



2013 Wednesday Night Race Series III

July 24 – Aug 28

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the NSYA PHRF-NS fleet and any other applicable class association will apply.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will 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 will 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

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Signal</i>
July 24 th	1830 hrs
July 31 st	1830 hrs
Aug 7 th	1830 hrs
Aug 14 th	1830 hrs
Aug 21 nd	1830 hrs
Aug 28 th	1830 hrs

5.2 One race is to be sailed per day.

6 SPINNAKER RATING

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

6.2 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.

7 CLASSES

7.1 Yachts will be split into classes based upon their spinnaker rating as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating Band</i>
A	< 80
B	80 - 150
C	151 <

7.2 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 the series.

8 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags shall be:

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

9 RACING AREA

Races shall be run in Halifax Harbour. The NSYA Course Card shows the racing area and is available online <<http://www.rnsys.com/races/series/wednesday-night-race-series-i.html>>.

10 THE COURSES AND MARKS

10.1 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display for each class the order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side to which they are to be left. 'P' will indicate a port rounding, 'S' a starboard rounding and 'G' a gate. These will be displayed on a dry-erase board on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal vessel.

10.2 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.

- 10.3 An offset mark may be employed at the weather mark. Boats shall round the offset mark to port after rounding the weather mark. A gate may be employed on any windward-leeward course. When there is a gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. Use of a gate will be signaled by display of the letter G on the course board. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port
- 10.4 The NSYA Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:
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|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mark 48 (Dufferin) | N 44 37.1 | W 63 32.6 (Single club spar buoy) |
| Mark 80 (Navy Mooring Buoys) | N 44 36.4 | W 63 32.1 (Single club spar buoy) |
| Mark 82 | Yellow inflatable | |
| Mark 84 | Orange inflatable | |
- 10.5 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 |
- 10.6 The start and finish mark will be a yellow inflatable, except as indicated in SI12.3 and SI14.2.

11 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

- 11.1 Any yacht that interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be denied entry to subsequent events following investigation by the NSYA. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 12, Halifax Traffic Control, while in Halifax harbour.
- 11.2 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.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start mark except as indicated in SI12.3.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.
- 12.5 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 will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee vessel signalling the change will 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.
- 13.2 During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This changes Rule 33

14 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the finish mark, except as indicated in 14.2.

15 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class is 2 hours after their respective starts or 45 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes, whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within these times will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the sailing office on the third floor of the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the Sailing Office on the third floor of the main clubhouse within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled at 1900hrs on the Thursday following the race in question.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to her preparatory signal, and after the Race Committee announces that the Check-In is open, each yacht shall inform the RC of her intention to race either via VHF Ch 72 or by sailing past the stern of the RC boat and hailing. 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.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class for each race. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three finishers in each class for the series after the final race of the series. The first place finishers for each class will also be recognized at the Annual Awards and Prize Presentations dinner on November 2nd, 2013.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21 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.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact RNSYS Race Director, Karen Dexter at (902) 477-5653 ext. 109 or racedirector@rnsys.com or Luke Porter, Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.