



Canada Day Race

July 1st, 2014

Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS fleet and any other applicable class association shall apply.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1130hrs on the day they will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flag staff in front of the RNSYS Clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1300hrs.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 Races shall be run in Halifax Harbour. The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the racing area and is available online (<http://rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents>) and at the Sailing Office on the third floor of the Clubhouse.
- 6.2 The start area will be near the entrance to the Northwest Arm. The finish line will be off the RNSYS breakwater.
- 6.3 Race committee shall use VHF channel 72 for race communications.

7 THE COURSE

The course shall be announced at the Competitor's Meeting and shall consist of marks taken from the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card.

8 MARKS

8.1 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:

Mark 82	Yellow inflatable
Mark 84	Orange inflatable

8.2 The following navigational buoys shall be passed on their 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

8.3 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.

9 THE START

9.1 Races shall be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a yellow pin start mark on the port side of the signal vessel.

9.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

9.4 The race committee will attempt to broadcast or hail the sail number of boats that are OCS on the VHF channel. 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).

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee vessel signaling the change shall indicate the new course using a list of the new marks and the sides on which they are to be left.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be between a yellow inflatable pin and an orange flag at the Race Hut on the breakwater.

12 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

12.1 Any yacht that interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee and may be denied entry to subsequent events following investigation by Sail Nova Scotia. All yachts are encouraged to monitor VHF channel 12, Halifax Traffic Control, while in Halifax harbour.

12.2 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.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for all boats is 3.5 hours.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within this time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available online (<http://rnsys.com/sailing/race-documents.html>) and from the Sailing Office on the third floor of the Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the Sailing Office on the third floor of the main clubhouse within the protest time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the final boat finishes.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. Mobile telephones shall not be used to obtain information relevant to the race that is not available to all boats.

16 PRIZES

16.1 Results will be announced after racing at 1700hrs during the Pig and Lamb Roast.

16.2 Minor prizes and much applause shall be awarded to the top three (3) finishers.

17 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.

18 INSURANCE

Participating yachts shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the RNSYS Race Director at racedirector@rnsys.com or (902) 477-5653 ext.109 or the Vice Commodore of Sailing at vcsailing@rnsys.com.