

CHARLOTTETOWN YACHT CLUB RACING RULES OF SAILING - 2012

1.00 DEFINITIONS

1.01 In these rules:

- (1) "Canadian Yachting Association" means the Canadian national member authority of the International Sailing Federation;
- (2) "CYC" means Charlottetown Yacht Club;
- (3) "Race Committee" means the group responsible for running the CYC yacht racing and, for the 2012 season shall comprise of the following individuals: Peter Williams (Co-Chairperson), Wellington Gay (Co-Chairperson)
- (4) "Racing Rules of Sailing" means the International Sailing Federation rules governing the sport of sailing as revised and published every four years;

2.00 Rules

2.01 Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, the rules of the Northumberland Straight Yachting Association ("NSTYA"), the competing class rules (if applicable), and these sailing instructions which shall govern in the event of a conflict

3.00 Start Line

3.01 The starting line will be one of the following:

- (1) A line between the flagpole in front of the CYC and either the unlit **Yellow Can** or **C-14** red lighted buoy. A spacer buoy may be placed at the marina end of the line but not on the line; or
- (2) A line between any designated harbour buoy or CYC race mark and a designated Race Committee boat. When using a Race Committee boat, the line shall be indicated by a standing individual holding the appropriate starting signal flag.

4.00 Finish Line

4.01 The finish line will be one of the following:

- (1) A line between the flagpole in front of the CYC and either the unlit **Yellow Can** or **C-14** red lighted buoy;
- (2) A line between any designated harbor buoy or CYC race mark and a designated Race Committee boat.
- (3) In the event of a shortened course, the Race Committee may choose to finish the race

at any designated mark of the course. The Race Committee may shorten the course in this fashion with no warning to racers.

5.00 Starting Times

5.01 For evening races, the five (5) minute warning signal will be sounded at 1830 sharp (1800 after September 1st, 2011). For afternoon races, the five (5) minute warning signal will be posted by the Race Committee thirty (30) minutes before the race (also check posters for special races).

6.00 Cancelled or Postponed Races

6.01 The decision to cancel or postpone a race will ultimately rest with the chairperson or co-chair of the Race Committee. If the foregoing persons are not available, the decision shall rest with the person appointed to set the course. Postponed races may be rescheduled for later date or time or subsequently cancelled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.02 No points shall be awarded for a race that is postponed or cancelled.

7.00 One Minute Rule

7.01 Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule (the one minute rule) is in effect for all races. One (1) minute prior to the start signal, no boat is permitted to sail on the course side of the starting line.

7.02 Boats trapped by the one minute rule must start by either:

(A) Rounding the end of the line marked by the starting buoy (or Race Committee boat when it exists), or

(B) Sailing back across the starting line and starting over. While sailing back (or maneuvering to sail back) across the line a boat must keep clear of ALL OTHER BOATS!

7.03 No yacht which intends to race shall be allowed inside the line drawn between the CYC green buoy and the southwest corner of the Convention Centre wharf between the four (4) minute signal and the starting signal.

8.00 What constitutes a Race?

8.01 Unless otherwise established by the Race Committee in advance of a race start, a minimum of three (3) boats comprising of any class must cross the finish line within two (2) hours of the start (red flag) of a race. In the event that the minimum number of boats

have not finished within the prescribed time limit the race shall be considered postponed and is eligible to either be rescheduled or cancelled as more particularly set out in section 6 above.

9.00 Outboard Motors

9.01 Yachts rated in the category of "Outboard motors retracted when racing" must have such motor mounted, connected and ready for immersion while racing and may not store such motor in an inside locker.

10.00 Changes in the Sailing Instructions

10.01 The Race Committee may change these sailing instructions at any time by written notice posted at the CYC race result board.

11.00 CYC Racing

Racing Series

11.01 There shall be four separate racing series during the CYC racing season, respectively A, B, C and D. Each racing series shall be comprised of five (5) scheduled races. The standings for each racing series shall be tabulated on a yacht's best four (4) out of five (5) race results for that particular series. If all the races in the race schedule for a particular series are not completed, then the series standings will be tabulated by counting all remaining race results for a particular series without a drop.

