



Opening Regatta May 18-20, 2018 Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the current International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of SailCanada, and the rules of the class(es) concerned, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All AYC races are designated Category “A” events.

2 Entries

- 2.1 All boats involved in racing must be in compliance with RRS 78. Eligible boats must be registered 15 minutes before the Warning Signal of the first class by signing the appropriate Class Registration Sheet.
- 2.2 All skippers must be a member of a sailing or yacht club recognized by the Sail Canada in accordance with RRS 75. Proof of membership is a requirement of registration.
- 2.3 Skippers’ Meetings to communicate last minute information and discuss any concerns will be held at the AYC clubhouse 1200 on both Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20.
- 2.4 AYC will accept Boats for registration from 1730 to 2000 Friday May 18 and from 1000 to 1230 Saturday May 19. The regatta registration fee is \$50.00 per boat.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the AYC Clubhouse.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 1200 on the day it will take effect.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the AYC Race Hut on the East side of Melville Island.
- 5.2 Code flag “AP”, Answering Pennant, with two sound signals means ‘The race is postponed’.

- 5.3 After a postponement, the first gun will be 30 minutes after code flag “AP”, is lowered with one sound signal.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 First race of each class Saturday – First class start warning signal 1300.
Second race of each class Sunday – First class start warning signal 1300.
- 6.2 The starting sequence will be from the “fastest” class to the slowest class.
The “fastest” class will start at 1305, the next “fastest” class will start at 1310, and so on.
The class starting flags will be described at the skippers’ meeting. The 5,4,1 minute starting sequence will be used. Class “colours” will be determined at the skippers’ meeting. Each boat should display its class “colour” on its backstay during racing.
- 6.3 One race will be run for each class per day (conditions permitting).

7 Classes

- 7.1 Handicap classes will be determined depending on the number of entrants. A minimum of 4 boats will be required to constitute a class.
- 7.2 The PHRF-NS handicap numbers that will determine the handicap; class splits will be announced at the skippers’ meeting.

8 Handicaps

- 8.1 For Handicap classes, PHRF-NS Area Ratings will be used. Races will be scored using “time on time” Time Correction Factors (TCFs). Each boat’s corrected time will be calculated by multiplying its elapsed time by its recommended TCF (including the boat’s current declared adjustments) as published on the Sail Nova Scotia website.
- 8.2 A new boat having no PHRF-NS Rating shall apply to the Race Committee for a provisional rate at least one hour prior to her first race.

9 Racing Courses

- 9.1 The race courses for the various classes will be displayed on the official AYC Notice Board in the AYC clubhouse at 1200 each day before the race.
- 9.2 Courses will be set using marks from the Sail Nova Scotia Halifax Harbour Race Marks Sheet. This sheet will be included in your registration package.
- 9.3 The race Starting Line is defined as running from a Pole on top of the AYC Race Hut on the East side of Melville Island to the outer Start Mark on the East side of the Northwest Arm. Boats must also pass between the Inner and Outer Start Marks to start.
- 9.4 Starting Penalties- Rule 30.1 (The-Around-The-Ends-Rule) will be adhered to. The Race Committee need not display Flag “I”.
- 9.5 The race Finish Line (same as the Start Line) is defined as running from a Pole on top of the AYC Race Hut on the East side of Melville Island to the Outer Start Mark on the East side of the Northwest Arm. A boat finishes when she crosses the transit, whilst on course, that passes between the Inner and Outer Start Marks.
- 9.6 The courses may be shortened if warranted by the conditions.
- 9.7 A boat that has been protested by another boat without causing significant damage may exonerate itself by taking a penalty as described in Rule 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty)

10 Prohibited Areas

- 10.1 Boats shall not sail in the prohibited areas and the following navigational buoys shall be passed on their proper side, unless they are designated as marks of the course: Hen and Chickens (HQ2), Purcell's Cove (HQ1), Pleasant Shoal (H19), Ives Knoll North (HT2) and Ives Knoll West (H22).

11 Time Limits

- 11.1 A 5 hour time limit for the first boat of each class is imposed.
11.2 All other boats must finish within 1.5 hours of the first boat in its class.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 All races for each class will count in this regatta. There will be no race results thrown out. The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix "A" of the Racing Rules of Sailing using the Low Point System.
12.2 Ties within a class will be broken as per the Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix "A".
12.3 An overall Regatta winner will be determined by the boat having the lowest score in all the classes.

13 Races rescheduled

- 13.1 No races will be rescheduled.

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the AYC Clubhouse.
14.2 For each class the protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This alters rules (RRS) 61.3 and 62.2

15 Radio Communications

- 15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. Communication with the Race Committee will be the exception to this rule.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Boats must be equipped as required by the Canadian Coast Guard.
16.2 Boats having a minimum freeboard in excess of 20 inches (50cm) may be required to demonstrate means of retrieving a crew overboard.
16.3 Random safety inspections may be carried out by the Race Committee. Any Safety equipment deficiency may be grounds for penalty, including disqualification, at the discretion of the Protest Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42.

17 Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes for regatta class winners will be presented after the races on Sunday.
- 17.2 Trophies will be presented at the AYC Commodore's Ball in November for winners of each class plus the overall winner of the regatta.

18 Interference with Shipping and Rowers

- 18.1 Any boat which interferes with the orderly passage of navel or commercial shipping may be subject to disqualification from the race. Such disqualification shall be reported to Sail Nova Scotia and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry into future events.
- 18.2 Boats interfering with rowing vessels may be subject to disqualification from the race.
- 18.3 Engines may be used in an emergency. Details of the emergency must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42

19 Withdrawal or disablement

- 19.1 Boats withdrawing or disabled shall report same to the Race Committee. This is to prevent needless emergencies and non-compliance shall be reported to Sail Nova Scotia, and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry to future events.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the AYC races 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 an AYC race or regatta.

21 Insurance

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall carry personal liability/protection & indemnity coverage of not less than one million dollars. To be eligible to race each skipper/owner must sign a declaration of insurance coverage.

22 Garbage

- 22.1 Boats are not to discharge overboard. Witnesses to such acts are encouraged to take action under RRS 60.