



PRINCE OF WALES REGATTA



Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron
September 19th, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3 Boats shall compete with equipment that is compliant with their Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS certificate.
- 1.4 Boats shall abide by the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS recommended crew limits as outlined in the table below:

LOA (feet)	Max Crew	LOA (feet)	Max Crew
Below 20	4	38, 39	11
20, 21, 22	5	40, 41	12
23, 24, 25	6	42, 43	13
26, 27, 28	7	44, 45	14
29, 30, 31	8	46, 47	15
32, 33, 34	9	48, 49	16
35, 36, 37	10	50 and up	17

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at the entrance to the Ward Room.
- 2.2 Competing yachts shall monitor VHF channel 72 for broadcasts to competitors and general race committee communications.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagstaff on the North East side of the RNSYS Club House.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

- 4.3 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 Date of racing: Saturday, September 19th.
5.2 Should any race be incomplete on Saturday, September 19th, it shall be re-scheduled for Sunday, September 20th. Further re-scheduling will be announced as needed.
5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100 hrs.

6 HANDICAPS

Yachts shall have a valid Sail Nova Scotia PHRF rating listed on the Sail Nova Scotia yacht database. Boats not listed on this database will be given a provisional handicap at the time of registration. This provisional handicap cannot be contested during the course of the regatta.

7 CLASSES

<u>Name</u>	<u>PHRF-NS band</u>
Prince of Wales	<65
Wenonah	66 - 90
Oland-Passow	91 - 135

8 CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Prince of Wales	Blue
Wenonah	Red
Oland-Passow	Green

9 RACING AREAS

Racing shall take place in Halifax Harbour and its approaches.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 Courses shall be constructed using marks as described in the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card and SI 10.2.
10.2 When marks 82 or 84 are listed as a mark of the course, the race committee shall display 1) a bearing relative to the previous mark or 2) a bearing relative to the signal boat if the mark is to be used as the first windward mark of the course.
10.3 Prior to the warning signal for each class the signal boat shall display the course to be sailed for that class by listing the numbers corresponding to the marks to be rounded and the side on which they are to be left on a course board mounted on the starboard side of the signal vessel.
10.4 Boats shall visually identify all marks of the course as the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card is to be used as a guide, not as an official navigational aid.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Marks shall be as described by the Sail Nova Scotia Course Card except as described in SI 11.2.
11.2 Mark 82 shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. Mark 84 shall be an orange inflatable tetrahedron.
11.3 The starting and finishing mark shall be an inflatable yellow pin.

12 PROHIBITED AREAS

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

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 port side of the signal boat and the start mark.
- 13.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

14 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be sighted between a staff displaying an orange flag and the finishing mark on the port side of the signal boat.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 6.5 hours or 90 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, whichever is later, shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Director's office located on the third floor of the main clubhouse. Protest forms shall be submitted to the Race Director's office within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 1 hour after the signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board in the Ward Room within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 The race shall be scored using time on time PHRF handicapping and handicaps listed in the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS database.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Boats are required to check in with the race committee prior to the warning signal once the signal boat is in position. Check in may be done by VHF Channel 72 or by verbal confirmation with a race official on the signal boat. The check in shall include the yacht name, sail number and number of persons on board. Check-in is not complete until a response is received from the RC.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Any boat that interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship will be subject to protest and possibly disqualification. Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the race committee and requests for redress may be made.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications 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.
- 21.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 as the primary working channel.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 The Prince of Wales Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Prince of Wales class.
- 22.2 The Wenonah Cup will be awarded to the first place boat in the Wenonah class.
- 22.3 The Oland-Passow Trophy will be awarded to the first place boat in the Oland-Passow class.

23 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.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 CAD per event or the equivalent.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Additional information may be provided via the RNSYS website (<http://www.rnsys.com>), RNSYS e-mail blasts, through the RNSYS Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/rnsys>) and Twitter feed (@RNSYS).
- 25.2 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 vc sailing@rnsys.com.