



The River Race

- What to Expect:** Something completely different. Yes, it's a competition. But, it's also a quest. You will find yourself cheering as each boat crosses the finish line.
- We will be the guests of Roger and Rosemary Baldwin, who have been most gracious to allow us once again to play on their playground.
- Location:** 7885 Avon Court, Easton, MD 21601
- Directions:** 7/10th of a mile on Oxford Road from #322, right on Waverly Road (brick pillars) to Woodland Drive .6 miles, right on Woodland Drive to Woodland Circle .2 mile - CONTINUE STRAIGHT - NO RIGHT AT FORK - to Avon Court .5 miles - turn right and 7885 is in the circle.
- Arrival Time:** We'll be there waiting for you. So, feel free to come over any time after 9 am. The skipper's meeting starts at 11am.
- Parking:** The Baldwins have a circular driveway. Come on in, drop off your gear and then park in the cul de sac. Extremely irritable driveway monitors may be present upon your arrival. Listen to their directions please.
- Spouses & SO's** Spouses and significant others are invited to participate in any way they desire. Truth in Advertising Department: our race course could be considered a bit beyond bladder capacity.
- The towns of Easton, Oxford and St. Michaels are all worth the time to visit while in the area.
- The Baldwin's backyard is an awesome place to sit and enjoy the day if you don't want to be on a chase boat.
- Lunch:** Lunch will be available at 11am during the Skippers meeting.

Distance Racing

You should be prepared to sail your boat for at least three hours. Anyone on your chase boat is permitted to sail the boat in the race. Drinks will be available prior to the race to take on your chase boat.

Because 16 boats on a line with 16 chase boats milling around would be a bit of a mess, we will use two starts separated by a time to be determined based on conditions. The lower half of the fleet after Saturday will start first, followed by the upper half shortly thereafter.

- RACE COURSE** The RD will announce the course which will be approximately 6 miles long down the Tred Avon and back. A chart will be provided at the Skippers Meeting.
- START:** An area behind the start line will be marked for use only by the J Boats – THE BOX. For the first fleet, a five minute preparatory signal will sound followed by two starting sequences signaled via air horn. The delay between the first and second start sequence will be announced at the skipper’s meeting.
- FINISH:** A boat is considered to have finished when she crosses the finish line after successfully navigating the entire course. A horn will most likely be heard.
- TIME LIMIT:** The time limit will be 3 ½ hours. If the first boat has not finished within 3 ½ hours of the start, the race may be abandoned or the course shortened. If a boat does finish within the time limit, all others will be allowed to finish.
- SHORTENED COURSE:** After the starting signal, the course may be shortened with 2 sounds (air horn) or abandoned with 3 sounds without displaying flags.
- ADJUSTMENTS:** Boat & Sails may be adjusted at any time during the race.
(see *Chase Boat Rules* below)
- OUTSIDE HELP:** Skipper coaching is permitted.
- COMMUNICATIONS:** The PRO, Fred DeSantis will monitor (609) 827-0224 during the race.
- PROTESTS:** It is the responsibility of a right-of-way (ROW) skipper to call a protest against a fouling boat. The 360 degree turn shall be taken on the offending leg of the course. Please solve your disputes on the water. If there is a remaining protest after the race, see the PRO immediately upon finishing.
- RETIRING BOATS:** Boats retiring from the race shall notify the PRO as soon as possible.
- SCORING:** The race will be scored under the Low Point System. The event will consist of only one race.
- CHASE BOAT RULES:**
- All racing sailboats have the right of way over chase boats.
 - Chase boats shall not cause a wake that impedes or helps a racing boat.
 - Chase boats shall not cause a wind shadow that affects any racing boat.
 - Chase boats shall be completely **stopped** with the motor in neutral before hauling a race boat for any purpose and **remain in that state** until the sailboat is launched again.
 - When a chase boat stops to haul, it must do so in a position that does not interfere with other racing boats