



Opening Regatta
Sailing Instructions



June 5 – 7, 2009

1. RULES

1.1. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Canadian Yacht Racing Association, and this Notice of Race except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. Dartmouth Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) and Protest Committee will have final authority on all matters.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Dartmouth Yacht Club clubhouse prior to the start.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the Skippers Meeting on the day it will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1800 - 2100	Thursday June 4 th	Registration.
1500 - 2000	Friday June 5 th	Registration.
1730	Friday June 5 th	Ocean Race Skipper's meeting.
1825	Friday June 5 th	Ocean Race warning signal for Premier other Classes follow at 5 minute intervals.
1000 - 1100	Saturday June 6 th	Registration
1200 - 1215	Saturday June 6 th	Bedford Basin Skipper's Meeting
1300	Saturday June 6 th	First start warning signal other classes follow at 5 minute intervals
1200 - 1215	Sunday June 7 th	Bedford Basin Skipper's Meeting
1300	Sunday June 7 th	First warning signal other classes follow at 5 minute intervals

5.0 MARKS

- 5.1 The finishing mark will be between the committee boat and Navy Island Buoy (HY2).
- 5.2 Honoured Marks: Navigation marks Pleasant Shoal (H19), Ives Knoll West (H22), and Ives Knoll North (HT2) shall be honoured in a customary manner both when leaving and entering Halifax Harbour.
- 5.3 The area known as Sambro Ledges as defined by drawing a line connecting marks HE19, HD3, HS, HE2, HE3 shall be considered out of bounds. Any yacht found to have entered this area shall be disqualified from the race.

6. THE COURSES

- 6.1 The course for the Ocean Race shall be posted at the skippers meeting Friday, June 5th and a printed copy shall be included with these sailing instructions at that time.
- 6.2 The courses for each class participating in the Basin races shall be determined by the RC and shall be either selected from the DYC Course Card list or an alternative course not on the course card may be selected. The course shall be posted on the RC Boat prior to the first warning.

7. THE START

- 7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 7.2 The Start line will be between the RC Flag staff on the RC boat and Navy Island buoy HY2 (Mark#11 on the DYC course card).

8. POSITION REPORT PRIOR TO FINISHING

For the accurate recording of finishing times, yachts are requested to call the Race Committee by cellular phone, to report when rounding HK4 prior to finishing the Race. This will ensure the Race Committee will be on the Finish Line to record the official finishing time. This is especially important for yachts finishing after dark. As a backup, race committee will also be monitoring channel 68. In addition to the call, a position report sheet must be filled out with your GPS time at HK4 and filed with the race committee before the 17:00 Sunday June 7, 2009. This alters RRS 41.

9. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between Committee boat and Navy Island buoy (HY2).

10. Shorten Course

- 10.1 In the event of a shortened course for the Ocean Race, the course will be shortened between the committee boat and HK4 buoy.
- 10.2 In the event of a shortened course for the Basin Race, 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. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule is in effect for all races regardless of which warning flag is used by the Race Committee. This alters RRS 30.1.

12. TIME LIMITS

Time limits are as follows:

Ocean Race: Sunday, June 7th 2009, 1600 hours. Race Committee displays N over A.

Basin Races: Saturday, June 6th 2009 1700 hours;

Sunday, June 7th 2009 1600 hours.

This alters RRS 35.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

For each class, the protest time limit is 1 hour after the Race Committee has arrived at the Clubhouse. This alters RRS 61.3.

14. SCORING

The scoring system is as follows: Low point system.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. OFFICIAL BOATS

16.1 Official Race Committee boat will be marked as follows: RC Flag.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 VHF Required: All yachts competing in the Ocean Race shall be fitted with an operating VHF radio. Yachts shall monitor VHF channels 12 and 14 as appropriate while in Halifax Harbour VTS zone and channel 16 throughout the remainder of the Race. For purposes of reporting prior to finishing, the Race Committee can be contacted on channel 68. This alters RRS 41.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 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.

20. INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

20.1 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 NSYA.

21 **PROPULSION**

- 21.1 Engines may be used in an emergency which includes avoiding a collision with a commercial or naval vessel, avoiding grounding, and in coming to the aid of a vessel in distress. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee, and requests for redress may be made. This alters RRS Rule 42.

