

Club Races
2017
Chester Yacht Club
Chester NS
Sailing Instructions 2

1 RULES

- 1.1 The CYC races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 This regatta will be governed by the rules on the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the Canadian National Authority, Sail Canada, will apply. The Sail Canada prescriptions can be found on the Sail Canada website www.sailing.ca. Can be found with the Chester Yacht Club Sailing Instructions inside the Clubhouse on the Southwest wall, next to the Mahone Bay Chart.
- 1.3 Bluenose class rule will apply.
- (a) Racing rules RRS 35, A4 and A5. will be changed as follows: See SI 15.2.
- (b) Racing rules 40. will be changed as follows: See SI 18.3.
- 1.4 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(s) located at the southwest corner of the CYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the CYC Flag Pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races is published in the current CYC calendar.
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5.3 The scheduled start time of the first race each day is published in the current CYC calendar.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

6 **CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
A	Red
B	Light Blue
Bluenose	Bluenose Class Flag
Classic	White
Free For All	F Flag

7 **RACING AREAS**

Attachment CYC Course Card of 2017 shows the location of racing areas.

8 **THE COURSES**

8.1 The CYC Course Card shows the approximate location of the CYC Race Marks and their names. The CYC Course Card show the courses, the order of the marks to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display on the back of the race committee boat or west side of the CYC wharf.

(a) 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. A mark number follows by an O indicates the presence of an offset mark.

(b) For races requiring a set course the course will be posted official notice board no later than 2 hours before race start time.

8.3 **MARKS**

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8.4 Marks are described in Attachment CYC Course Card

8.5 The starting and finishing mark will be;

(a) for on water start and finish;

i) a Tetrahedron

ii) or CYC mark.

(b) for a CYC wharf start or Finish, CYC Mark 1.

9 **AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: Coachman Shoal.

9.2 Boats sailing vicinity of the Tancook Ferry are asked to stay out of her way.

10 **THE START**

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line

(a) for an on the water start it will be between staffs displaying orange flags and the starting marks.

(b) for a wharf start it will be between yellow stick at the west end of the wharf and the 1 CYC mark.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

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) 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 or F (finish).

(b) A changed according to RRS 33.

11.2 The starting line will be between

(a) the orange staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the Tetrahedron or Mark 1 if no Tetrahedron.

(b) the orange staff on the west end of the dock and Mark 1.

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11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5.

12 **THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line;

(a) for on water finish, will be between staffs displaying orange flags and the finishing mark.

(b) for a wharf finish, will be between staffs on the southwest end of the CYC dock and CYC Mark 1.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, not will apply.

13.2 For the Bluenose class(es) RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.3 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. 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 in writing, prior to any protests being heard.

14 **TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<i>Race</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
Afternoon Race	5 hr.
June-July Evening Race	120 min.
Aug.-Sep. Evening Race	90 min.
George Baker	7 hr.
Outer Islands	7 hr.
Boats failing to finish	

(a) In an Afternoon Race, George Baker or Outer Islands within

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the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- (b) In an evening race if one boat finishes the remaining boats racing will have an extra 30 min. added to the time limit, boats not finishing in the new time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

- 14.2 Races will not be postponed longer than;

<i>Race</i>	<i>Time</i>
Afternoon Race	60 min.
June-August Evening	45 min.
September Evening	30 min.
Gorge Baker	90 min.
Inner Islands	90 min.

15 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the wall inside the lower level of the CYC clubhouse, next to the Mahone Bay Chart in the southwest corner. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the CYC Bar within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 min. after the last boat in their class has finished the race.
- 15.3 Notices will give to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the CYC at a later date.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16 **SCORING**

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When 4 or more races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Check-In: Prior to the first start each day, every boat intending to race shall approach the Signal Boat on starboard tack with mainsail

hoisted and give boat's sail number and number of people aboard.

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

Contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch 71.

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

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

18 **REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Boats 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.

- 18.2 For any one-off, non-series races Boats will be permitted to change their declared sail inventory and their PHRF accordingly prior the start of the race by filling out a non-series registration sheet and leaving it at the bar.

- 18.3 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the CYC race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 **OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked with RC flag.

~~20 **TRASH DISPOSAL**~~

~~Trash must be kept on the boat until racing is done and then disposed of properly ashore. See 44 of RS~~

21 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

- 21.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 71 for communication. The Race Committee may not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirements, protests or requests for emergency assistance.

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21.3 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 **PRIZES**

22.1 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.

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

23 **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.

24 **INSURANCE**

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