

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and Burlington Sailing & Boating Club

2017 Interclub Racing Series - May 23 to September 28, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 19, 2017

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3 The PHRF Rules will apply to boats racing in PHRF divisions. The Portsmouth Rules will apply to boats racing in the Dinghy and Multi-hull divisions. One design classes are subject to their class rules.
- 1.4 A member in good standing of either RHYC or BS&BC must be on board while racing.
- 1.5 Instruction 11.4 changes rule A4, scoring.
Instruction 13.2 changes rule 35, time limits and scores, and rule A4, scoring.
Instruction 14.5 changes rule 64.1, penalties and exoneration.
Instruction 15.1 changes rule A9, race scores in a series longer than a regatta.
Instruction 16 changes rule 60.1(a), right to protest.
Instruction 17.2 changes rule 41, outside help.
Instruction 17.3 changes rule 62.1(a), redress.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located on the dock adjacent to the BBQ dock at BS&BC, near the marina entrance at BS&BC, and at the Evergreen Patio at RHYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1715 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole to the north of the RHYC clubhouse and at the dock in front of the BS&BC race committee signal boat's slip.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

Unofficial practice races: May 16 & 18, 2017

Spring series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 23 to June 15, 2017

Summer series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 20 to August 24, 2017

Fall series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 29 to September 28, 2017

5.2 Number of races:

One race per day is scheduled.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1825 for the practice races, Spring series, and Summer series. For the Fall series, the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1805.

6 CLASS FLAGS; WARNING SIGNALS; BACKSTAY FLAGS

6.1 Class flags, warning signals and backstay flags

Class	PHRF Speed Potential	Warning Signal Flag	Code Flag	Backstay Flag
Shark		Numeral Pennant 1	D	
Ranger 22		Numeral Pennant 2	E	
NFS3	226+	Numeral Pennant 2	E	White
FS4	178+	Numeral Pennant 2	F	Yellow
NFS2	186-225	Numeral Pennant 3	J	Black
FS3	156-177	Numeral Pennant 3	O	Blue
NFS1	0-185	Numeral Pennant 4	Q	Pink
FS2	91-155	Numeral Pennant 4	R	Orange
FS1	0-90	Numeral Pennant 5	K	Green
Multihull		Numeral Pennant 6	V	

6.2 When a race signal is displayed with a class flag or flags, the race signal applies to that class or those classes only.

6.3 Class divisions will be reviewed at the end of the Spring series prior to the beginning of the Summer series. Check the official notice boards prior to Summer series racing to confirm.

6.4 Competitors wishing to change divisions must notify the BSBC & RHYC race managers no less than 14 days prior to the start of the series, otherwise previous division registration will remain unchanged for the upcoming series.

6.5 Competitors shall not be permitted to change divisions between 14 days before the start of the series and the completion of the series.

7 RACING AREAS

- 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.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The identification number of fixed marks and/or the letters DMO (orange drop mark) and/or DMY (yellow drop mark) shall be displayed, in the order that they are to be rounded or passed, from the stern of the race committee signal boat as follows:

RHYC Race Committee

Upper board: NFS1, NFS2, NFS3 and Ranger 22's

Lower board: Sharks, FS1, FS2, FS3, FS4 and Multi-hulls

BSBC Race Committee

Upper Left: NFS1, NFS2, NFS3 and Ranger 22's

Lower Left: Sharks, FS1, FS2, FS3, FS4 and Multi-hulls

- 8.2 When the designated course is followed by X2, boats shall sail the course twice; when the designated course is followed by X3, boats shall sail the course three times.
- 8.3 When a red flag is displayed from the race committee signal boat, marks are to be left to port
When a green flag is displayed from the race committee signal boat, marks are to be left to starboard.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Fixed marks 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14 and 15 are poles with yellow buckets on top. The identification number of these fixed marks is displayed on the bucket.
- 9.2 Fixed mark 5 is a navigation buoy. Drop marks are either orange inflatables or yellow inflatables.
- 9.3 The Starting mark will be the first mark of the course as described in SI 8.1. The finishing mark will be the last mark of the course as described in instruction 8.1.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas designated as obstructions: all mooring areas in the harbour and the area between CCIW and its break wall.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or orange triangle on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or orange triangle on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for each race are as follows:

Races in May will have a time limit of 2045.

