (white with blue cross) will be hoisted with one horn blast.
- 10.5. A general recall will be signaled by flag “first substitute” (yellow and blue pennant) and two horn blasts. A new starting sequence will begin one minute after the lowering of flag

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 a yellow tetrahedron 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 no boat finishes within one hour of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. Boats must finish within 25 minutes of the first boat or be scored “DNF” without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1. The protesting yacht must satisfy the requirements of RRS 60.2
- 14.2. A written protest or request for redress must be filed with the PRO or member of the Protest 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.
- 14.3. Awards will be presented on Sunday afternoon August 9th at Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand Oxford, MD 21654. Coat and Tie required.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 15.2. One race must be completed to constitute the series.
- 15.3. 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).

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. A boat shall not pass through the start/finish line of any other fleet.
- 16.2. All boats and coaches are required to sail by the Race Committee signal boat and check in prior to the first race each day.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. The Race Committee may, in conditions it deems hazardous, require a competitor to accept assistance.
- 16.5. All competitors SHALL properly wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices at all times while afloat except for brief periods while changing. Any inflatable type PFD is not permitted. This changes RRS 40.
- 16.6. 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.
- 16.7. While afloat, competitors shall not have any contact with a coach that does not comply with the PFD requirement in SI 15.5.
- 16.8. Non-compliance with SI 15.5 and 15.6 is grounds for protest by the Race Committee.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded as stated in the NOR for each fleet and for overall, as well as the top female skipper.
- 17.2. Perpetual trophies may also be awarded:
 - 17.2.1. Captain Bray Perpetual Trophy: Highest finishing TAYC Optimist (red, white and blue) skipper
 - 17.2.2. Parents Trophy: Highest finishing TAYC skipper in the age fleet (red, white or blue) with the most TAYC entries
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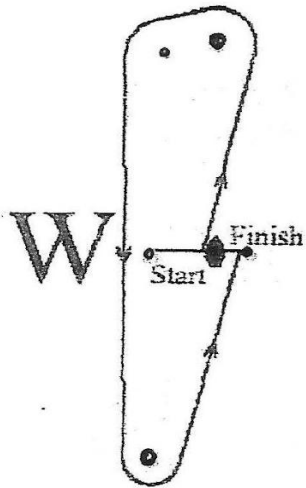
18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. 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

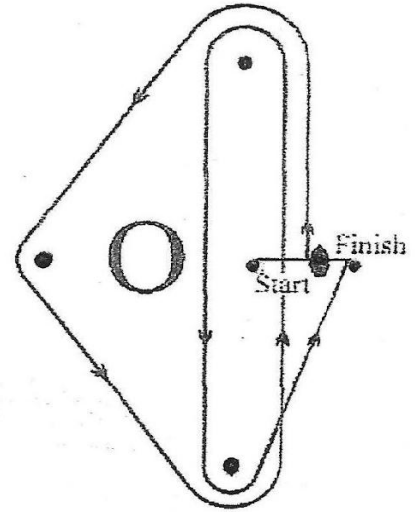
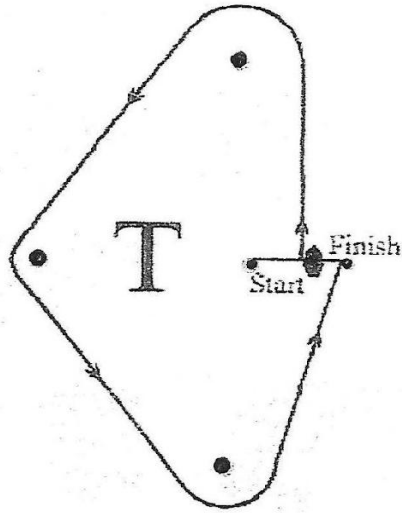
19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information contact TAYC Manager: 410-226-5269 or manager@tayc.com.
- 19.2. **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**

COURSES



No offset will be set (W)



Do not sail thru the finish line unless finishing