



Spring Race to Oxford

Presented by Hinckley Yachts

Saturday May 12, 2018

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club and Tred Avon Yacht Club
<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS with Amendment #1

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).

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=4679>.
- 2.2 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 12, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Friday, May 11.

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 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule will be:

Time	Scheduled warning signal for:
1000	Hinckley class
1005	CRCA Cruiser and Non Spinnaker
1010	CRCA Racer Cruiser and Pocket Cruiser
1020	Multihull
1030	PHRF B and PHRF C
1035	PHRF A2
1040	J/35
1045	PHRF A0/A1

- 5.2 Boats getting dual-scored in PHRF and ORC shall start with their PHRF class.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class flag
Hinckley	Hinckley Bermuda 40 burgee (boats may fly either the burgee or flag H)
CRCA Cruiser	White flag
CRCA Non Spin	White flag
CRCA Racer Cruiser	Green flag
CRCA Pocket Cruiser	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 [DP] All boats shall clearly display a class flag at the stern (approximately 5 feet up on the backstay if the boat has a backstay).

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The start will be near G/R can "SR" (CBYRA Mark H)
- 7.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
- Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
 - R"84" (CBYRA Mark R), passed to port,
 - RN "80A", passed to port,
 - G"7" (off Black Walnut Pt.), rounded to port,
 - R"10" (Choptank Area Mark D), passed to starboard, and
 - Choptank River Light (Choptank Area Mark O), rounded to port
- 7.3 The race committee may shorten the course at any rounding mark. Boats shall sail near marks that are to be "rounded" in SI 7.2 above.
- 7.4 The finish will be at R"2" (Choptank Area Mark N) off Tred Avon Yacht Club.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The starting marks will be a green cylinder and the race committee starting vessel.
- 8.2 The finishing marks will be R"2" (Choptank Area Mark N) and the race committee finishing vessel.
- 8.3 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.

9 THE START

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 *[DP]* Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.3 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.

10 RECALLS

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).

11 SHORTENING COURSE

- 11.1 Before the start, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying Flag L with a sound and moving the starting area south.
- 11.2 After the start, the race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32 at G"7" (off Black Walnut Pt.) or at the Choptank River Light (Choptank Area Mark O).
- 11.3 If the race committee shortens course in accordance with either SI 11.1 or 11.2, it will make an announcement on VHF radio.

12 THE FINISH

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.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 In each class, the time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 1700.

- 14.2 The time limit for all other boats will be 1800. Boats failing to finish by then, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. The race committee will score boats given a TLE with points equal to the number of boats finishing prior to 1800 plus two points but no worse than the number of entries. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5 and A11.

15 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, SCORING INQUIRIES

- 15.1 The race office at the finish will be located at Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest and at the race office. Protests, requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. These may alternatively be delivered by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org.
- 15.3 Scoring inquiry forms are available at annapolisyc.org/racing/protest and at the race office. They can be delivered there or by email to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org. When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.
- 15.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in each class has finished. The race committee will post the protest time limits.
- 15.5 The race committee will post a list of race committee scoring actions no later than the protest time limit.
- 15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.7 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, 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.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System, will apply.
- 16.2 Corrected times for PHRF 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: $(650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating}))$.

- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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 by 1000 on Thursday, May 10.

- 16.5 Corrected times for the Hinckley class will be calculated using Time-on-Time scoring with the following TCFs (time correction factors). A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by her TCF.

Yacht Type	TCF
Sou'wester 50	1.06
Bermuda 40	0.99
Pilot 35	0.94

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 [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.
- 17.2 [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.

- 17.3 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 (in writing or by e-mail to raceoffice@annapolisyc.org) by the protest filing deadline describing the incident and the boat's actions.
- 17.4 The race committee or protest committee may protest a boat for SI 17.2 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.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats in each class.
- 18.2 Awards will be presented during the post-race regatta party at Tred Avon Yacht Club.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.