

2011 Wednesday Night Race Series

Series I – April 27th – June 1st

Series II – June 8th – July 13th

Series III – July 20th – August 24th

Series IV – August 31st – October 12th

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

5.1 Dates of racing (Series' I, II, III & IV):

| <i>Series</i> | <i>Dates</i> | <i>First Signal</i> |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| Series I | April 27 th , May 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th , June 1 st | 1830 hrs |
| Series II | June 7 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th , July 6 th , 13 th | 1830 hrs |
| Series III | July 20 st , 27 th , August 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th | 1830 hrs |
| Series IV | August 31 st , Sept. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th , Oct. 5 th , 12 th | 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> |
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| A1 Class | Yellow |
| A2 Class | Blue |
| B Class | Red |
| C Class | 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:

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| Mark 48 | N 44 37.1 | W 63 32.6 |
| Mark 82 | A yellow inflatable to windward of the signal boat | |
| Mark 84 | N 44 36.6 | W 63 32.0 |

- 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:
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|-------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| 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 (a) 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.
- (b) When the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' and spacer buoys are not in place, the Race Committee may place yellow inflatable pin marks where the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' and spacer buoy are typically set for the purposes described in 11.3(a).
- 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 (a) 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.
- (b) When the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' and spacer buoys are not in place, the Race Committee may place yellow inflatable pin marks where the 'blue spar buoy with white stripe' and spacer buoy are typically set for the purposes described in 11.3(a).

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 main lounge of the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the Sailing Office on the third floor of the main clubhouse 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 winners in each class at the Annual Awards and Prize Presentations dinner on November 5th, 2010.

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 Coordinator of Racing, Daniel Conrod at (902) 477-5653 ext.100 or at Racecoordinator@rnsys.com, or contact Colin Campbell, Vice Commodore of Sailing at vc_sailing@rnsys.com.