

CHESTER YACHT CLUB RACES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016

Part 1

1. Chester Race Headquarters will be located in the bar of the Chester Yacht Club.
2. Admission to racing social events, prize giving ceremonies and special events are open to all racing participants. Drinks will be served on a cash bar basis.
3. All boats shall not cross ahead of the Tancook Ferry and are asked to operate prudently when transiting in the vicinity of the Tancook Ferry. Boats that do not abide by this instruction shall be subject to disqualification.
4. The Helmsperson/Owner shall be responsible for the actions of his or her crew and guests. The legal drinking age in Nova Scotia is 19. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, underage drinking or failure to comply with the request of any race officer or race committee member, the Helmsperson/Owner will be held responsible and the boat or competitor may be subject to expulsion and or disqualification.
5. All boats must have large legible identification numbers displayed on their mainsail.
6. Prior to the first start each day, every boat intending to race shall approach the Race Committee (Signal) Boat on starboard tack with mainsail hoisted and give its name, sail number and number of people aboard, and receive acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

Part 2

1. Rules

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-1016 (rules).

- 1.2. The national prescriptions of Sail Canada shall apply.
- 1.3. Bluenose Class rules shall be used for all Bluenose Class racing will apply in addition to the safety equipment that must be carried on all boats in competition. 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.
- 1.4. Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration at the Chester Yacht Club which shall include proof of third-party liability insurance for the owner and helmsperson to the race committee (CYC bar) prior to racing.
- 1.5. The helmsperson of a participating yacht must be a member of CYC in good standing. If a visitor, the helmsperson shall be a member of a recognised Yacht Club. Trophies may only be won by eligible CYC Members, excepting those specifically open to visitors.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Official Notices and addenda to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the west side of the clubhouse.
- 2.2. Series races and most one-off races are only open to CYC members in good standing. Races open to members in good standing of other recognized Yacht Clubs will be posted on the official notice board. Questions whether a race is open to non-CYC members can be directed to the Rear Commodore.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board one hour before the race affected except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3.2. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water by hail on VHF Channel 71 in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast on the west end of the CYC wharf.

4.2. Code Flag AP with two sounds means “the race is postponed.” Code Flag AP over the appropriate class flags with two sounds means “the race is postponed for those specific classes.

5. Schedule of Races

The schedule of races is shown on the Chester Yacht Club calendar of the current year.

6. Class Flags

6.1. Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
A	Red
B	Light Blue
Free for All	F
Classic	White
Bluenose	* Class Flag

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

7. Racing Area

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

8. The Course

- 8.1.** The course to be raced will be displayed on the west side of the CYC wharf **or** on the Race Committee (Signal Boat).
- 8.2.** Courses Displayed on the wharf, a board marked 'CC' followed by a number this then refers to the corresponding set course on the CYC course card.
- 8.3.** Courses displayed on the Race Committee Boat may use either a 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. Yachts shall pass between the marks of the gate from the windward direction. A mark number follows by an O indicates the presence of an offset mark which must be passed to the same side as the mark being passed.
- 8.4.** For races requiring a set course such as the Inner Island race and Novice Cup, the course to be sailed shall be posted on the official notice board no later than 2 hours before race start time.
- 8.5.** For Windward/Leeward courses additional information regarding marks, courses, gates, colors of marks and other instructions will be posted on the official notice board not later than 2 hours before the start of the race

9. Marks

- 9.1.** Marks may be moored navigational aids, moored club marks which are generally yellow identified on the CYC Course Card,
- 9.2.** Or laid marks which may be tetrahedrons or similar,
- 9.3.** Or Islands.

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 the starting signal of the preceding class unless postponed.
- 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.** A standoff buoy may be streamed aft of the RC boat and if present shall be considered part of the RC boat. Competitors may not pass between the standoff buoy and the RC boat.
- 10.5.** 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.
- 10.6.** A Yacht starting later than five minutes after her start will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.

11. Recalls

The Race Committee may attempt to identify recalled boats by broadcast over VHF Channel 71. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress.

12. Changes of Course after the Start

- 12.1.** 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.
- 12.2.** A Shortened Course will be carried out per Rule 32.2.

13. The Finish

- 13.1.** When using a Signal Boat to Finish the race, 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.
- 13.2.** When both Chester Rock Buoy and a tetrahedron are present, the finish line shall be between the tetrahedron and the Signal Boat.
- 13.3.** When using the Wharf to finish the race, the finish line will be between Chester Rock Buoy (MAA) and a Yellow Post on the west side of the CYC wharf, leaving Chester Rock Buoy (MAA) to starboard.
- 13.4.** 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).

14. The Penalty System

- 14.1.** Rule 44.1 shall be in effect, however, the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty replacing the Two-Turns Penalty.
- 14.2.** 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 two places except with classes with less than 5 entries, it shall be one place. Acceptance of this penalty must be communicated to the RO, prior to any protests being heard.

15. Time Limit

- 15.1.** The Time Limit for afternoon races shall be five 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.
- 15.2.** Afternoon races shall not be postponed more than 60 minutes.
- 15.3.** The George Baker and Outer Islands Races shall not be postponed more than 90 minutes.
- 15.4.** The Time Limit for evening races will be 120 minutes in June and July, 90 minutes in August and September. 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 and A5.
- 15.5.** Evening races shall not be postponed more than 45 minutes in June, July and August and not more than 30 minutes in September.

16. Protests

- 16.1.** A boat intending to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee (signal boat) of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.2.** Protests shall be written on form available at CYC and shall be delivered to the CYC bar within one hour after the last yacht in all Classes has finished.
- 16.3.** It is each boats sole responsibility to check the official notice board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any party to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the jury as ground for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).

16.4. Protests will be heard in order of receipt.

17. Scoring

17.1. The Low Point Scoring System as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A4.1 will apply.

17.2. Series scoring shall be as described in RRS Appendix A, rule A9.

17.3. For any race series, one race must be completed to constitute a series. When four races or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.4. Two Yachts starting shall constitute a Race.

18. Prizes

18.1. Prizes may be awarded to each yacht placing first, second or third in a race or series of races with at least four boats scored.

18.2. When fewer than four boats are scored, the prizes may be awarded equal to one less than the number of boats scored.

19. Retirements

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

Contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch 71.

Call the CYC Clubhouse (275-3747) and advise the bar staff.

20. Insurance

Each participating yacht shall produce evidence of valid third-party liability insurance for the owner and helmsperson of the yacht in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000. A copy of such proof shall be filed with the Racing Committee prior to racing.

21. Handicaps

- 21.1.** All yachts competing in “Handicap Racing” must have their PHRF listed in the current NSYA list of Yachts. 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.
- 21.2.** Yachts will be permitted to change their declared sail inventory and their PHRF accordingly. They must notify the Racing Committee or Rear Commodore prior to the start of the first race in the series by leaving the appropriate form at the bar. This handicap and sail inventory must be kept for the entire series.
- 21.3.** For any one-off, non-series races Yachts will be permitted to change their declared sail inventory and their PHRF accordingly prior the start of the race by leaving the appropriate form at the bar.

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1.** The Race Committee may not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests or requests for emergency assistance. The race committee will use VHF channel 71 for communication.
- 22.2.** The race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).
- 22.3.** A boat racing, or intending to race may communicate with the Race Committee in the event of an emergency only or to relay an emergency message.

23. Singlehanded Racing

Skippers racing singlehanded must wear a Personal Flotation Device when racing. This changes Rule 40.

24. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in racing at Chester Yacht Club entirely at their own risk. 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.

25. Amendments

These Sailing Instructions may be amended at any time. Any amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board on the west side of the CYC clubhouse.