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Like a regular
race but more
funner
- Sean

Last race I'm
running then
I'm outta here
for the winter!

(the Absolute Bloody Final race)
October 12th, 2019

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES (official stuff)

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-22*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (dead tree hanging spot)

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the Ward Room.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (in case I change my mind)

Any changes to the sailing instructions may be made before 1230hr on Saturday October 12th. Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000hr on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE (flags!)

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the RNSYS clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES (when to be where)

- 5.1 For all keelboat classes, one race is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 1300hr.

6 FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS (who plays with who)

Fleet splits, class flags and starting order shall be announced at the competitors' meeting scheduled for 1230hr on the RNSYS patio.

7 RACING AREAS (where to play)

- 7.1 The race 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>) and at registration.
- 7.2 The start will be off the RNSYS breakwater (Old Skool!).
- 7.3 The finish will be off the RNSYS breakwater (Also Old Skool!).

8 THE COURSE (where to go)

The course will be announced at the competitors' meeting also broadcast over the VHF on the RC working channel. The course shall consist of marks taken from the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card.

LAST CHANCE TO RACE AT THE CLUB THIS YEAR!!!

9 MARKS (where to turn)

9.1 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:

Mark 82	Yellow inflatable
Mark 84	Orange inflatable

9.2 The start and finish mark will be a yellow inflatable pin.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS (where not to go)

The following navigational buoys shall be passed on their proper side, unless they are the current mark of the course:

Hens and Chickens	HQ2	Purcell's Cove	HQ1
Point Pleasant	H19	Ives Knoll North	HT2

11 THE START (and they're off!)

11.1 Races shall be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag at the race hut (Fort McGowen) on the end of the RNSYS breakwater and the start mark placed in the Northwest Arm.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her name and/or sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE (yeah, no)

We're not changing anything so don't worry about it. We might shorten but the course is the course.

13 THE FINISH (they're back! Yay!)

The finish line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag at the race hut (Fort McGowen) on the end of the RNSYS breakwater and the finish mark placed in the Northwest Arm. Right back where you started.

14 TIME LIMITS (cause I want to go home)

14.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
All Classes	1800 hrs

14.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS (really??)

15.1 Protest forms are available from the Sailing Office on the 3rd floor of the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit shall be 30 minutes after the last boat in her class has finished.

15.3 Protests shall be heard as soon as practical after the protest time limit has expired.

16 SCORING (who done good)

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

16.2 The race shall be scored using time on time PHRF handicapping and handicaps listed in the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS database.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS (don't do this)

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

17.2 Yachts shall not interfere with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship.

NO, REALLY, THIS IS IT!

- 17.3 Any yacht breaching SI 17.2 will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be denied entry to subsequent events.
- 17.4 Serious or continued breaches of SI 17.2 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.
- 17.5 All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 12, Halifax Traffic Control, while in Halifax harbour.
- 17.6 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.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION (hi there!)

- 18.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. Mobile telephones and other wireless devices shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.
- 18.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 as the working channel.

19 PRIZES (booty!)

Whatever we can find will be awarded to as many boats as we can manage. We'll set the awards for 1700 hr so stick around and see what loot we manage to scrounge up.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY (it's not my fault)

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.

21 INSURANCE (you have it, yes?)

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

22 FURTHER INFORMATION (in case you need more)

- 22.1 Additional information may be provided via the RNSYS website (<http://www.rnsys.com>), RNSYS e-mail blasts, through the RNSYS Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/rnsys>) and Twitter feed (@RNSYS).
- 22.2 For further information please contact the RNSYS Race Director at racedirector@rnsys.com or (902) 414-3284 or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vc sailing@rnsys.com.

**THAT'S YOUR LOT. GO HOME, ENJOY THE SNOW, WE'LL
SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR**