

2020 Wednesday Night Race Series II

August 12th – September 30th

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020*.

1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.

1.3 Rules of the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS fleet and any other applicable class association shall apply.

1.4 All aspects of the RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.

1.5 **Participants shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Organization Authority, Dominion of Canada, Nova Scotia and Public Health concerning matters of health and safety and specifically as they relate to COVID-19 or such other communicable disease or contagion.**

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted online on the RNSYS website. The documents shall be located under *Race Documents / Notices to Competitors* <<https://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>>.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1530hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagstaff in front of the RNSYS Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
August 12 th	1830
August 19 th	1830
August 26 th	1830
September 2 nd	1830
September 9 th	1830
September 16 th	1800
September 23 rd	1800
September 30 th	1800

5.2 One race is to be sailed per day.

5.3 Note that the starts move back to 1600 on September 16th. From that date to the end of the series all starts shall be from the club breakwater.

6 HANDICAPS

6.1 Yachts shall compete with handicaps supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee. If no handicap is supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee then the current Sail NS PHRF-NS handicap shall be used. These handicaps cannot be contested during the course of the series.

6.2 A list of handicaps supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee shall be posted on the RNSYS website.

7 SPINNAKER RATING

7.1 For each race in the series yachts shall be assumed to be flying a spinnaker and rated as such unless the Signal Boat is informed to the contrary via VHF or voice and a confirmation is received before the preparatory signal for that race.

7.2 Yachts shall be placed in classes according to their spinnaker rating. Should a yacht choose not to fly a spinnaker it shall not change the class in which she races.

8 CLASSES

8.1 Yachts shall be split into classes based upon their spinnaker rating as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating Band</i>
A	< 80
B	80 - 140
C	>140

8.2 The Race Committee may decide to move a yacht to a different class in which case they shall notify the yacht in question prior to the start of that yacht's first race of the series.

9 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags shall be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
A	Blue
B	Red
C	Green

10 RACING AREA

Races shall be run in Halifax Harbour. The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the racing area and is available online <<http://rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>>.

11 THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 11.1 Prior to the first warning signal, the race will announce the course(s) to be sailed on VHF channel 72.
- 11.2 If a Signal Vessel is in use then the course will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Signal Vessel prior to the first warning signal. The course will consist of a list of marks and the side to which they are to be left, "P" for port and "S" for starboard.
- 11.3 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.
- 11.4 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:
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| Mark 82 | Yellow inflatable tetrahedron |
| Mark 84 | Orange inflatable tetrahedron |
- 11.5 The following navigational buoys shall be passed on their proper side, unless they are marks of the course:
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|-------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Hens and Chickens | HQ2 | | |
| Purcell's Cove | HQ1 | Ives Knoll North | HT2 |
| Point Pleasant | H19 | Ives Knoll West | H22 |

13 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

- 13.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship.
- 13.2 Any yacht breaching SI 12.1 will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be denied entry to subsequent events.
- 13.3 Serious or continued breaches of SI 12.1 may be investigated by the Organizing Authority and/or Sail Nova Scotia to determine if further action is appropriate and what such action may be.
- 13.4 All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 12, Halifax Traffic Control, while in Halifax harbour.
- 13.5 Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee and requests for redress under Rule 62 may be made.

14 THE START

- 14.1 Races shall be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 14.2 If a Signal Boat is in use, the starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the start mark.
- 14.3 If the race is a breakwater start, the start line will be between an orange flag on the end of the breakwater and a yellow club mark on the eastern side of the Arm.
- 14.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a 75-metre radius around the starting line and its marks.
- 14.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.
- 14.6 The race committee will attempt to broadcast or hail the sail number of boats that are OCS on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

14.7 A fleet that incurs a General Recall shall have their start moved to the end of the sequence of starts. If that fleet is already at the end of the sequence then RRS 29.2 applies.

15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee vessel signalling the change shall indicate the new course using a list of the new marks and the sides on which they are to be left. This changes Rule 33.

16 THE FINISH

16.1 If a Signal Boat is in use, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the finish mark.

16.2 If the race is a breakwater start, the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the end of the breakwater and a yellow club mark on the eastern side of the Arm.

17 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class is 2 hours after their respective starts or 25 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes, whichever is sooner. Boats failing to finish within these times shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Protest forms are available online on the RNSYS website under *Race Documents* <<https://www.rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>>. Protests shall be emailed or delivered to the Race Director (racedirector@rnsys.com) within the protest time limit.

18.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes.

18.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled for 1900hrs on the Thursday following the race in question.

18.4 The Protest Committee will be made up of the winner of each class from the previous week and will be headed by the Race Director. Should any member of the Committee be a party to a protest they shall be removed from the Committee for that protest. Should the Race Director be unable to head the Committee he shall arrange a substitute.

19 SCORING

19.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

19.3 The series shall be scored according to rule A9.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 Prior to her preparatory signal, and after the RC announces that the Check-In is open, each yacht shall inform the RC of her intention to race via VHF Ch 72. The check in shall include the yacht name, sail number and number of persons on board. If a yacht does not intend to fly a spinnaker it should also be announced at this time. Check-in is not complete until a response is received from the RC.

20.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes can be awarded to the top three (3) finishers in each class for each race. The top three finishers for each class for the series will also be recognized at the Annual Awards and Prize Presentation dinner on November 7th 2020. Additional peer and officials awarded prizes are planned for that night, details to follow.

21.2 Boats wishing to claim their prize(s) should contact the Race Director ((902) 414-3284 or racedirector@rnsys.com) to arrange for a pick up.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see RRS 4 "Decision to Race"; that the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors, or agents will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Assistance, if any, from the race committee or other Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron vessels, or from any personnel manning them, is at the risk of the participant.

22.2 (COVID-19) The COVID-19 disease has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and is extremely contagious. The Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron cannot guarantee that the owner, person in charge and each crew member will not become infected with COVID-19. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, the owner, person in charge and each crew member agree that they may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees, sponsors or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact RNSYS Race Director, Luke Porter at (902) 414-3284 or racedirector@rnsys.com or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.