



Spring Race to Oxford

Presented by Hinckley Yachts

Saturday May 11, 2019

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club and Tred Avon Yacht Club

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS with Amendments #1 and 2

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) or notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SIs or NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 [DP] The "Nearshore" category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements will apply as modified in the NoR.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is electronic and located at:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?elD=6229>.
- 2.2 The race office can be reached by telephone at 410-858-4964 or by email at raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. Forms can be found at the race office or online at <https://annapolisyc.com/racing/raceoffice>. In Annapolis, the race office is located on the 3rd deck of the AYC Sailing Center. In Tred Avon, the race office is located at Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channel 72.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted no later than 0800 on Saturday, May 11, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Friday, May 10.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole on the hoist at the AYC Sailing Center nearest to the bridge.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule will be:

Time	Scheduled <u>warning</u> signal for:
0945	PHRF Non Spinnaker and CHESSS
0950	CRCA Cruiser
0955	CRCA Racer
1000	PHRF B and PHRF C
1010	Multihull
1030	PHRF A2
1035	J/35
1045	PHRF A0/A1

- 5.2 Boats being scored in ORC shall start with their equivalent PHRF class as shown on the "scratch sheet" on the notice board.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag
PHRF Non Spin	Pennant 5
CHESSS	Pennant 3 rd Substitute
CRCA Cruiser	White flag
CRCA Racer	Green flag
Multihull	Flag W (boats may fly either flag W or F)
PHRF B	Pennant 6
PHRF C	Pennant 7
PHRF A2	Pennant 2
J/35	Flag K
PHRF A0/A1	Pennant 9 (boats may fly either pennant 9 or 0)

- 6.2 ORC Flag of starting PHRF class
- [DP] All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The start will be near G/R can "SR".
- 7.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
 - (a) Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
 - (b) R"84", passed to port,
 - (c) RN "80A", passed to port,
 - (d) G"7" (off Black Walnut Pt.), rounded to port,
 - (e) R"10", passed to starboard, and
 - (f) Choptank River Light, rounded to port
- 7.3 Boats shall sail near marks that are to be "rounded" in SI 7.2.
- 7.4 The finish will be at R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between the staff or halyard with an orange flag displayed on the race committee signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark, which will be a green inflatable cylinder.
- 8.2 A race committee starting or finishing vessel may set a stand-off buoy. When present, this stand-off buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee vessel, and the race committee vessel are all part of the starting or finishing mark.
- 8.3 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 8.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.5 *[NP]* **MANDATORY CHECK-IN** - A race committee check-in boat displaying flag L will be anchored approximately 100 yards north of the starting line. Prior to starting, each boat shall pass astern of the check-in boat, 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 (see RRS 44.3(c)) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 The race committee will announce on VHF radio boats identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD. A boat may not base a request for redress on the failure to hear or receive the announcements, the timeliness of announcement or the order in which boats are announced. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 SHORTENING COURSE

- 10.1 Before the start, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying Flag L with a sound and moving the starting area south.

- 10.2 After the start, the race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at G"7" or at the Choptank River Light.
- 10.3 If the race committee shortens course in accordance with either SI 10.1 or 10.2, it will make an announcement on VHF radio, post it on the notice board, and email all registered boats.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of the finishing mark which will be R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 11.2 If the race committee finish vessel is not present when finishing off Tred Avon Yacht Club, boats shall
 - (a) pass R"2" on the channel side,
 - (b) record their finish time when R"2" bears 100 degrees magnetic, and
 - (c) report their finish time to the race office as soon as practical after finishing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Penalties while racing: RRS 44.1, One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties will apply.
- 12.2 Penalties after racing: RRS/US Appendix V2, Penalty Taken After the Race, will apply.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 1700.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office (see SI 2). Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 Scoring inquiry forms are available at the race office (see SI 2). When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 14.3 The protest time limit for each boat is 60 minutes after the boat finishes.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 As soon as practicable after a protest is filed, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.

- 15.2 Corrected times for PHRF and CHESSS will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time scoring. The race committee will announce the course type rating (“Handicap (Spinnaker)” or “Random Course Handicap (Spinnaker)”) on VHF radio prior to the warning signal for a race. A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$.
- 15.3 Corrected times for the ORC class will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time Triple Number ratings. The race committee will announce the course type (“Inshore/Windward Leeward” or “Coastal/Long Distance”) and the wind speed rating (Low, Medium, or High) on VHF radio prior to the warning signal.
- 15.4 Corrected times for CRCA classes will be calculated using handicaps supplied by the CRCA class administration based upon course type and predicted wind strength. These handicaps will be determined solely by the CRCA class and will be posted no later than 60 minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal.
- 16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or leaves the racing area between races, shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 16.2 [NP] [DP] A boat shall not exercise right of way, cross in proximity to, or interfere with reasonable transit of the race area by commercial ships, tugs, or barges. Boats must take evasive action well in advance of a potentially dangerous situation. The US Coast Guard, ship captains, and bay pilots have been encouraged to report any incident they observe.
- 16.3 A boat without way may use any means of propulsion to avoid commercial traffic that is under way provided: (a) the boat does not gain an advantage; (b) use of the propulsion is the boat's only means of avoiding the commercial traffic; and (c) the boat submits a report to the race office (see SI 2) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 16.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 16.2 based on information received from any source. The protest time limit does not apply. A written statement from the US Coast Guard, a ship captain, or a bay pilot will be accepted as evidence without the author present. This changes RRS 60.2, 60.3, 61.3, and 63.6.
- 17 PRIZES**
- 17.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats in each class.
- 17.2 Awards will be presented during the post-race regatta party at Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, 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.