Overall Season

11.02 The overall CYC season standings shall be tabulated on a yacht's best sixteen (16) out of twenty (20) scheduled race results for that particular season, irrespective of constraints of the racing series.

12.00 Scoring System

12.01 Each yacht shall score points based on the NSTYA scoring system: see Points Scoring section at the following link: <http://www.nstyta.com/phrf.php?page=overview>

12.02 When there is a tie on the total points between two or more yachts in a given racing series or overall season, the tie will be broken in favor of the yacht with the most first place finishes and when the tie remains, the most second place finishes, and so on, if necessary, for such races as count for total points. If the tie still remains then it will be broken in favor of the yacht that finished best in the last race in which both yachts competed.

12.03 All fleets will be scored separately regardless of whether or not the same or different

courses are sailed and regardless of whether or not the fleets have the same or separate starts.

12.04 Any person caught throwing anything overboard will cause their yacht to be scored a DSQ for the race.

13.00 Ratings

13.01 Following the NSTYA lead, the CYC will be use the Nova Scotia Yacht Association PHRF rating system.

All new boats should apply to NSYA for a PHRF rating certificate at the following:

http://nsya.ns.ca/component/option,com_rsevents/Itemid,38/view,events/

Instructions

(1) Select “Yacht Database” and “Add Yacht”. Race Committee has added all existing CYC yachts with known measurements to NSYA and a PHRF rating has been assigned.

13.02 All yachts must have any previously unmeasured measured by the Race Committee. In the case where an unmeasured sail is brought to the Race Committee’s attention and the skipper fails to rectify the situation in a reasonable amount of time (two (2) weeks after notification from the Race Committee), the yacht will be penalized minus three (3) points for each unmeasured sail. The deducted points will not be credited back to previous races once the sails are measured.

13.03 A sail can be measured by any designated club handicapper on the NSTYA including the CYC Race Committee. All new sails whether certified one design sails or otherwise need to be measured.

14.00 Starting Procedures

14.01 Shapes or cylinders may replace the starting flags.

14.02 Starting times are taken when the flag reaches the top of the halyard or in the case of starting on a Race Committee boat, as soon as the person holding the flag raises it above their head. There will be an audible horn at each of the five (5) minute, four (4) minute and start signals (three (3) audible signals).

Flag Sequence

14.03 Red at start zero (0) minutes, blue at four (4) minutes and white at five (5) minutes. The white flag goes up five (5) minutes before the start. This five (5) minutes warning signal will come down anytime. The blue flag goes up at four (4) minutes. After the blue four (4) minute preparatory flag goes up it stays up for three (3) minutes then comes down

with one (1) minute to start, then the red flag goes up at zero (0) minutest. The red flag goes up to signify the start of the race. The red flag shall remain up until the last boat has crossed the finish line. **Note:** if there is any error in the timing of the intervals between signals, each succeeding signal shall be made at the correct interval from the preceding signal.

Note: in the event of multiple fleet starts, the red flag of the starting fleet will become the five (5) minute warning signal of the following fleet.

Notification to Racers of Starting Countdown

14.04 The Race Committee will **attempt** to broadcast on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will attempt to notify racers one (1) minute before the white flag is to be raised, 30 seconds, and perform a 10 second countdown prior to the white flag. The Race Committee may perform this as a service to racers; if the Race Committee in some way fails to perform this service, it will not be allowed as justification for any protest against the Race Committee in terms of redress requested by a competitor.

Note: This will be something along the following lines:

"Attention CYC Racers, Attention CYC Racers - 1 minute/30 seconds to white flag"

"Attention CYC Racers, Attention CYC Racers - beginning countdown, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1"

15.00 Recall

15.01 A general recall may be made when multiple yachts are over the line early or at the Race Committee's discretion. At that time, all flags will come down and five (5) blasts of the signal horn will sound. One (1) minute later, the white five (5) minute flag will go up and the starting sequence as set out in section 14 will recommence.

