

**Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and Burlington Sailing & Boating Club
2016 Racing Series**

Amendment 1 - to the Sailing Instructions

Delete SI 7.1 and replace with the following

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Hamilton Harbour. Amended Attachment A shows the location and identification number of the fixed marks in the racing area, as well as areas designated as obstructions in instruction 10.

Delete SI 9.2 and replace with the following

- 9.2 Fixed mark 5 is a navigation buoy. Drop marks are either orange inflatables or yellow inflatables.

Delete SI 16 and replace with the following

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Breaches of instruction 16.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), protests. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.2 The racing area within Hamilton Harbour (see SI 7.1 and Attachment A) includes waters frequently used for **commercial shipping traffic**. All competitors are expected to familiarize themselves with the Collision Regulations including the Canadian Modifications.
(Reference: http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1416/)
Particular attention shall be given to Schedule 1 and to “*vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre*” which applies to all commercial shipping traffic in the harbour and to Rule 8 parts (a) and (b) describing that actions to avoid collision shall be simple and large enough to be readily apparent. Competitors shall be alert for sound signals from commercial vessels when they are getting underway and take immediate action to avoid collision. If a commercial vessel sounds a rapid sequence of sound signals competitors shall immediately use their auxiliary motors to leave the area with the expectation of race abandonment. In the case of competitors in our races, this means significant and immediate changes of course to avoid the path of the approaching commercial vessel as quickly as possible. This will require use of auxiliary motors in conditions of light / variable winds. Smaller changes of course to avoid the collision but also maintain direction of the race course should be avoided. Failure to make immediate and readily apparent changes of course to avoid the commercial traffic shall be grounds for protest and or disqualification.
- 16.3 The race committee shall make efforts to determine the commercial traffic movements scheduled during the racing period and avoid the setting of race courses near the primary commercial routes along the southern & south eastern shoreline of the harbour. As commercial traffic schedules can change, failure of the race committee to set a course completely free of any commercial movements shall not be grounds for redress.
- 16.4 In the event that a commercial vessel does enter the race course or approaches the racing fleet, the race committee shall at it’s discretion determine to abandon the race for all fleets and communicate this using the traditional sound & visual signals. The race committee may also communicate such an abandonment to the fleet using VHF international channel 72.

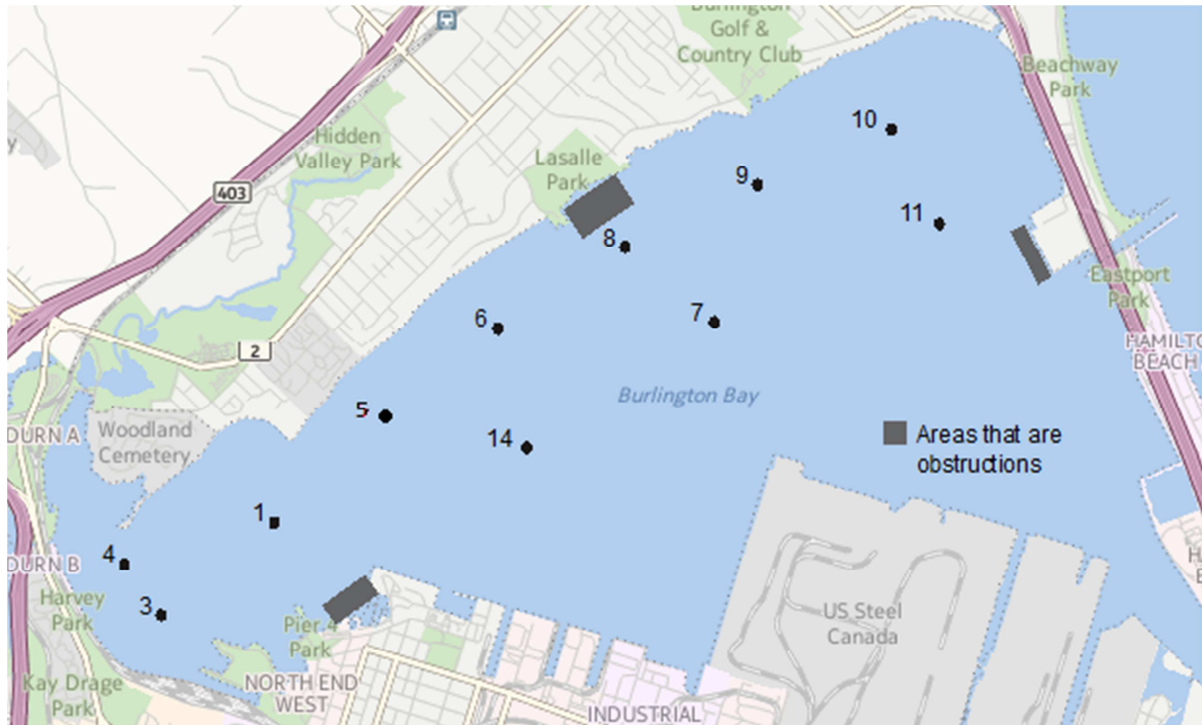
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Add SI 17.4 with the following

- 17.4 **All competitors shall monitor VHF international channel 72 while racing** in order to receive communications from the race committee regarding safety hazards, commercial shipping movements, abandonments and time limit expiries.

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Amended Attachment A
Approximate location of race marks, 2016



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