

Dalhousie Yacht Club (DYC) 2021 Sailing Instructions (SI's)

- 1 **RULES:** The races will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the prescriptions of the CYA, except as altered by these SI's.
- 2 **ENTRIES:** The Sailing Series are open to boats who:
 - 3.1 Have paid their fees (payment made out to DYC);
 - 3.2 Have a valid PHRF Certificate, a temporary one, or paid class dues as a K25 competitor;
 - 3.3 Have signed and submitted their insurance waiver to the RC.
- 3 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the RNB located in the main hallway in the DYC clubhouse.
- 4 **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Amendments to the SI's will be posted on the RNB prior to 1600 on the day it will take effect.
- 5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC boat and will be made in accordance with RRS Race Signals. When Advance Postponement is posted ashore, 1 minute is replaced by 30 minutes.
- 6 **SCHEDULE:** See Appendix A for season schedule.
 - 7.1 The first warning signal may not be made prior to 18:00 on Wednesday nights and 1:00 pm on Sunday's
- 7 **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be located north-west of the harbour entrance.
- 8 **THE COURSE:** The courses will be as shown in Appendix B.
 - 8.1 The course to be sailed will be prominently displayed on the stern of the RC Vessel.
 - 8.2 The Kirby Fleet and PHRF Spinnaker Fleet will sail a WINDWARD-LEEWARD course, i.e. START-1-C-1-C, at the RC's discretion, the course may be extended to START-1-C-5-C-1-C-5-C. The RC Vessel will display course followed by "L" to designate the Long course. All numbered marks shall be rounded to port. Mark C and the RC Vessel shall be treated as a gate, and all boats must go through the gate both upwind and downwind. If the RC Vessel is off station, Mark C shall be taken to port on the upwind and rounded to starboard on the downwind.
 - 8.3 Main and Jib Fleet will sail a TRIANGULAR course. All numbered marks shall be rounded to port. Mark C and the RC Vessel shall be treated as a gate. The RC Vessel, if it is on station, may be rounded to port and Mark C to starboard. If the RC Vessel is off station, Mark C shall be taken to port on the upwind and rounded to starboard on the downwind
 - 8.4 Missing Mark; If a mark is missing on a triangular course, proceed to the next mark (i.e. on course T2 (2-8-C), if 8 is missing, boats would sail to 7, making the course 2-7-C. If a mark is missing on Windward-Leeward course, the race shall be abandoned and restarted if time permits at the discretion of the RC
- 9 **MARKS AND VESSELS:**
 - 9.1 The course marks are white or blue with numbers, 1.5' in diameter and 4' in height
 - 9.2 The RC Vessel will display a DYC Burgee
- 10 **THE START:**
 - 10.1 Before the warning signal, boats shall 'check-in' by sailing past the stern of the RC Vessel on starboard tack and announce their sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Any boat failing to 'check in' may be warned in writing on the RNB. A subsequent infringement may result in the boat being scored DSQ.
 - 10.2 Races will be started in accordance with the RRS.
 - 10.3 The starting line will be between the Orange Flag on the RC Vessel and Mark C.

- 10.4 Any object attached to the RC Vessel shall rank as an extension of the vessel.
- 10.5 The RC can start any single or combination of fleets they see fit.
- 10.6 In the event of an OCS, the RC will attempt to broadcast the offending boat(s) sail number on VHF channel 71. Failure to make a broadcast or the order in which sail numbers are read will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 10.7 Fleet pennant flags will be
 - Kirby 25: Numerical Pennant 1
 - PHRF SPIN: Numerical Pennant 2
 - Main and Jib: Numerical Pennant 4

- 11 THE FINISH: Between an Orange Flag which is mid-ship on the RC Vessel and Mark C.

- 12 720 DEGREES TURN PENALTY: Any boat which exercises this option (Rule 44.2) shall notify the RC Vessel at the end of the race. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

- 13 TIME LIMIT: A time limit for the first boat to complete the first leg of any race is 40 minutes. All other time limits are at the discretion of the RC. This change rules 35 and A4.

- 14 CANCELLED RACES: Wednesday races that are cancelled will not be rescheduled. The RC holds the right to cancel or call off races due to weather, high wind, lack of assistants, or any other reason that they see fit. For onshore cancellation, the RC Vessel will signal with 3 short cannon blasts coupled with the N over H flag before 530 pm.

- 15 PROTESTS: All protest as per the RRS.
 - 15.1 Protests shall be submitted to an RC member in the club within 1 hour of the return of the RC Vessel to its berth. Prior to any protest being heard, mediation will be offered to resolve the incident.
 - 15.2 The protestee who accepts their penalty in arbitration may be subject to a 40% penalty to their result.
 - 15.3 If mediation does not achieve a resolution, a protest hearing will be scheduled.
 - 15.4 A formal protest will be heard on the last Thursday of every month. All information for supporting protests must be in the hand of the Protest Committee prior to the hearing's commencement.

- 16 SCORING:
 - 16.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRX A3.1, will apply.
 - 16.2 Series winners are calculated using a drop rate of 25% (rounded to nearest whole number, 5 out of 7 races, etc.).
 - 16.3 Fleet Champions are calculated using a drop rate of 25% (rounded to nearest whole number, 15 out of 20 races, etc.) of all races sailed from all 3 series.
 - 16.4 Overall Club Championship Points will be weighted as follows:
 - Average points based on fleet size for all series (including drops)
 - Average points based on fleet size for 1 Distance Race.
 - Average points based on fleet size for 3 Tuesday and/or Sunday Fun Races.

- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS: A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC Vessel on channel 71 as soon as possible.