

Club Races 2026
Chester Yacht Club
Chester NS

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The CYC races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 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
- 1.3 Bluenose class rules will apply unless handicap racing, found here <http://www.chesterbluenosefleet.com/welcome>
- 1.4 Racing rules RRS 35, A4 and A5 will be changed as follows: See SI 15.1.
- 1.5 Racing rules RRS A5.1 will be changed as follows: See SI 18.3, 19.1
- 1.6 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 Clubspot pages:

Club Handicap Races	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FmFShR3oaZ/#notice-board
Bluenose	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/95HfimLuNm/#notice-board
Mahone Bay Opener	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/lhOmT9Oqm7/#notice-board
Outer/Middle Islands	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/eXahUknb2T/#notice-board
Tureky Bowl	https://theclubspot.com/regatta/8hRPM5BoIY/#notice-board

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.

This will be posted on Clubspot, see the links above in NoR

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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 Racing Schedule** found on the CYC website under the Racing page <https://chesteryachtclub.ca/racing/>.
- 5.2 The number of races for the series will be;
 - a. Thursday, **FFA/Bluenose** will be one race per night, four in a series.
 - b. Bluenose Series Tuesday evenings and Sunday/Saturday will be one or more races, depending on weather; there will be no limit to the series.
 - c. **Saturday/Sunday**, FFA/Class A+B will be one race.
- 5.3 The scheduled start time of the first race each day is published in the current **CYC Racing Schedule**.
- 5.4 Races designated as Spin/Non-spin on the **CYC Racing Schedule** will have a Free For All (FFA) start for both Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets together. Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker boats will be scored together as one fleet.
 - a. In a series designated as Spin/Non-spin, skippers must declare whether they will be racing in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker fleet before their first race by submitting **Registration on Clubspot. Boats may not switch fleets during a series.**

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

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

7 RACING AREAS

The attachment CYC Course Card of 2022 shows the location of racing areas; the Course Card can be found on Clubspot.

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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 provides the courses, the order of the marks to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Other than starting and finishing, all marks are rounding marks unless specified.
- 8.2 No, later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display courses on the back of the Race Committee Boat or **on Slack** application if race is started for the dock.
- 8.3 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. A mark number followed by an O indicates the presence of an offset mark.
- 8.4 For races requiring a set course, the course will be posted on the official notice board no later than 2 hours before the race start time.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in the Attachment CYC Course Card
- 9.2 The starting and finishing mark will be;
 - a. for on-water start and finish;
 - i) Tetrahedron
 - ii) or CYC mark 1 or 3
- 9.3 for a CYC wharf start or finish, CYC tetrahedron or mark 1 or 3

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: Coachman Shoal.
- 10.2 Boats sailing in the vicinity of the Tancook Ferry will stay out of her way.
- 10.3 There are changes proposed to the buoy system in the area of the Mahone Bay Chart:4381; please see notice February 2024 at <https://www.notmar.gc.ca/monthly>

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11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- The starting line
 - for a boat start, between an orange flag on the boat and the starting mark, 1 CYC mark or Tetrahedron.
 - for the wharf start, it will be between the yellow stick at the east end of the wharf and the 1 CYC mark.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3 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 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 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 with the letter P (port) or S (starboard) to indicate the side on which the new mark must be passed or F (finish).
 - Or a change according to RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line;
- For the on-water finish will be between Race Committee displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark.
 - For a wharf finish will be between staff on the **east end of the CYC dock and CYC Mark 1, CYC Mark 1** will be rounded according to the course given.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 The Race Committee will fly AP over A when done for the day when more than one race is scheduled. If this is not done, it is not grounds for redress.

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14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.2 For the Bluenose Class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty unless handicap racing.
- 14.3 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.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Time limits are as follows:

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

Boats failing to finish.

- a. In an Afternoon Race, George Baker or Outer Islands boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
- b. In an evening race
 - i. **Hanycapt racers**, 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.
 - ii. **One design racers, in a one design race, if one or more boats finish and other boats, fail to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retire, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.**

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15.2 Races will not be postponed longer than;

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

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available CYC bar in the clubhouse or online at <https://www.sailing.ca> Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be **emailed to cycscoring@gmail.com** or delivered to the CYC Bar within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is **90 min.** after the last boat in their class has finished the race.
- 16.3 Notices will be given to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. **Hearings may be held at a later date and may be done virtually.**
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17 SCORING

- 17.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Boats will be scored DSQ if they have not turned in a filled **CYC Registration Form** or proof of current **third-party liability insurance** to CYC Race Committee.

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18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Check-In: Prior to the first start each day, every boat intending to race shall approach the Signal Boat, ensure they have the attention of a Race Officer, and verbally provide their boat name, sail number, number of people aboard and if applicable what fleet. No VHF check-in. For staggered or Bermuda starts boats may check in after the first warning signal if they do so before starting and without interfering in another boat's start sequence. Boats which fail to check in may be scored DNQ without a hearing.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch 71 or call the CYC Clubhouse (275-3747) and advise the bar staff.
- 18.3 Skippers racing single-handed must wear a Personal Flotation Device when racing, the Race Committee can penalize the competitor. This changes Rule 40.

19 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Boats may, at the discretion of the Race Committee, be permitted to change their declared sail inventory and their PHRF accordingly. They must notify the Race Committee prior to the start of their first race in the series by amending and submitting their **Registration Form** at the bar as set out in NOR 3.2. This handicap and sail inventory must be kept for the entire series.
- 19.2 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 changing registration on Clubspot registration for the race.
- 19.3 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.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with RC flag or CYC Burgee.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat that is racing shall not transmit or receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats for the purpose of gaining an advantage or helping another boat gain advantage. This does not change RRS 41.
- 21.2 The Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the

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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.