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SHIELDS CLASS SAILING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
September 25th – 28th 2013
Hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 21, Oxford, MD

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules* as modified by the *Notice of Race* for this regatta.
- 1.2** In the event of conflict between the *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*, the *Sailing Instructions* take precedence. This modifies RRS 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Shields Nationals Notice Board at the Tred Avon Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any changes to these *Sailing Instructions* will be posted before 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm on the upper deck of the Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 4.2** When Flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in Race Signals “AP”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** Dates of racing:
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| Wednesday, September 25 | 1400 – 1600 | Practice starts and race |
| Thursday, September 26 | 1030 | First Warning Signal |
| Friday, September 27 | 1030 | First Warning Signal |
| Saturday, September 28 | 1030 | First Warning Signal |
- 5.2** No more than three races will be run on any day. Flag “A” displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means ‘No more racing today’
- 5.3** On Saturday, September 28, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. RACING AREAS

- 6.1** Racing will be held on the Choptank River in the vicinity of the Choptank River Light.

7. CHECK IN PRIOR TO THE START

- 7.1** Each boat is required to check in with the RC signal boat prior to the first warning signal on each day of racing. Sail astern of the RC signal boat and hail your number. This will be acknowledged by the race committee. Failure to check in may result in the Race Committee assigning a 20% scoring penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

8. COURSES

- 8.1** The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2** No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course number, the approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance in nautical miles to the weather mark (Mark 1) on a white board.
- 8.3** The minimum length of the course sailed shall be six nautical miles. However, in the event that the completion of a race is threatened by the approach of the time limit, the Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the race provided that the course sailed is judged a “fair” test and will be at least 4 nautical miles in length.
- 8.4** Marks 1 and 1a shall be left to port. Mark 1 is the windward mark. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
- 8.5** Mark 2 will normally be a gate and it will be set approximately 100 yards to windward of the start/finish line. For courses 2, 4 & 6, Mark 2 is not a mark of the course for the first or final leg. Mark 2P shall be left to port and Mark 2S shall be left to starboard.
- 8.6** If a single leeward mark is set, boats shall round that mark to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1** Marks 1,2S, 2P (or a single 2) will be orange tetrahedrons
- 9.2** Mark 1a will be an orange sphere
- 9.3** The start/finish mark will be an orange cylinder.

10. THE START

- 10.1** Races will be started using *RRS 26*.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored “DNS” without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5 and 63.1.
- 10.4** The Race Committee may set an orange spherical mark approximately at mid-starting line for reference only. This mark, if present, is not part of the starting line and is not a starting mark or mark of the course.

11. RECALLS

- 11.1** The race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Ch 72.
- 11.2** Failure to hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the order of hail, untimely hailing or failure of a boat to hear a hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes *RRS* 62.1(a).

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line to a new position.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finish line for even numbered courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course side of the finish mark
- 13.2** The finish line for odd numbered courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of Mark 1 to port.

14. EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio, cell phone, e-mail, text message nor any other communications nor receive such communications not available to all boats.
- 14.2** The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch 72 and may supplement signaled information to all boats.
- 14.3** Competitors are responsible for having a functioning VHF radio aboard.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1** The time limit for the first boat to finish will be three hours.
- 15.2** Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "DNF" without a hearing. This changes *RRS* 35, A4 & A5.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1** Any boat intending to protest is requested to notify the race committee of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing the contested race and be acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.2** Protest forms will be available at the Tred Avon Yacht Club Shields Nationals Notice Board. Completed protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee Chairman as soon as possible but not later than 90 minutes after the RC signal boat has docked. The RC signal boat docking time will be posted on the Shields Nationals Notice Board.
- 16.3** Notices of protests by the Protest Committee or Race Committee will be posted to inform boats under *RRS* 61.1(b)
- 16.4** A list of protests received will be posted within 30 minutes of the time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings to which they are parties or named witnesses. Hearings will be heard in the Junior Sailing Room on the first floor of the Tred Avon Yacht Club. Parties should remain in the vicinity of the hearing room to be available when called..

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply

17.2 A maximum of eight races is scheduled. Three completed races will constitute the series.

17.3 If fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five(5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score subject to RRS 90.3

18. SAFETY

18.1 Competitors are strongly encouraged to wear a USCG approved PFD while racing.

18.2 Boats retiring from racing are requested to notify the Race Committee on Ch 72.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded daily to the winning skipper of each race sailed. At the Awards Dinner, prizes will be awarded to skippers of the first five place finishers for the regatta and to recipients of the Shields Class Championship trophies as described in the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules*

20. SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Support boats shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.

20.2 Competing boats may be towed to the race area by a support boat.

20.3 Other than outside help defined in RRS 41, no assistance shall be given or gear transferred between support boats and competing boats from the first warning signal until the completion of the final race of each day without prior approval of the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

21. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

21.1 The Organizing Authority and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.

22. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

22.1 A boat and its equipment may inspected at any time for compliance with the Shields class and regatta rules by a fleet measurer at the direction of the Organizing Authority or Protest Committee.

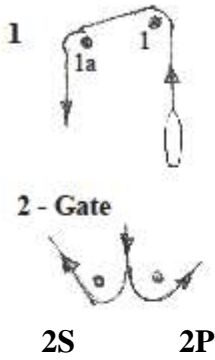
23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. See RRS 4, decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, its sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, protest committee members, and officials will not accept any liability for any material damage, loss, personal injury, inconvenience or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. A waiver form must be signed by all competitors and their crews and, for minors, their parent or guardian and presented at regatta check-in.

ATTACHMENT 1

Shields Courses

Marks



Course 2

START-1-1a-FINISH



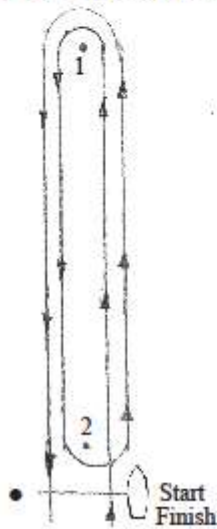
Course 3

START-1-1a-2-FINISH



Course 4

START-1-1a-2-1-1a-FINISH



Course 5

START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-FINISH



Course 6

START-1-1a-2-1-1a-2-1-1a-FINISH

