

OARS 2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES - Races are governed by the 2017-20 Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by these instructions and the Standard Sail and Equipment Specifications of PHRF of the Chesapeake. It is the skipper's responsibility to read and understand the basic rules. If you are not 100% sure of your rights, give way. Have fun and remember: the most important rule is to avoid collision.

2. ENTRIES - Any mono-hull at least 18' LOA may enter by mail (P.O. Box 61, Oxford, MD 21654). Entry forms and sailing instructions are available at the OARS website (www.oxfordars.org) **Unregistered boats will not be scored. Skippers are required to insure that their boat is equipped according to USCG Regulations. Boats shall monitor VHF Ch. 71 prior to the warning until finished.**

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Flag AP raised with two sounds indicates that the race is postponed. When flag is lowered with one sound, the warning will be in one minute.

4. 2016 RACING SCHEDULE

MAY 5 Warning 6:00 pm
MAY 12 Warning 6:00 pm
MAY 19 Warning 6:00 pm
MAY 26 NO RACE – Memorial Day
JUNE 2 Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 9 Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 16 Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 23 Warning 6:00 pm
JUNE 30 Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 7 Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 14 Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 21 Warning 6:00 pm
JULY 28 Warning 6:00 pm
AUG 4 LADIES RACE
AUG 11 NO RACE – OXFORD REGATTA
AUG 18 Warning 6:00 pm
AUG 25 Warning 6:00 pm
SEPT 1 Warning 5:30 pm
SEPT 8 NO RACE – NASS/HAMMOND
SEPT 15 Warning 5:30 pm

5. COURSES - Courses are shown on separate course sheet entitled "OARS COURSES 2017". This indicates order of marks and the side on which they are to be rounded. The course shall be designated by a letter displayed from the floating dock. When L is a rounding mark, it may be honored within a spinnaker pole length on the channel side if your boat draws too much to round as indicated on the course sheet. In doing so, boats may not gain position or time on any boat.

[See *Attachments* A course chart and OARS Course sheet for 2017 are needed as they show mark locations and mark descriptions.]

6. STARTS - 6:05 Spin, 6:10 Non-Spin. Class Flags: Spinnaker - Purple, Non-Spinnaker - Green
Note earlier starts beginning September 1.

6.1 STARTING SEQUENCE - RRS rule 26 will be used, preceded by an alert signal. Rule 26 stipulates a 5 minute sequence (see details at end of instructions)

6.2 ALERT The alert is a few short blasts of an air horn. The time between the alert and the warning will be APPROXIMATELY one minute before the Non-Spin warning. No alert before the Spinnaker warning.

6.3 STARTING LINE- Starting line is between an orange flag on the upper deck of TAYC and an orange mark off the club. If conditions permit, R 2 may be used as the pin end of the line.

6.4 ABANDONMENT - The Race Committee, in its judgment, may abandon any race after the start (display code flag N & 3 sounds)

7.0 RACE RECALLS - Individual recall will be signaled by the hoisting of code flag X (white with blue cross) and one long horn sound. It is the responsibility of the competitor to start properly.

7.1 General recall is signaled by hoisting the First Substitute flag with 2 sounds. When the flag is lowered with 1 sound, the warning flag will be raised 1 minute later. Order of start does not change.

8. FINISH - Finish line will always be between the orange flag on TAYC upper deck and mark X. (red flasher R2).

9. TIME LIMIT is 90 minutes. If one boat in a fleet sails the proper course within the time limit, all boats that finish within 2 hrs. of the start time will be scored. *If no boat finishes within the time limit, the RC shall abandon the race for one or both fleets.*

10. HANDICAPS - PHRF handicap ratings will be used to score boats. If a boat does not have a PHRF handicap, the committee will assign one.

11.SPINNAKER/NON-SPINNAKER - Boats shall register as spinnaker or non-spinnaker and race in that fleet the entire series.

12. LADIES RACE - This race is not scored as part of the series. The helmsperson must be female. You may choose a different division for this race only.

13. PROTESTS - **There is no protest committee. If you need to absolve yourself of a penalty you must perform a 360 degree turn. (One tack & jibe)**

14. SCORING - High point system. One throw-out for every 5 races completed.

15. AWARDS - Trophies and other awards will be presented at awards banquet. Time and Date TBA. Other awards are welcome – silly or serious. Use your imagination

Rule 26 – Starting Races (OARS VERSION)

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag & Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting</u>
Courtesy Alert	air horn	6+/- prior to Spinnaker start
Warning	SPINNAKER Purple flag 1 sound NON-SPIN Green flag 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P flag up (blue & white) one sound	4
One Minute	P flag down; one long sound	1
Start	Purple or Green lowered; one sound	0