

Tred Avon Yacht Club
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Shields Class National Championship Regatta
September 22 to 25, 2021
Hosted by the Tred Avon Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 21
Oxford, MD

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authorities are the Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) and Shields Fleet 21.
- 1.2 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Shields Class Association Rules.
- 1.3 Appendixes T and V1 will apply.
- 1.4 All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio while sailing in this event. This changes Shields Class Rule Section IV 10.9.
- 1.5 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.6 The penalty for breaking rules other than RRS Parts 2 and 3 shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the TAYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:00 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of the races will be posted before 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole 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 RRS Race signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Daily Schedule

Tuesday, September 21	1200 - 1800	Boat Launch and Mast Stepping
	1500 - 1800	Regatta Check-In – file all final registration documents
Wednesday, September 22	0900 - 1700	Regatta Check-In – file all final registration documents
	1400 - 1600	Practice starts and race
	1700	Welcome reception
	1915	Skippers' Meeting
	1930	Shields One Design Class Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 23	0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
	1030	Warning – First Race. Up to 3 races.
	1800	Cash Bar and Crab Feast
Friday, September 24	0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
	1030	Warning – First Race. Up to 3 races.
	1730	Open. Lite Fare available at Sails & Ales
Saturday, September 25	0700 - 0830	Continental Breakfast
	1030	Warning – First Race. 2 races planned.
	1400	No Warning after 1400
	1730	Cash Bar
	1830	Awards Dinner (Coat & Tie)

5.2 Three (3) races per day are scheduled, except the final day, when two (2) races are scheduled. The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. Eight (8) races are scheduled.

6 RACING AREAS

6.1 Races will be sailed on the Choptank River in the vicinity of the Choptank River Light.

7 THE COURSE

7.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the Course Number, the approximate magnetic bearing to the weather mark and the distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee Signal Boat to Mark 1 on a course board displayed on the Signal Boat.

7.2 Course 4: Start-1-1a-Gate-1-1a-Finish (Downwind)

Course 5: Start-1-1a-Gate-1-1a-Gate-Finish (Upwind)

Course 6: Start-1-1a-Gate-1-1a-Gate-1-1a-Finish (Downwind)

7.3 The minimum length of the course sailed shall be three nautical miles. When shortening a course the race sailed must consist of at least three legs (two upwind) and be at least three nautical miles.

7.4 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to Port, Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

7.5 In the event Mark 1a is not in place the boats shall round Mark 1 to port.

7.6 In the event that the Gate is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Original turning marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 13.1, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.
- 8.3 The start/finish mark will be an orange inflatable cylinder.
- 8.4 The offset mark 1a will be an orange ball

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will start in accordance with RRS 26.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the Starboard end of the line and the course side of an orange inflatable cylinder on the Port End of the line.
- 9.3 **[SP]** A boat which has not started 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). *This changes rules RRS A4 and A5.*
- 9.4 **[NP][DP]** Before the first warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall pass within 2 boat lengths astern of the Signal Boat and have her sail recognized by the Race Committee.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark, as soon as practicable. The change will be displayed before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.
- 10.2 Offset marks, if used as provided in instruction 7.4, will not be set on a changed leg of the course
- 10.3 The race committee may broadcast a change on VHF channel 71 as a courtesy. Errors and omissions in courtesy broadcasts are not grounds for redress.
- 10.4 The race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg change will continue to use the active mark. *This changes rules RRS 33(a).*

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 11.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound signal, while boats are finishing means “no more racing today.”

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 60 is supplemented as follows: On the last day of the regatta it is not possible to lodge a measurement protest against deviations in measurement rules, which could have been protested earlier in the regatta.
- 12.2 Appendixes T and V1 shall apply.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit to the first windward mark shall be 45 minutes and the time limit for each race shall be 120 minutes for the first finisher. A finishing window of 20 minutes for subsequent finishers shall apply. Boats not finishing within the finishing window shall be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). TLE shall be scored points the number of finishers plus two.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the TAYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the applicable time limit. The end of the protest time will be posted on the

official notice board.

