



Petpeswick Yacht Club and Shearwater Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Race From Shearwater Yacht Club To Petpeswick September 4th, 2021

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024.
- 1.2 Rules of the Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS fleet shall apply.
- 1.3 This race is designated as a Category “A” event.

2. Registration

- 2.1 All entrants shall register at the SYC clubhouse before 1000hrs on the day of the start.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of one hour before the start of the race, except that changes in schedule will be posted by 18:00 on the day before the race.

4. Communication

- 4.1 The online official notice board is located at (<http://swyc.ca/racing/>)
- 4.2 The race Committee will use VHF channel 72 as the working channel.
- 4.3 The following communications may be made by the Race Committee on the working channel:
 - Start area location
 - Course to be sailed
 - Check in communications
 - Times to class starts
 - Recalls
 - Relevant traffic information
- 4.4 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions related to the race and shall not receive voice or data communication related to the race that is not available to all boats.

5. Schedule and Classes

- 5.1 The warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1055hrs.
- 5.2 All yachts shall sail as one class unless informed otherwise in the skippers’ meeting.
- 5.3 Should it be required, yachts shall be split in to two classes, A and B, according to handicap. The handicap split will be stated in the skippers’ meeting.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 If all yachts are sailing as one class (see SI 4.2) that class flag will be red.
- 6.2 If yachts are sailing in two classes (see SI 4.3) then the class flags shall be announced at the skippers’ meeting.

7. Handicaps

- 7.1 PHRF-NS Ratings will be used to correct competitor’s times on a time-on-time basis.
- 7.2 A yacht having no listed PHRF rating shall apply to the Race Committee by no later than 09:30 on the day of the Race. The Race Committee may assign a provisional rating which will be used for this one race.



8. Course

8.1 The course will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting.

9. The Start

9.1 The races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

9.2 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying signals on the designated SYC Signal Boat and the start mark (HP3).

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request.

9.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing.

10. The Finish and Time Limit

10.1 The Finish Line will be between Petpeswick Bell, HH2, and a designated PYC boat anchored to the west of the buoy. All Committee Boats will be monitoring VHF channel 72. The race shall finish at 16:30 hours for all classes. Race committee may extend the time limit at the skipper' meeting based on wind conditions.

11. Protests

11.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Petpeswick Yacht Club bar and lodged with the Race Committee within one and one half (1.5) hours after the last yacht finishes.

12. Sail Numbers

12.1 Correct sail numbers (matching that on the race enrollment sheet) shall be displayed per RRS Appendix G.

13. Safety Equipment

13.1 All yachts shall carry safety equipment to Transport Canada minimum standards and may be subject to inspection by the Race Committee. Failure to carry the prescribed equipment will result in immediate disqualification.

14. Withdrawal or Disablement

14.1 To prevent needless emergency, yachts shall report withdrawal or disablement to the Race Committee, preferably via VHF, or phone (902-469-8590) immediately upon coming ashore.

15. Risk Statement

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16. Insurance

16.1 All yachts are required to carry a valid public liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 and shall produce evidence of coverage if requested by the Race Committee.

17. Petpeswick Inlet

17.1 Boats will be available to escort you up Petpeswick Inlet. These boats will be monitoring VHF channel 72.