



Sailing Instructions

Wednesday Night
Racing

May 20th to Oct. 14th
2009



RULES:

The 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, (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by these sailing instructions. The regatta is designated a Category “C” Event. The Dartmouth Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) and Protest Committee shall have final jurisdiction on all matters.

ENTRIES:

All owners must be a current member of the Dartmouth Yacht Club. Eligible boats must be registered 15 minutes before the warning signal by signing the appropriate class registration sheet. Registration will take place at DYC Clubhouse.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (white board near the bar) located at the Club House prior to start.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 5:30 p.m. on the day it will take effect.

SCHEDULE OF RACES:

The scheduled time of the start for the first class race of the spring and summer series is 6:15 p.m. It will be 6:00 p.m. for the fall series. There will be an additional warning of several short horn blasts one minute prior to the first warning signal.

CLASSES:

Class	Flag	Handicap Range
Non-Spin D	DYC Class D	224 and higher
Non-Spin C	DYC Class C	223 and lower
Spin B	Code Flag B	159 and higher
Spin A	BLUE	158 and lower

RACING AREAS:

Racing will take place in Bedford Basin in the area defined on the course card or on the course board located on the committee boat. The Course selection is determined by the race committee and

communicated to each boat via the course card or posted course on the course board displayed on the RC boat.

MARKS:

The starting and finishing marks will be determined by the race committee. Marks used for Monday and Wednesday night racing are outlined on the DYC course card.

THE COURSES:

The course for each class is 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.

SHORTEN OR ABANDON COURSE:

After the starting signal the Race Committee may shorten the course (display flag S over the class flag or flags and 2 sounds) or abandon the race (display flag N over the class flag or flags and 3 sounds). If the Race Committee signals a shortened course the course shall be for the first boat in a fleet to round the next mark of the course and proceed to finish by crossing the finish line in accordance with the RRS. That mark will become the last mark on the course for that class prior to the finish. If a boat is not on the same leg of the course as the first boat in its fleet it must still round any other course marks on the legs remaining between its location and the new last mark and then finish.

In the alternative if the Race Committee shortens course the Race Committee may move the finish line to a position between a race mark of the course and the Race Committee boat. The Race Committee shall also attempt to communicate shorten or abandon on VHF channel 68, but failure to do so shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 32.

THE START:

Wednesday night racing will begin at 6:15 in the spring and summer series and 6:00 in the fall series. The order of starts shall be Class D, Class C, Class B, and Class A. Any fleet with 4 or fewer boats shall be started with another fleet as determined by the RC, but the results of the race will be calculated with each boats respective fleet and not blended together. When starting 2 fleets together the RC shall display both fleet flags in the starting sequence used in RRS 26. Two fleets starting together may sail the same or different courses as determined by the Race Committee and communicated by the RC orally, by VHF channel 68 and by posting the course on the course board. Failure to post any change of the starting order on the notice board at the DYC club house or communicate with any boat by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 25, 26 and 41.

The time for each class start unless otherwise indicated by the RC is:

Time	Class	Flag	
6:15 (6:00 Fall series)	Non-Spin D	DYC Class D	
6:20 (6:05 Fall series)	Non-Spin C	DYC Class C	
6:25 (6:10 Fall series)	Spin B	DYC Class B	
6:30 (6:15 Fall series)	Spin A (Blue)	DYC Class A	

Races will be started in compliance with rule 26. The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

START LINE:

The start line will be between the RC Flag staff on the Race Committee boat and Navy Island buoy HY2 (mark #11 on the DYC course card) and extends in both directions.

THE FINISH:

The starting and finishing marks will be determined by the race committee. It will be a standard finish between the committee boat and Navy Island buoy HY2. The RC may use another mark for the pin end of the line. Crossing between the committee boat and the mark in compliance with the RRS definition of *finish* is required to finish.

STARTING PENALTY:

Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule is in effect regardless of which Preparatory flag is displayed by the Race Committee. This alters RRS 30.1.

TIME LIMITS:

Time limits are as follows: 8:30 p.m. for the first boat in each class. If one or more boats in a class finish before 8:30 pm, the time limit for the remainder of the boats in that class will be 30 minutes after the first boat in the class finishes. No race shall be extended beyond 8:59:59 p.m. If no boat in a fleet finishes before the 8:30 p.m. deadline the race shall be abandoned. The Race Committee displays N over A and the class flag or flags with 3 sounds (racing done for the day) to indicate when the time limit has expired for each class. The RC will also attempt to hail the class affected on VHF 68 of the abandonment. Failure by the RC to do so shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 32, 35 and 41.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

Protest forms are available at official notice board and office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has arrived at the Clubhouse.

HANDICAPS:

Performance Handicap Racing Fleet handicaps listed in the current NSYA list will be used unless a club handicap system is adopted.

SCORING:

The scoring system is as follows: Low point system with two drops in each of the spring, summer, and fall series.

SAFETY REGULATIONS:

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

EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS:

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the NSYA class rule, the RRS and Equipment Rules, and the sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

OFFICIAL BOATS:

The official race committee boat shall be marked as follows: RC Flag.

RADIO COMMUNICATION:

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

All RC notices will be broadcasted over channel 68 VHF with corresponding visual and sound

aids. A failure by the RC to broadcast over channel 68 shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 41.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

INSURANCE:

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 per event, or the equivalent.