- 14.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Signal Boat docks for the day.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Protest Room.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Protest Committee, or Technical Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 The Protest Committee will hear a protest as soon as practicable, approximately in the order they were received. Parties involved in protests (including witnesses) shall remain in the vicinity of the Protest Desk until the protest has been heard.
- 14.6 After the final race on the last day of the regatta, protests that may affect the awarding of a prize, will be dealt with as soon as possible after they are lodged. Protests, which do not affect the awarding of a prize, may be heard after the prize giving ceremony at the discretion of the Jury.
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. ***This changes RRS 62.2.***
- 14.8 A request for correction of an error in the published results shall be delivered within the protest time limit of the last scheduled day of racing or within 60 minutes after posting of the results if later. When the request is not granted, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the boat is informed that the request is not granted. ***This changes RRS 62.2.***

15 SCORING

- 15.1 A minimum of two races must be completed to constitute a series.
 - 15.2 If four or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
 - 15.3 If five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 15.4 No more than three races will be held on any one day, and no more than eight races will be held in the regatta.

16 [NP][DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Each boat shall be required to carry, throughout all races, the same number of persons on board as at the start of the first race of the regatta. Crew substitutions do not require approval of the race committee.
- 17.2 Replacement of damaged or lost equipment shall require approval of the class measurer.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1 Equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and any event relevant equipment rules.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Official vessel will display flags in the following manner:
 - (a) Race Committee boats will display an RC flag.
 - (b) Protest Committee boats will display a flag or pennant with word "Judges"
- 19.2 Boats shall keep clear of official vessels. Actions of these official vessels shall not be grounds for redress.

20 [NP][DP] SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 Support boats must be registered with the Organizing Authority.
- 20.2 All support boats shall carry on board a VHF radio and monitor the designated Race Committee Channel. Support boats agree to assist the Race Committee if requested to do so.
- 20.3 Support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first Warning Signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day. Except for Outside Help as defined in rule 41, no assistance shall be given nor gear transferred between a support boat and a competing boat during this time.

21 [NP][DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 Boats shall not be hauled out between the first and final races of the regatta without the written permission of the Class Measurer.
- 21.2 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the first warning signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

22 [NP][DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other electronic devices.
- 22.2 The Race Committee may broadcast race information on VHF 71 before and during each race. Failure or delay of such communication to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcasted, shall not be grounds for redress, except when a request for redress under this instruction is initiated by the Race Committee or Jury. *This changes RRS 62.1.*

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Awards will be given in conjunction with each of the perpetual awards listed in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules, Section VI, 5.0, Awards.
- 23.2 Awards shall be provided for boats finishing in 2nd through 5th place in the regatta. Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

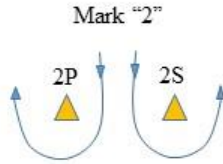
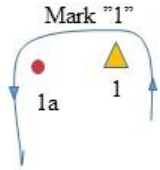
25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

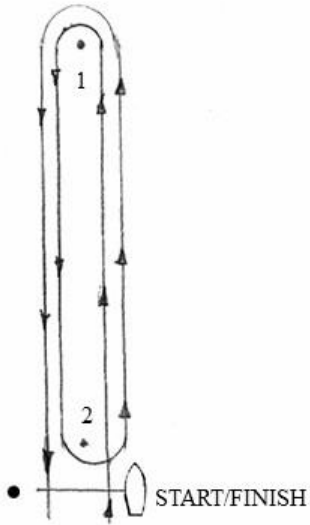
26 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

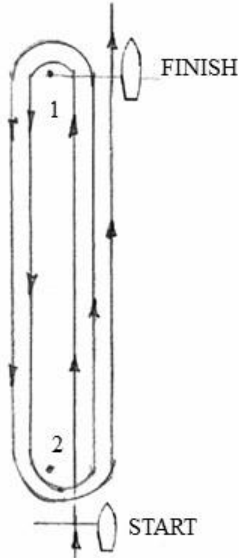
2019 Shields Nationals Courses



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

