

2008 Wednesday Night Race Series
Series I – May 7th – June 18th
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 the Canadian Yachting Association will apply.

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 1500hrs 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 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Series</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>First Signal</i>
I – Spring	May 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th , June 4 th , 11 th , 18 th	1830 hrs
II – Summer	June 25 th , July 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th , August 6 th , 13 th	1830 hrs
III – Fall	August 20 th , 27 th , Sept. 3 rd , 10 th Sept. 17 th , 24 th , Oct. 1 st , 8 th	1830 hrs 1800 hrs

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day of the Series will be according to SI 5.1.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
A1 & A2 Class	Dark Blue
B Class	Red
C Class	Light Green

7 SPINNAKER RATING

- 7.1 Yachts are invited to fly their spinnaker during racing. There will NOT be a separate spinnaker class. Yachts that fly their spinnaker will be scored within the classes as outlined in the Notice of Race.
- 7.2 No later than 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal for their class, yachts who will be flying their spinnaker during the race shall clearly display a pink streamer on their backstay, provided to them at time of registration.
- 7.3 When finishing, or as soon thereafter as is convenient without impeding other finishing yachts, the yacht shall be responsible to ensure the race committee has acknowledged that the yacht raced with a spinnaker.
- 7.4 Yachts who display the streamer and then do not fly a spinnaker during the race will be scored with their spinnaker rating.

8 RACING AREAS

The NSYA Course Card shows the racing area. The course card is available from the registration desk or from the Race Committee.

9 THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 9.1 The NSYA Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are made to mark locations:

Mark 48	N 44 37.1	W 63 32.6	<i>(not yet placed as of May 1st, 2008)</i>
Mark 82	A yellow inflatable to windward of the signal boat		
Mark 84	N 44 36.6	W 63 32.0	<i>(not yet placed as of May 1st, 2008)</i>
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side to which they are to be left. These will be displayed on a dry-erase board or a number placard board on the starboard side of the Race Committee's signal vessel.
- 9.3 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.
- 9.4 The following navigational buoys shall be passed on the proper side, unless they are marks of the course:

Hens and Chickens	HQ2		
Purcell's Cove	HQ1	Ives Knoll North	HT2
Point Pleasant	H19	Ives Knoll West	H22
- 9.5 The start and finish mark will be an orange inflatable, except as indicated in 11.3 and 13.2.

10 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will 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 a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start mark except as indicated in 11.3.
- 11.3 When code flag 'R' is displayed from the flagstaff with three sounds then the start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Hut and the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' on the east side of the Northwest Arm. The 'blue spar buoy with

white stripe' on the west side of the arm, just off the race hut, is a spacer buoy. Yachts shall not sail between the spacer buoy and the breakwall.

11.4 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.

11.5 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

11.6 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her 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

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee vessel signalling the change will indicate the change using a list of the new marks and the sides on which they are to be left. This changes Rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the finish mark, except as indicated in 13.2.

13.2 When code flag 'R' is displayed from the flagpole, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Hut and the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' on the east side of the Northwest Arm. The 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' on the west side of the arm, just off the race hut, is a spacer buoy. Yachts shall not sail between the spacer buoy and the breakwall.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 Except as indicated in 15.2, the time limit for each class is 2030 hours or 30 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.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available in the Ward Room. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat docks.

16 SCORING

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

16.2 (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 five (5) to six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18 PRIZES

Prizes are awarded to the top three finishers in each class for each race. Prizes will also be awarded to the overall series winner in each class.

19 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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 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.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact RNSYS Director of Sailing, Elizabeth Shaw at (902) 477-5653 ext.109 or at eshaw@rnsys.com, or contact Evan Petley-Jones, Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.