



Nuts 4 Ribs Regatta Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (*RRS*), the prescriptions of the Canadian Yacht Racing Association, the Notice of Race, and by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated a Category “C” Event.

2. Entries

The yacht owner must be a current member of their national governing body, i.e.: local sailors must be a member of the Canadian Yachting Association. Your CYA card or similar proof of membership in a national governing body may be requested at registration.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Dartmouth Yacht Club Clubhouse notice board at least one hour before the start of races affected.

4. Schedule

Friday, August 21st 1800-2000 hrs. Registration
Saturday, August 22nd 1100-1200 hrs. Registration
1200hrs. Skippers Meeting
1300hrs. First gun

Classes A Handicap Class, B Handicap Class, and Non-spinnaker (Cruiser). The Handicap split for A and B Class will be finalized after the registration has been completed.

5. Handicaps

Performance Handicap Racing Fleet handicap numbers as determined by Nova Scotia Yachting Association will be used.

6. Course

The course will be posted on the Race Committee boat prior to the first gun.

7. The Start.

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with Classes starting at five-minute intervals. The order of start will be as follows: A Handicap, B Handicap, and Cruiser.

8. The Start Line

The starting line will be between a staff displaying the RC flag on the Race Committee boat and Navy Island buoy HY2 (mark # 11 on the DYC course card).

9. Starting Penalty

Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule is in effect for all races.

10. Shorten Course

Shorten course will be signaled near the mark at which the race is to finish, by a boat displaying code flag "S" and making two sound signals. Yachts are to finish between that mark and code flag "S" on the RC boat.

11. The Finish

The finish line will be between the Race Committee Flag on the Committee Boat and Navy Island buoy (HY2) unless shorten course is signalled.

12. Time Limit

Time limits are as follows: 16:30 hrs for the first boat in each class. If one or more boats in a class finish before 16:30 hrs, the time limit for the remainder of the boats in that class will be EITHER 16:30 hrs OR 1 hour after the first boat finished, whichever is later. The Race Committee displays N over A plus the class flag to indicate when the time limit has expired for each class.

13. Protests

Protests shall be written on forms, available at the clubhouse, and logged with a race official within one hour of the last boat of the class crossing the finish line within the time limit.

14. Safety Requirements

All yachts shall carry safety equipment to Transport Canada minimum standards.

15. Interference with Shipping

- a. Any yacht which interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship will be disqualified by the Race Committee, and may be denied entry into subsequent events following investigation by either the DYC or NSYA.
- b. Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee, and requests for redress under RRS Rule 42 may be made.

16. Insurance

All yachts are required to carry valid public-liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 and may be asked to produce evidence of coverage to the Race Committee at time of registration.

17. Class Flags

Class Flags shall be Class A, blue; Class B, red; and Class C, yellow.

18. Garbage

Yachts shall not discharge garbage overboard. Witnesses to such behavior are encouraged to act under RRS Rules, Protests by Yachts