



**Jim Thompson Cup Regatta
June 12-13, 2021
Tred Avon Yacht Club
Oxford, MD**

2021 TAYC Match Racing Championship

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021 – 2024, Appendix C (RRS)*.
- 1.2 All boats shall be in compliance with the rules of the Shields Class Racing Association.
- 1.3 Any changes to the RRS, particularly those pertaining to Match Racing, Appendix C, will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all registered Shields Class boats skippered by a TAYC member.
- 2.2 Entry is limited to the first eight boats to register.
- 2.3 Entry, including skipper's name and crew list for each day, must be submitted to the PRO no later than 1830 on May 11 when an information session will be held at the TAYC clubhouse.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 1830, May 11 – rules and information session at TAYC clubhouse
- 3.2 1900, June 11 – first round pairings to be determined by blind drawing at Sails & Ales
- 3.3 0830, June 12 – Competitors' Meeting
- 3.4 1000, June 12 & 13 – first warning signal scheduled

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by 1600 on May 14th and in the TAYC clubhouse by 0900 on each race day.

5 THE VENUE

- 5.1 The course will be windward/leeward using drop marks placed in the Tred Avon River as close to the Club as practicable.

6 TIME LIMIT

- 6.1 The latest time for an attention signal will be 1600 each day.

7 FORMAT

- 7.1 The elimination series will consist of a round robin of match races whereby each competitor will race each other competitor twice in pairings consisting of two back-to-back races.
- 7.2 The opening round will consist of pairings determined by drawing on Friday night. If an odd number of competitors are registered, the odd boat will receive a "bye". 1 Point will be awarded to the winner of each race.
- 7.3 Upon completion of the initial round robin, the scores shall be totaled and the highest two competitor's scores shall determine the event finalists.
- 7.4 Ties will be broken in favor of the boat that was the winner in the final race of their match.
- 7.5 After a break, the finals of the event will consist of a best of three series held among the two leading teams.
- 7.6 Conditions and logistical considerations permitting, the PRO may opt to offer a consolation round of best of three matches between the top two boats eliminated in the first round.
- 7.7 If time permits the series may complete on Saturday. Otherwise, the completion will be held on Sunday.
- 7.8 The schedule and format of all racing covered by this NOR may be changed by the PRO and, in such event, every effort will be made to timely notify all competitors.

8 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Boats should monitor VHF channel 71 for courtesy broadcasts from the RC.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 The winning skipper and crew will be awarded the Jim Thompson Cup.
- 9.2 Prizes may be awarded in the TAYC clubhouse as soon as practicable following completion of the series or at a time and place determined by the organizing authority.

10 SPECIAL COVID-19 RULES

- 10.1 Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property.
- 10.2 Unvaccinated or vulnerable individuals are encouraged to wear masks when unable to social distance.
- 10.3 Current state requirements for protection against the transmission of Covid-19 must be practiced throughout the series.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 12.1 For further information contact Harry Seemans, Fleet Captain: 410-829-3007 or seemans@atlanticbb.net.
- 12.2 With the exception of service animals, TAYC does not allow dogs or other pets in the clubhouse or on the club's grounds at any time.