Races held in June and July will have a time limit of 2100.

Races held from August 1st-18th will be 2045.

Races held between August 19th-31st will be 2030.

Races held between September 1st -14th will be 2000.

Races held after September 15th will be 1945. (be aware the final races may be after sunset)

13.2 Boats failing to finish before the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13.3 When the time limit expires the race committee will remove visual signals and make one long sound signal.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the RHYC official notice board and in the hall outside of the office at RHYC and at the BSBC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee chairperson, RHYC VC Yachting Dave Vollans or the RHYC bar supervisor, BSBC race manager Rob DeWitte or Bob Duggan or an assigned designate, within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the applicable time limit as per 13.1

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the board room, located at RHYC, beginning at 1900 on the Monday following the delivery of the protest. If the Monday following the delivery of a protest falls on a holiday, then the hearing will take place on the Wednesday following the holiday.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 A boat found to have broken rule 55 (trash disposal) may be given a warning or a penalty, at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes rule 64.1, penalties and exonerations.

15 SCORING

15.1 To qualify for the series a boat shall have scores other than DNC in at least 2 races in the spring series, 4 races in the summer series and 2 races in the fall series.

15.2 At the conclusion of a series, scores of boats that failed to qualify for the series will be excluded and the scores of other boats will be recalculated. This changes rule A9.

15.3 The scores for practice races will not included in any series.

15.4 For each Summer series:

- a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- e) Ten races are scheduled for the Summer Tuesday series and ten races are scheduled for Summer Thursday series. A boat's score for a Summer series overall will be the sum of her Tuesday series net score and Thursday series net score, no tiebreakers will be calculated.

15.5 For each Spring and Fall series:

- a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- c) Four races are scheduled for the Spring Tuesday series and Four races are scheduled for the Spring Thursday series.
- d) Five races are scheduled for the Fall Tuesday series and five races are scheduled for the Fall Thursday series.

15.6 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Tuesday series or Thursday series.

15.7 To determine the winner of the Bay Championship, points will be awarded to RHYC or BS&BC for each completed Tuesday or Thursday race in PHRF divisions for which at least 40% RHYC or BSBC boats are competing as follows: First place: 4 points, Second place: 3 points, Third place: 2 points, Fourth place: 1 point.

15.8 To determine the winner of the RHYC Shark of the Year, overall NFS and overall FS trophies, all sharks will be combined into one division, all NFS boats will be combined into one division, all FS boats will be combined into a separate division. Within those respective divisions, all races in the Spring, Summer and Fall series will be counted excluding her X worst scores. X is to be calculated by taking the number of completed races and dividing by six. Fractional results are to be rounded down.

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/page-3.html#h-8)
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 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.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 17.2 A boat racing or intending to race may communicate with another boat or the race committee in the case of an emergency or to relay a message. This changes rule 41.
- 17.3 The race committee may communicate with boats using VHF international channel 72. These broadcasts may include the countdown to signal flags and sounds, course information, boats who are OCS, abandonment signals and time limit expiries. It is strongly encouraged that each boat has a VHF radio on board capable of receiving these communications. Failure of the race committee to make such broadcasts or of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to the first three boats in each division with four or more boats registered for: Spring Tuesday series, Spring Thursday series, Summer Tuesday series, Summer Thursday series, Summer series overall, Fall Tuesday series, and Fall Thursday series.
- 18.2 The club with the highest cumulative score in item 18.1 above will be presented the Bay Championship trophy.
- 18.3 These prizes will be presented at combined RHYC and BS&BC Awards Nights. The tentative date for Spring Series awards is June 22 at BSBC. The tentative date for Summer and Fall Series awards is October 12 at RHYC.
- 18.4 Additional prizes and trophies may be presented in accordance with the traditions of each club at their annual Awards Night. A list of specific trophies is available at each club.
- 18.5 To qualify for a prize in a series, a boat shall have raced 40% of all races completed for that series.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A:

Approximate location of race marks, 2017.

