

## OARS 2018 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](http://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. 2018 RACING SCHEDULE

MAY 4 Warning 6:00 pm  
MAY 11 Warning 6:00 pm  
MAY 18 Warning 6:00 pm  
MAY 25 NO RACE – Memorial Day  
JUNE 1 Warning 6:00 pm  
JUNE 8 Warning 6:00 pm  
JUNE 15 Warning 6:00 pm  
JUNE 22 Warning 6:00 pm  
JUNE 29 Warning 6:00 pm  
JULY 6 Warning 6:00 pm  
JULY 13 Warning 6:00 pm  
JULY 20 Warning 6:00 pm  
JULY 27 Warning 6:00 pm  
AUG 3 LADIES RACE  
AUG 10 NO RACE – OXFORD REGATTA  
AUG 17 Warning 6:00 pm  
AUG 24 Warning 6:00 pm  
AUG 31 Warning 5:30 pm  
SEPT 7 NO RACE – NASS/HAMMOND  
SEPT 14 Warning 5:30 pm

**5. COURSES** - Courses are shown on separate course sheet entitled "OARS COURSES 2018". 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 2018 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 August 31.

**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 and will announce on VHF and 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 &amp; 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	<b>5</b>
Preparatory	P flag up (blue & white) one sound	<b>4</b>
One Minute	P flag down; one long sound	<b>1</b>
Start	Purple or Green lowered; one sound	<b>0</b>