

OARS 2008 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES - Races shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by these instructions.

It is the skipper's responsibility to read and understand the basic rules. If you are not 100 PERCENT sure of your rights, give way.

THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE IS TO AVOID COLLISION.

2. ENTRIES - Any boat at least 18' LOA may enter by mail (PO Box 61, Oxford, MD 21654). Reg. forms and sailing instructions are available at the OARS website (www.oxfordars.org)

Unregistered boats will not be scored. OARS assumes that boats racing in the series are equipped according to USCG Regulations.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

4. SCHEDULE OF 2008 RACES

MAY 2	Warning 6:10 pm
MAY 9	Warning 6:10 pm
MAY 16	Warning 6:10 pm
MAY 23	NO RACE
MAY 30	Warning 6:10 pm
JUNE 6	Warning 6:10 pm
JUNE 13	Warning 6:10 pm
JUNE 20	Warning 6:10 pm
JUNE 27	Warning 6:10 pm
JULY 4	Warning 6:10 pm
JULY 11	Warning 6:10 pm
JULY 18	Warning 6:10 pm
JULY 25	Warning 6:10 pm
AUG 1	Ladies Race 6:10 pm
AUG 8	NO RACE
AUG 15	Warning 6:10 pm
AUG 22	Warning 6:10 pm
AUG 29	Warning 6:10 pm
SEPT 5	Warning 5:40 pm
SEPT 12	Warning 5:40 pm
SEPT 19	Warning 5:40 pm

5. COURSES- Courses are shown on separate course sheet entitled "OARS COURSES 2008". This indicates order of marks and side on which they are to be rounded. The course shall be designated by a letter displayed from the floating dock.

(Please check: courses added)

When G and L are rounding marks, they 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 2008 are needed as they show mark locations and mark descriptions.]

6. STARTS - 6:15 Spin, 6:20 Non-spin
Note change beginning September 5th

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 The alert is a few short blasts on air horn. The time between the alert and the warning will be APPROXIMATELY one minute.

6.3 The starting line is between an orange flag on the upper deck of TAYC and an orange mark off the club. All boats shall keep to the sea side of the TAYC moorings and an imaginary line between the southerly most mooring and the end of the breakwater.

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

6.5 A boat may not start more than 10 minutes after the starting signal.

7.0 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 will be scored. *If no boat finishes within the time limit, the RC shall abandon the race.*

10. HANDICAPS - PHRF handicaps 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. Non-Spin will fly a green flag from the backstay.

12. LADIES RACE - This race will not be scored as part of the series. The helmsperson must be female. Spinnaker & Non-Spinnaker Divisions

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

14. SCORING - will be the 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
15.1 Other awards are welcome – silly or serious. Use your imagination.

Rule 26 - Starting Races (OARS version)

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Flag and Sound</u>	<u>Minutes before starting</u> <u>6+ before 1st start</u>
Alert	air horn	
Warning	SPIN - PURPLE flag1 sound NON-SPIN - GREEN flag1 sound	5
Preparatory	P flag(blue & white); one sound	4
One-minute	P flag; lowered, one long sound	1
Start	Purple or Green lowered; one sound	0