



Chester Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2011

Version 1.1

1 RULES

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)
- 1.2 Eligible Yachts may be entered by completing registration at the Chester Yacht Club, including remitting a copy of their insurance to the Race Committee. Multi Hulls are not eligible for Racing at Chester Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The Helmsperson of the participating Yacht shall be a member in good standing of CYC or if a visitor then a member of a recognised National Sailing Authority. Trophies may only be won by CYC Members.
- 1.4 The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association shall apply. These may be found on the CYA website, www.sailing.ca.
- 1.5 Bluenose Class rules shall be used for all Bluenose Class racing. Other classes may advise the racing committee of their desire to race under their respective class rules. When there is a conflict between a class rule and a CYC requirement such as may be found in a Deed of Gift, the latter shall prevail.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the West Side of the Clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted one hour before the race affected except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1800 hrs before the day it will take effect.

4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Signal Mast on the West End of the CYC Wharf.

5 Schedule of Races

The Schedule of Races is shown on the Chester Yacht Club Calendar of the current year.

6 Racing Area

The Racing Area is defined by the sketch on the CYC Course Card of the current year.

7 The Course

- 7.1 The course to be raced will be displayed on the West Side of the CYC Wharf or on the Signal Boat. This may be displayed as:
- 7.2 A board marked 'CC' followed by a number - this then refers to the corresponding set course on the CYC course card, or;
- 7.3 A board marked 'M' followed by a series of numbered boards, which refer to the numbered marks on the CYC Course Card. If this is used then the colour of the numbered board indicates the side (Red/Port or Green/Starboard) on which the mark must be passed.
- 7.4 Courses displayed on the race committee boat may use either set course numbers (CC) or a series of numbers corresponding to CYC racing marks, and aids to navigation, with a P (port) or S (starboard) to indicate the side on which the mark must be passed. A mark number followed by a G indicates a gate shall be present at that mark.
- 7.5 For races requiring a set course such as the Inner Island race, the course to be sailed shall be available at the CYC bar no later than 2 hrs before race start time.

8 Marks

Marks may be moored navigational aids, moored club marks which are generally yellow or laid marks which may be tetrahedrons or similar.

9 Class Flags

The following class flags will be used:

A Class – Red

B Class – Light blue

Free for All – F Flag

Classic – White

Bluenose – Black B on a white circle on a blue background, with red bars at either end.

Cruiser – Green

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal being given five minutes before the Starting Signal. An Attention Signal may be given one minute before the warning signal.
- 10.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made one (1) minute after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.3 The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and either Chester Rock Buoy (MAA) or a tetrahedron. When a tetrahedron is present on a bearing approximately 90 degrees to the wind direction, it shall be the pin end of the start line.
- 10.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.5 A Yacht starting later than five minutes after her start will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11 Changes of Course after the Start

- 11.1 Change of Course will be signalled before the leading yacht has begun the leg. Code Flag "C" will be displayed by the Signal Boat; a numbered board with the new Mark(s) will be displayed and the letter P (port) or S (starboard) to indicate the side on which the new mark must be passed.
- 11.2 Shorten Course will be carried out per Rule 32.2.

12 The Finish

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between an orange staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and either Chester Rock Buoy (MAA) or a tetrahedron. When both Chester Rock Buoy and a tetrahedron are present, the finish line shall be between the tetrahedron and the Signal boat.
- 12.2 The Race committee may make a sound signal at the finish of each boat. The presence or absence of a sound signal shall not be grounds for a right to redress by any boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

13 The Penalty System

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 shall be in effect.
- 13.2 In addition, a yacht who realizes after finishing , but before protests are heard, that she has broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, may choose to accept a 20% scoring penalty as outlined in rule 44.3 (c) Such penalty shall not be less than 1 place. Acceptance of this penalty must be communicated to the RO, prior to any protests being heard.
- 13.3 For the Bluenose Class, Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Applies only when racing as a class.

14 Time Limit

- 14.1 The Time Limit for afternoon races shall be six hours from the start of the first boat, class or fleet, except for the George Baker and Outer Islands Races which shall be seven hours. Yachts failing to finish within these time limits will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.2 Afternoon races shall not be postponed more than 60 minutes.
- 14.3 The George Baker and Outer Islands Races shall not be postponed more than 90 minutes.
- 14.4 The Time Limit for evening races will be two hours. If the first boat finishes within the last half hour of the time limit, finishing places shall be awarded to boats finishing within one half hour of that boat. Boats failing to finish within this time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rules 35, A4 and A5
- 14.5 Evening races shall not be postponed more than 40 minutes in June, July and August, and not more than 30 minutes in September.

15 Arbitration

- 15.1 Protests shall be written on form available at CYC and shall be delivered within one hour after the last yacht in all Classes has finished.
- 15.2 Protests will be heard in order of receipt.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A4.1 will apply.
- 16.1 Series scoring shall be as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A9.
 - 16.1.1 If four races are scheduled for a series, three races must be completed to constitute a series. When only three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 16.1.2 If six races are scheduled for a series, four races must be completed to constitute a series. When only four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.2 Two Yachts shall constitute a Race.
- 16.3 Bluenose Class Races- If a race is abandoned for any reason, and a mark rounding order was taken at the last mark rounded by all the boats in the race (after a minimum of 2 legs) the Race Committee may score the race based on the mark rounding order, and may include the race in any series scoring.

17 Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to each yacht placing first, second or third.
- 17.2 Perpetual Trophies may be given to a member of the Club by signing Temporary Possession form available from the Rear Commodore.

18 Retirements

A yacht retiring from racing, or becoming disabled must notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by whatever means available. In no particular order, these options may be used;

- 1) Call the CYC Clubhouse (275-3747)and advise the bar staff.
- 2) Contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch 72.
- 3) Contact the CYC Clubhouse by calling on VHF Ch 16.

19 Insurance

Owner/Skipper of each Yacht must produce evidence of valid Public Liability in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000. A copy of such proof shall be filed with Race Committee.

20 Handicaps

20.1 All yachts competing in “Handicap Racing” must have their PHRF rating listed in the current NSYA list of Yachts and their PHRF. Every assistance will be given to a new CYC member /competitor in obtaining their PHRF number to permit them to participate in racing as soon as possible.

20.2 All yachts are required to complete the registration form annually at which time they will declare sail inventory, spinnaker or non spinnaker, along with their NS PHRF rating. All and any changes to sail inventory require a NEW registration form being completed and submitted by Wednesday prior to the commencement of the series. You will not be permitted to change your sail inventory once a series has begun. It shall be the sole responsibility of the skipper and yacht owner to ensure the Race Committee is properly informed as to any changes in their NS PHRF. If the owner fails to communicate to the Race Committee any changes, the Race Committee shall use the last known NS PHRF on the last form filled out and submitted.

21 Radio Communication

21.1 The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, broadcast information concerning the race, courses, safety or other information on VHF Ch.72.

21.2 The Race Committee may communicate with boats using VHF Ch 72. A boat racing or intending to race may communicate with another boat or the Race Committee in the event of an emergency or to relay a message. This changes Rule 41.

21.3 The Race Committee may not respond to radio communication from individual yachts during periods of intense activity such as start sequences and finishes.

21.4 A yacht shall have no right to redress concerning the broadcast of any information as described above or lack of timeliness of same. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

22 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in racing at Chester Yacht Club entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.