



2021 SHIELDS CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
September 22 to 25, 2021
Hosted by Tred Avon Yacht Club and Shields Fleet 21, Oxford MD

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 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 2017-2020 (RRS)* and the *Shields Class Sailing Association Rules*.
- 1.3** RRS 63.7 will be replaced with: "If there is any conflict between the *Sailing Instructions* and this *Notice of Race*, the *Sailing Instructions* shall apply."
- 1.4** Each boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Ch 72.
- 1.5** **Note:** COVID restrictions and requirements that may still be in effect must be observed at all times during the conduct of and preparation for the regatta. On-site attendance may be limited to Skipper and registered crew only.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1** Advertising is restricted by ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the *Class Rules*.
- 2.2** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3.0 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 online Pre-registration Form at tayc.com and sending required fees payable to Tred Avon Yacht Club, P.O. Box 337, Oxford, MD 21654. Additional documentation with instructions to complete registration are available online at tayc.com (Housing Request, Certificate of Compliance and Regatta Waiver) and must be received no later than Check-In at TAYC.
- 3.3** Late entries will not be accepted after 0830 EDT Thursday, September 23, 2021. Registration forms and/or fees submitted after Friday, August 13, 2021 shall pay a late entry fee of \$75.
- 3.4** A \$200 incentive is offered to those pre-registering online before September 26, 2020. See www.tayc.com/content/shields-nationals-0 for details

4.0 FEES

- 4.1** The entry fee is \$650, which covers:
- launching and hauling at TAYC
 - dock space or a mooring at TAYC as instructed by the TAYC Shields Nationals Committee upon arrival
 - Social and meals for Skipper and registered Crew including:
 - Wednesday Welcome Reception

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- Thursday Crab Feast
- Saturday Awards Ceremony and Dinner(Coat & Tie)
- Continental breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

NOTE: It is illegal in Talbot County MD to drink alcoholic beverage not purchased under the club’s license while on the club premises.

4.2 Additional social tickets for the package described above will cost \$115 per person, if permitted by COVID precautions in effect in September 2021. (Note: Box lunches for race days, Friday lite fare dinner at TAYC, and bar service will be available on a cash basis.)

5.0 SCHEDULE

	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 21 st Tuesday	Mast Stepping and Launch	1200 – 1800	Tred Avon Yach Club
	Check-In, Late Registration	1500 – 1800	Tred Avon Yach Club
	Sept. 22 rd Wednesday	Check-In, Late Registration & Launch	0900-1700
	Practice Race & Starts	1400	Tred Avon River
	Welcome Reception	1700	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Skippers Meeting	1915	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Shields Class Annual Meeting	1930	Tred Avon Yacht Club
Sept. 23 th Thursday	Check-In & Late registration	0700-0830	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Warning signal	1030	Approx. 1.0 NM SW of Choptank River Light
	Crab Feast & Cash Bar	1800	Tred Avon Yacht Club
Sept. 24 th Friday	Warning signal	1030	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’s weekly <i>Sails and Ales</i> function.
Sept. 25 th Saturday	Warning signal	1030	Approx. 1.0 NM SW of Choptank River Light
	No Warning After	1400	
	Cash Bar	1730	Tred Avon Yacht Club
	Dinner & Awards	1830	Tred Avon Yacht Club Coat & Tie



6.0 MEASUREMENT

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

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 may also be made at TAYC at any time during the regatta to confirm compliance with Sail Inventory Registry 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.

7.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online no later than July 1, 2021.

8.0 COURSES & SAILING AREAS

8.1 Courses will be described in the *Sailing* Instructions and will conform to Section VI-2.4 of the Rules Governing the Running of the National Championship Regatta of the Shields Class Association Rules.

8.2 Races will be sailed on the Choptank River in the vicinity of the Choptank River Light.

9.0 SCORING

9.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A (RRS) will apply.

9.2. A maximum of **EIGHT** races are scheduled. Two completed races shall make a series.

9.3. If five or more races are completed, a boat's worst score will be discarded.

9.4. No more than three races will be scheduled on any day.

10.0 SUPPORT BOATS

10.1. Support boats shall display the sail number(s) of the boat(s) she is supporting.

10.2. Competing boats may be towed to the racing area by a support boat.

10.3. 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.

11.0 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.



12.0 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

13.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, boats shall not have any outside communications while racing that are not available to all boats.

14.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Daily to the first place finisher in each race.

At Saturday's Awards Dinner regatta trophies to Skippers of first five place finishers and other trophies defined in the Shields Class Sailing Association Rules as follows:

- 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.
- 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.
- Kap Dun Fleet Trophy to the best performing fleet with three boats participating.
- Gordon I. Benjamin Memorial Newcomer Award to the top finisher sailing in their first Shields National Championship.

15.0 CONDUCT & RESPONSIBILITY

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

15.2. 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, TAYC Shields Nationals 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.

15.3. All participants will be required to comply at all times with any COVID related requirements required by the State of Maryland, The Town of Oxford and/or the TAYC Board of Governors.

16.0 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, see tayc.com.

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17.0 INSURANCE

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

18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION – contact Pete Bailey– pkbailey255@gmail.com