

2015 Keiths/Patagonia Wednesday Night Race Series II



June 24th – August 5th

2015

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 1530hrs 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 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:

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Signal</i>
June 24 th	1830 hrs
July 8 th	1830 hrs
July 15 th	1830 hrs
July 22 nd	1830 hrs
July 29 th	1830 hrs
August 5 th	1830 hrs
- 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.
- 7.2 Yachts shall be placed in classes according to their spinnaker rating. Should a yacht choose not to fly a spinnaker it shall not change the class in which she races.

8 CLASSES

- 8.1 Yachts shall be split into classes based upon their spinnaker rating as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Rating Band</i>
A	< 80
B	80 - 150
C	>150

- 8.2 The Race Committee may decide to move a yacht to a different class in which case they shall notify the yacht in question prior to the start of that yacht's first race of the series.

9 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags shall be:

<u><i>Class</i></u>	<u><i>Flag</i></u>
A	Blue
B	Red
C	Green

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 Prior to the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display for each class the order in which the marks are to be rounded and the side to which they are to be left. 'P' shall indicate a port rounding, 'S' a starboard rounding and 'G' a gate. These shall be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Signal Vessel.
- 11.2 Yachts shall visually identify all marks of the course.
- 11.3 An offset mark may be employed at the weather mark. Boats shall round the offset mark to port after rounding the weather mark. A gate may be employed on any windward-leeward course. When there is a gate boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. Use of a gate will be signaled by display of the letter G on the course board. If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark in position shall be rounded to port
- 11.4 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 |

11.5 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

11.6 The start and finish mark shall be a yellow inflatable.

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 the Signal Boat and the start mark.

13.3 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.

13.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.

13.5 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).

14 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

14.1 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.

14.2 During the race, marks may be repositioned without signal for minor changes in the course. This changes Rule 33.

15 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the finish mark.

16 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class is 2 hours after their respective starts or 45 minutes after the first boat in the class 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 Signal Boat docks.

- 17.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled for 1900hrs on the Thursday following the race in question.
- 17.4 The Protest Committee will be made up of the winner of each class from the previous week and will be headed by the Race Director. Should any member of the Committee be a party to a protest they shall be removed from the Committee for that protest. Should the Race Director be unable to head the Committee he shall arrange a substitute.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3 The series shall be scored according to rule A9 with the exception that boats scored DNC shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.

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 stern of the Signal Boat 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

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class for each race. The top three finishers for each class for the series will be recognized at the Annual Awards and Prize Presentation dinner on November 7th, 2015.

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.