

2015 Saturday Series

June 6th – September 26th
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 All aspects of the RNSYS Constitution and Bylaws shall apply.

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 change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 1100hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagstaff in front of the RNSYS Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>First Signal</u>
June 6 th	1300hrs
June 20 th	1300hrs
July 4 th	1300hrs
July 25 th	1300hrs
August 8 th	1300hrs
August 29 th	1300hrs
September 12 th	1300hrs
September 26 th	1300hrs

- 5.2 One race is to be sailed per day.

6 HANDICAPS

- 6.1 Yachts shall compete with handicaps supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee. If no handicap is supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee then the current Sail NS PHRF-NS handicap shall be used. These handicaps cannot be contested during the course of the series.
- 6.2 A list of handicaps supplied by the RNSYS Handicap Committee shall be posted on the official notice board one week prior to the start of the series.

7 SPINNAKER RATING

- 7.1 For each race in the series yachts shall be assumed to be flying a spinnaker and rated as such unless the Signal Boat is informed to the contrary via VHF or voice and a confirmation is received before the preparatory signal for that race

8 CLASSES

All yachts shall race as a single class.

9 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag shall be yellow.

10 RACING AREA

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.html>>.

11 THE COURSES AND MARKS

- 11.1 The course for each race shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 1200 on the day of racing.
- 11.2 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.
- 11.3 The Sail Nova Scotia Course Card shows the marks to be used except that the following changes are to be made:
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| Mark 82 | Yellow inflatable |
| Mark 84 | Orange inflatable |
- 11.4 The following navigational buoys shall be passed on their 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 |

12 INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

- 12.1 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 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.

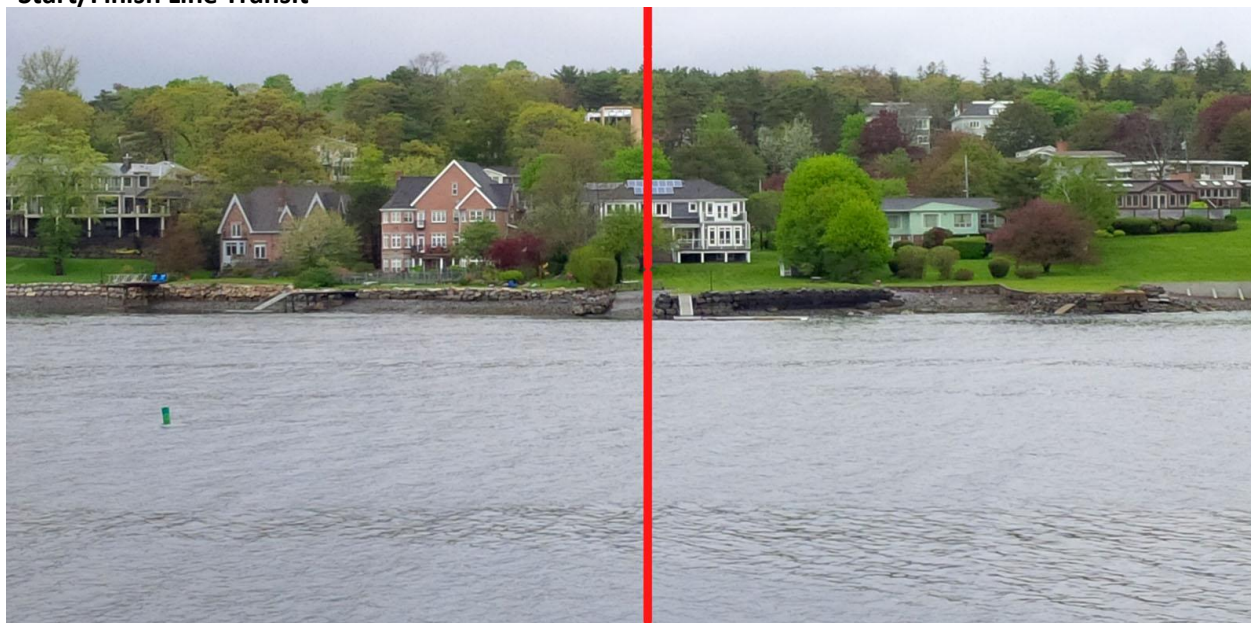
13 THE START

- 13.1 Races shall be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Hut at the end of the club breakwater and a transit formed by the launch ramp opposite the hut and the right side of

the beige building behind the ramp, as per the illustrations below.

- 13.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.
- 13.4 The race committee will attempt to broadcast or hail the sail number of boats that are OCS on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

Start/Finish Line Transit



14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

15 THE FINISH

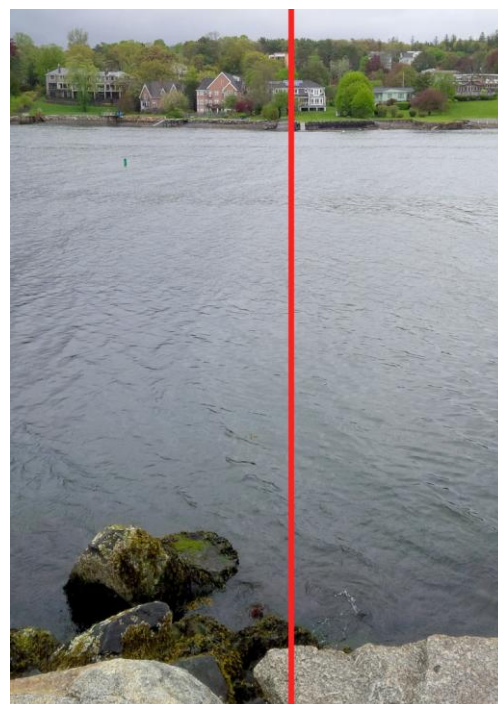
The finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Hut at the end of the club breakwater and a transit formed by the launch ramp opposite the hut and the right side of the beige building behind the ramp, as per the illustrations above and to the right.

16 TIME LIMITS

The time limit is 3.5 hours or 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, whichever is later. Boats failing to finish within these times shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35 and A4.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Director's office on the third floor of the Clubhouse. Protests



shall be delivered to the Race Director's office on the third floor of the main clubhouse within the protest time limit.

- 17.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.
- 17.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled for 1900hrs on the Thursday following the race in question.
- 17.4 The Protest Committee will be a Wednesday Night Race Series committee and formed as per the specifications laid out in the Wednesday Night Race Series Sailing Instructions in effect at the time.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 Races shall be scored individually with no series score recorded.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Prior to her preparatory signal, and after the RC announces that the Check-In is open, each yacht shall inform the RC of her intention to race either via VHF Ch 72 or by sailing past the Race Hut and hailing. The check in shall include the yacht name, sail number and number of persons on board. If a yacht does not intend to fly a spinnaker it should also be announced at this time. Check-in is not complete until a response is received from the RC.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20 PRIZES

No prizes other than the accolades of fellow racers are to be awarded for this series.

21 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.

22 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.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

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