

64th Annual Hammond Cup Memorial Race



Sunday, September 13, 2026

Tred Avon Yacht Club

Oxford, MD

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CBYRA Sanction # 26-209

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1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The Nearshore Category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER's) apply. In the event of a conflict between the SERs and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
- 1.3 The notation '[DP]' in the Sailing Instructions (SI's) indicates that the penalty for a breach of that rule in the SI's is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.4 RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "if it is from a boat that alleges a breach of Part 2 or RRS 31, but she was not involved in it ~~or~~ **and** did not see the incident."

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be posted on the official notice board at www.tayc.com/racing-calendar (see Hammond Cup event page) no later than 1800 on Sept 12, 2026.
- 2.2 A QR code directing to the event page will be posted on a bulletin board in the first-floor lobby of the Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) clubhouse.
- 2.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF channel 71. Failure to receive or hear radio announcements from the RC will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast on TAYC's upper deck.
- 3.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes." This changes RRS *Race Signals – Postponement Signals*.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 0800 - Rendezvous on the Tred Avon River in the vicinity of Tred Avon River buoy R"2", across from TAYC. The RC signal vessel will display code Flag "L."
- 4.2 [DP] **MANDATORY CHECK-IN:** Prior to starting, each boat shall check-in with the RC over VHF 71 hailing her sail number and number of persons on board and receive an acknowledgement.
- 4.3 0830 – Warning signal for first start.
- 4.4 Class starting flags and starting order will be posted on the official notice board: www.tayc.com/racing-calendar (see Hammond Cup event page) after registration closes.

5 RACING AREA

- 5.1 The racing area will be the Tred Avon and Choptank Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay off Blackwalnut Point.

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 All marks of the course, other than RC vessels displaying race signal flags, will be government marks.
- 6.2 Start at Tred Avon River buoy R"2", off TAYC.
- 6.3 After starting, the following marks shall be passed or rounded as follows:
 - (a) Pass Benoni Pt G"1T" to starboard
 - (b) Choptank River Light may be passed on either side
 - (c) Round Choptank River lighted buoy R"14" to starboard
 - (d) Pass Choptank River lighted buoy G "13" to starboard
 - (e) Pass Choptank River Entrance lighted buoy R "12" to port
 - (f) Pass Choptank River Entrance lighted buoy R "10" to port
 - (g) Round Choptank River lighted buoy G "9" to starboard
 - (h) Finish at RN "80A", west of Blackwalnut Pt.
- 6.4 Total course mileage is defined as 13.77nm.
- 6.5 If the course is shortened, the RC will adjust the official course length for scoring purposes.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 7.2 The RC intends to signal the warning for the second class and each succeeding class at the starting signal for the preceding class (rolling starts).
- 7.3 [DP] After the first warning signal of the day, any yacht sailing in the immediate vicinity of the starting area prior to her class's starting sequence may be protested by the RC.
- 7.4 The starting line will be between the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of Tred Avon River buoy R"2" off Tred Avon YC.
- 7.5 As a courtesy, the RC intends to hail over VHF channel 71 the sail number of each boat the RC has identified on the course side (OCS) at her starting signal.
- 7.6 Failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order in which boats are hailed or the untimely hailing of boats will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 7.7 After a general recall, the new warning for a recalled start will be made at the start of the last scheduled class start. This changes RRS 29.2.

8 SHORTENING COURSE

- 8.1 The RC may shorten course at any *rounding* mark.
- 8.2 In addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 32, as a courtesy the RC will announce any shortening of course over VHF 71, specifying the location of the new finish line. Failure to receive or hear such announcement will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).
- 8.3 If an RC vessel displaying a blue flag is not present at the shortened finish line, the *US Sailing Prescription* to RRS 34 will be in effect.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on an RC vessel and nearby RN "80A" to the west of Blackwalnut Pt., or at R "14" or G "9" if the course is shortened to one of those marks.
- 9.2 If an RC vessel displaying a blue flag is not present at the finish line, the *US Sailing Prescription* to RRS 34 will be in effect.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 RRS 44.1, *One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties*, will apply.

11 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 A boat failing to finish within five (5) hours of her start will be scored DNF without a hearing.

12 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 In addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 60.2, a boat shall report to the RC over VHF 71 her intent to protest or request redress and be acknowledged by the RC. This changes RRS 60.2(a)(1).
- 12.2 A written protest or request for redress shall be emailed to the Protest Committee (c/o manager@tayc.com) no later than 1200 on Monday, September 14, 2026.
- 12.3 The Protest Committee intends to hear any protests and/or requests for redress via video teleconference during the week following the regatta. As soon as possible after receiving a written protest or request for redress, the Protest Committee will post a notice on the official notice board www.tayc.com/racing-calendar (Hammond Cup event page), informing competitors of the schedule and location of any hearing(s) in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 13.2 (DP) If there is an error in a yacht's entry listed rating, it is the responsibility of the skipper to bring it to the OA's attention.
- 13.3 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time and Circular Random ratings.
- 13.4 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The RC will assign the course type and wind strength for scoring purposes prior to scoring the race. A boat may not base a redress request on the RC's selection of course type and wind speed band. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.5 Corrected times for the Multihull classes will be calculated using PHRF Time on Time and their rating.
- 13.6 Corrected times will be scored by the CRCA class, calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 [DP] A boat retiring or leaving the racing area prior to the end of racing for the day shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity and receive an acknowledgement.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class as described in the NOR.
- 15.2 There will be no awards ceremony; prizes will be shipped to winners.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 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.

