



Tred Avon Yacht Club
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is Tred Avon Yacht Club in association with Shields Fleet 21.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2005-2008 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules*.
- 1.3 By authority of the Class Executive Committee, The Shields Class Sailing Association By-Laws Governing the National Championship regatta (Section VI) are changed as follows:
 - Rule 2.3, "Scoring" and Rules 2.4(b) and 2.4(c) are replaced by paragraph 10 of this Notice of Race.
- 1.4 RRS 44.2 is altered as indicated in paragraph 9.1.
- 1.5 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Ch 72.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats and crews of Shields Class yachts who have satisfied the requirements for entry under the provisions of the Shields Class Rule Book (section VI).
- 3.2 Eligible skippers may enter by completing the entry form and other documentation required (Certificate of Compliance and Waiver forms) and sending it together with the required fees payable to Tred Avon Yacht Club, P.O. Box 337, Oxford, MD 21654.
- 3.3 Late entries will not be accepted after 0900 EDST Thursday, October 16th 2008. Entries submitted after Wednesday, October 1st, should not expect to have local housing available and shall pay a late entry fee of \$75.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$550, which covers launching and hauling at TAYC or at a local marina and dock space or a mooring at TAYC as instructed by TAYC Regatta Committee upon arrival plus tickets to all Regatta meals and social events for the skipper and three crew members. Meals and social events include continental breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday; evening meals with keg beer on Wednesday and Thursday; and the award ceremony, dinner and entertainment on Saturday evening. Additional social tickets for the package described cost \$115 per person. (Note: Box lunches for race days, Friday lite fare dinner at TAYC, and wine and mixed drinks will be available on a cash basis.) Entries (including check for entry fees) received after October 1, will be charged an additional \$75.



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5. SCHEDULE

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 15 th Wednesday	Registration	0800-1700	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Practice Race & Starts	1400	Tred Avon River
	Welcome Reception And Lite Fare	1730-2100	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Skippers Meeting	1830-1900	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Shields Class Annual Meeting	1900-	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	October 16 th Thursday	Late registration	0800-0900
	Warning signal	1100	Approx. 1.0 NM SW of Choptank River Light
	Crab Feast, etc.	1830	Tred Avon Yacht Club
October 17 th Friday	Warning signal	1100	Approx. 1.0 NM SW of Choptank River Light
	After racing	1730	No scheduled event. Cash bar and Lite Fare will be available at TAYC As part of <i>Sails and Ales</i> function.
October 18 th Saturday	Warning signal	1100	Approx. 1.0 NM SW of Choptank River Light
	Dinner & Awards	1800	Tred Avon Yacht Club

5.1. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run seven races for the series. Not more than three races per day will be sailed. On Saturday August 18th, no warning signal shall be made after 1400.

6. MEASUREMENT

In the spirit of Corinthian racing, the Regatta host is relying on the signed Certificates of Compliance and Sail Inventory Cards as evidence that all participating yachts are compliant with all rules governing participation in the National Championship Regatta.

Each entrant shall provide a copy of their Sail Inventory Card to the TAYC Registration desk. Each entrant shall also provide the completed Certificate of Compliance signed by the skipper, Fleet Measurer and/or Fleet Captain of the entrant's home fleet.

Measurement checks may be made at TAYC at any time during the regatta and may include: mast step location check, mast and boom band markings, mast partners, hatch seals, spinnaker pole length, mainsheet partners and presence on board of the Shields Class and US Coast Guard required safety equipment including a USCG approved PFD for each crew member. Sail checks



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may also be made at TAYC at any time during the regatta to confirm compliance with Sail Inventory Card and to check that sails are properly marked on their tacks.

Competitors from Fleet 21 will be subject to the same measurement checks prior to the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and earlier on the 2008 Shields National Championship website

8. COURSES & SAILING AREAS

Courses will be windward-leeward courses and will be sailed on the Choptank River in the vicinity of the Choptank River Light.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.2 is altered as follows: **A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by making ONE TURN including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with RRS 44.2 However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the two length zone of any rounding or passing marks, her penalty shall be a TWO TURNS penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2 This modifies RRS 44.2.**

10. SCORING

- 10.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply.
- 10.2. A maximum of **SEVEN** races are scheduled. Four completed races shall make a series.
- 10.3. If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.
- 10.4. No more than three races can be run on any single day.
- 10.5. 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 a "fair" test and will be at least 4 miles in length.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1. Support boats shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.
- 11.2. Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat.
- 11.3. Other than outside help defined in RRS 41, no assistance shall be given or gear transferred between support boats and competing boats from the warning signal of the first race until the completion of the final race of each day without prior approval of the Principal Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair.

12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out after the start of the first race of the regatta except with the written permission of the Protest Committee.



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13. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Daily first place winner in each race.

Regatta trophies to Skippers of first five place finishers.

Shields National Champion Trophy to the winner.

James B. Moore Trophy to the crew of the winning boat.

Cornelius Shields Memorial Prize to the most improved competitor.

Shields Class National Championship Institutional Bowl for the best institutional crew performance.

Moore trophy for the best performance among the five oldest skippers.

Junior Skipper Award for the best performance among the five youngest skippers.

The Take A Bow award for the most dubious achievement.

The Golden Stern Award to the last placed finishing boat that competed.

16. CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY

16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Tred Avon Yacht Club, its Board of Governors, and Shields Fleet 21 will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during and after the regatta.

16.2. The skipper/owner shall be responsible for all actions of his or her crew or guests. In the event of a breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property or failure to comply with the request of any Race Officer, committee member or agent of Tred Avon Yacht Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her boat shall be subject to protest and disqualification from the Championship.

17. VISITING YACHTS

TAYC anticipates having adequate dock or mooring space for all visiting yachts. All support boats may use TAYC facilities on a space available basis after all participating Shields and Committee Boats are accommodated. For information regarding local marinas for visiting support boats, please contact Pete Bailey– pbailey@goeaston.net



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18. INSURANCE

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

19. FURTHER INFORMATION – contact Pete Bailey– pbailey@goeaston.net