15.02 In the event of separate fleet starts, the preceding fleet white flag will be delayed by six (6) minutes until the current fleet is started correctly.

16.00 Over the Line

16.01 It is the skipper's responsibility to know if their yacht is over the line early. Any yacht which has started early may re-start, but must do so in accordance with the one minute rule as set out in section 7 and without interference to any other boat which started properly. There will be one (1) long blast of the horn to notify that there is a boat or boats over early.

16.02 As a service to the fleet, the Race Committee will **attempt** to notify over-early starters using the VHF on Channel 72. Failure to do so by the Race Committee will not be

allowed as justification for any protest against the Race Committee in terms of redress requested by a competitor who is deemed to be over early.

17.00 Engines

17.01 No engines shall be used after the four (4) minute flag is raised. If a yacht runs aground and uses her engine to get off, she shall withdraw from the race or be disqualified by the Race Committee upon notification of such action.

18.00 Touching a Mark

18.01 When a yacht touches a course mark, she must exonerate herself by completing a **360 degree turn** as soon as safely possible and while racing.

19.00 Making Fast Before the Start

19.01 A yacht must be afloat and off the moorings and/or floats before the four (4) minute preparatory flag.

20.00 Notification of Intention to race

20.01 A designated individual from each yacht shall inform the race starter of that yacht's intention to race before the start.

21.00 Moorings

21.01 Any boat moored on CYC moorings will be passed on the channel side. Empty moorings may be passed on either side.

22.00 Buoys

22.01 The red buoys C-14, C-12 and C-8 shall always be taken on the channel side except when used as a turning mark. They shall be considered marks that bound the course. They shall not be touched. The green buoy C-15 outside the CYC moorings shall always be taken on the channel side unless it is a mark of the course. All other green buoys in the harbour and the yellow start buoy need not be honoured unless specific instructions to do so are posted as part of the instructions for a particular race. (Example an NStYA race or there are visiting boats).

23.00 New Marks

23.01 The Race Committee may place additional marks as they deem appropriate for the purposes of conducting races.

24.00 Protests

24.01 A yacht can protest against any other yacht or Race Committee, except that a protest for an alleged infringement of rules of part 1 or 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing can be made only by a yacht directly involved in, or witness to, an incident. The official protest flag shall be flown in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing. A protesting yacht shall try to inform the yacht protested against that a protest will be lodged. A protesting yacht must submit her protest in writing to the CYC Race Committee **within one hour after she has finished the race** or shall she not finish the race, **within one hour after mooring/docking**. All races and protests are to be carried out pursuant to the Racing Rules of Sailing. Where there is a difference between these rules and those of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the former shall take precedence.

Alternative Penalty - 720 Degree turn

24.02 A yacht which acknowledges infringing a rule of part 1 or 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing may exonerate herself by making two full 360 degree turns (totalling 720 degrees). She must make her turns at the first reasonable opportunity and while racing and shall keep clear of all other yachts until she has completed her turns. The turns may be made in either directions, but both shall be in the same directions one after the other.

25.00 Protest Committee

26.01 The protest committee may include any of the following racers:

David Hume

Ron Switzer

Basil Dickson

Doug Rankin

Randy Johnston

Doug Gaudet

Mike Rankin

Terry Allen

Wellington Gay

Terry Scott

Peter Scott

Brandon Forbes

Note: Additionally, if any racers wish to volunteer for the protest committee, let the race committee know and we'll add your name to the list.

26.00 Memberships

26.01 All regular crew members of all participating boats need to be paid members (of some type) of the Charlottetown Yacht Club.

26.02 The Race Committee and the CYC executive reserve the right to disqualify a yacht from any race and score her with zero (0) points in the event that after being warned that there are crew members who have not paid their memberships, no action is taken. In such a case, the Race Committee/Executive will give a skipper ten (10) days