



Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is amended so that a boat may take a One-Turn penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 while racing (SI 12).
- 1.4 RRS 61.1 is amended to remove the requirement to display a red flag (SI 14.1).
- 1.5 RRS 26 is amended to use a 3 minute sequence (SI 10).
- 1.6 All teams shall consist entirely of RNSYS members in good standing.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1000hr on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000hr on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Should the progress of the event require changes be made while afloat, the Race Committee shall make an official announcement to all competitors to change an instruction or rule. A change while afloat shall not be grounds protest or redress. This changes SI 3.1.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed at the flagpole on the water side of the RNSYS Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

### 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Racing shall take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.2 The series shall consist of round robins constructed to fit the number of competitors and boats available. Details shall be announced at the competitors' meeting.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the competitors' meeting shall be 0945hr and the warning signal for the first race shall be 1100hr.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

- The class flag shall be blue.

**7 RACING AREAS**

Racing shall take place in the Northwest Arm close to the RNSYS.

**8 THE COURSE**

The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.
- 9.2 The start/finish mark will be a yellow inflatable pin.

**10 THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using a modification of rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal, as outlined below:
  - 3 minutes before the start the class flag shall be raised with a sound signal
  - 2 minutes before the start the preparatory flag shall be raised with a sound signal
  - 1 minute before the start the preparatory flag shall be lowered with a long sound signal
  - At the start the class flag shall be lowered with a sound signal
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 1 minute after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

**11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the finish mark.

**12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for all incidents.

**13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1 

Class	Time limit	Target time
Club Championship	20 min	10 min
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 5 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.
- 13.3 If a boat in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race and score that boat in the place she would have finished.

**14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 A boat protesting does not have to display a red flag. However she/he shall inform the RC at the finish of the race in which the incident occurred.
- 14.2 Protests shall be handled in a manner similar to arbitration. As soon as is practical after the Signal Boat docks, the Race Officer will meet with the skippers of the boats involved to hear the protest. The meeting will take place on the dock or in the clubhouse. No witnesses shall be allowed. The decision of the Race Officer at this meeting shall be considered the judgement on the protest.

**15 SCORING**

- 15.1 The number of intended races shall be announced at the competitors' meeting.
- 15.2 Two (2) races for each competitor are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.3 Each team shall sail two races (a “flight”) in each boat, back to back. Only one score shall be recorded for each flight. After the first race of a flight, teams shall decide whether to keep the score from that race **or** to take whatever score they get in the second race. Teams wishing to keep their score from the first race will fly a yellow flag when prompted by the RC.
- 15.4 Between the two races of each flight the RC will broadcast a request for all teams to indicate whether they wish to keep their score from the first race or drop it in favour of whatever score they get in the second race. At this time all teams wishing to keep their score will display a yellow flag. The RC shall confirm sightings of all yellow flags before proceeding with the second race.
- 15.5 Should a team receive a letter score in any race (DNS, DSQ, DNF, etc.) that score shall be used for the flight in which it occurred regardless of the scoring choice made by the team.

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions 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.

## **17 PRIZES**

The winner of the series shall be recognized as the 2019 RNSYS Club Champion. To the champion and their crew only goes use of the Club Champion parking spot by the red bridge, recognition at Awards Night on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the accolades of the general membership.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

## **19 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact RNSYS Race Director, Luke Porter at (902) 414-3284 or [racedirector@rnsys.com](mailto:racedirector@rnsys.com) or the VC Sailing at [vc\\_sailing@rnsys.com](mailto:vc_sailing@rnsys.com).

ATTACHMENT A – THE COURSE

