

2026 Spring Race to Oxford

Saturday, May 9, 2026

CBYRA Sanction #26-305

Organizing Authority: Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD
Co-Organizing Authority: Tred Avon Yacht Club, Oxford, MD

<http://www.annapolisyc.com/racing/regattas>



NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 For all monohull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations>) will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) All monohulls must also meet U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Requirement 2.4.1 LIFELINES, or alternatively, all persons must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times when racing.
- 1.3 For all multihull boats competing, the “Nearshore” category of the US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements SER, available at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations> will apply as changed below.
 - (a) In the event of a conflict between the SER and applicable class rules, the class rules shall govern.
 - (b) Additionally, all persons aboard a multihull must wear a USCG approved PFD at all times when racing.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is changed to require all competitors racing aboard any boat which is class legal, but with no lifelines or boats racing double handed, to wear USCG approved PFDs at all times when above deck.
- 1.5 All boats in all classes are to have a minimum crew of two persons.
- 1.6 ORC Open and ORC Performance Cruiser class rules are modified by ORC of the Chesapeake and can be found at <http://www.orches.org>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the notice board approximately 10 days before the first scheduled day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50567>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats in the Multihull, ORC Open, ORC Performance Cruiser, CHESSE (Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker), J/105 PHRF A and PHRF B/C classes are invited to participate.
- 4.2 For a class to have a start, it must have a minimum of 3 paid entries by 1200 on Wednesday, May 6. Entry fees for boats in classes that fail to meet the minimum will be returned.
- 4.3 Boats wishing to enter shall enter online at: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50567>
- 4.4 To be considered a valid entry in the event, a boat shall complete all entry requirements including the waiver and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats in the Multihull classes shall have a valid rating from the Chesapeake Multihull Association. For more information, visit <http://www.chesapeakemultihulls.org>.
- 4.6 Boats in an ORC class shall have the pertinent valid ORCi, ORC Club, or ORC Non-Spinnaker rating certificate for the class entered. For more information, visit <http://www.ussailing.org> or <http://www.orc.org>
- 4.7 Boats in a PHRF class shall have a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. For more information, visit <http://www.phrfchesbay.org>.

4.8 The race committee will post assignments of boats in handicap fleets to starting classes no later than 1700 on Wednesday, May 6. The race committee may change the assignment of a handicap boat's starting class until 1700 on Friday, May 8.

5 FEES

- 5.1 ORC Class Entries: Early entry fee is \$75 up until 1700 on Monday, April 20. After that an entry fee of \$100 will be accepted until 1200 on Friday, May 8.
Multihulls, J/105s and PHRF Classes: Early entry fee is \$65 up until 1700 on Monday, April 20. After that an entry of \$90 will be accepted until 1200 on Friday, May 8.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes, at a minimum, racing and awards.
- 5.3 Entry fees are payable in full upon entering and are non-refundable

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled for 0945.

7 VENUE

7.1 The race will be a point-to-point race using government marks from Annapolis, MD to Oxford, MD.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 **The start will be approximately 0.2nm southeast of Thomas Point Light.**
- 8.2 After starting, the following marks shall be rounded or passed in the following order:
- (a) Bloody Pt. Warning Light (LLNR 7751), passed to port,
 - (b) R"84", passed to port,
 - (c) RN "80A", passed to port,
 - (d) G"9" (off Black Walnut Pt.), rounded to port,
 - (e) R"10", passed to starboard, and
 - (f) Choptank River Light, rounded to port
- 8.3 The finish will be at R"2" off Tred Avon Yacht Club.
- 8.4 The race committee may shorten the course at rounding marks G"9 or Choptank River Light.
- 8.5 The time limit is 1900 hours. Boats not finishing by 1900 hours will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 RRS Appendix A4, Low Point System.
- 9.2 Corrected times for PHRF classes will be calculated using PHRF Time-on-Time (ToT) scoring where $TCF = 650 / (550 + TOD \text{ handicap})$. The race committee will assign the course type rating on race day as detailed in the SIs.
- 9.3 Corrected times for ORC classes will be calculated using ORC Time-on-Time ratings. The race committee will assign the course type and wind strength for scoring purposes on race day as detailed in the SIs.
- 9.4 Corrected times for Multihull classes will be calculated using Time-on-Time ratings in accordance with the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks, which are assumed by the competitor.

11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 combined single limit. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be given in each class for 1st place with 3 or more starters, 2nd place with 6 or more starters, and 3rd place with 9 or more starters.
- 12.2 The OA anticipates that the following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
- (a) Sherman Hoyt Trophy: best overall corrected time within the fully crewed ORC classes.
 - (b) America's Trophy: this event will be part of the season AYC series for overall performance in the fully-crewed ORC classes.
 - (c) AYC J/105 Regatta Series Trophy: this event will be part of the season AYC series for overall performance in the J/105 class.
- 12.3 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 In Oxford, dockage (rafting is allowed) is available at TAYC on a first come, first served basis at no charge. Additional information on arrangements for prize giving, post-race social and dockage at Tred Avon Yacht Club will be available on the Documents and Forms link on the event Yacht Scoring page.
- 13.2 For more information contact: AYC Harborside Director: Linda Ambrose, lambrose@annapolisyc.org, 410.858.4964.