



## GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023

The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Sail Canada prescriptions, the rules of one-design classes where appropriate, and these Sailing Instructions will govern all races at SYC. Racing IAW the SYC Racing Calendar will be offered if there are at least three (3) boats registered fifteen minutes (15) before the warning signal. If there are less than three (3) boats registered in a class for any given race, the decision to continue to offer that class for that race is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

### 1. **REGISTRATION**

Registration will take place in the SYC upper bar one-half hour before the skippers' meeting. Only yachts entered and skippered by members of SYC may enter races. Visiting yachts satisfying RRS 75 may also enter three (3) races in a calendar year but will not be eligible for trophies.

### 2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Required changes to any information pertinent to Races will be announced via the Club email. Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the SYC website and amended when necessary. Final instructions pertaining to each race will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting that will normally be held one-half hour before the "Warning" signal.

### 3. **HANDICAPS**

**3.1** Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) ratings, as listed in the current Sail NS Yacht List, will be used to calculate competitors' corrected times on a "time-on-time" basis.

**3.2** Boats that satisfy RRS 78.1 but are not listed in the most recent Sail Nova Scotia Yacht List may enter by completing and delivering to the SYC Handicapper or Race Committee a Sail Nova Scotia Yacht Data Sheet prior to the first race in which they compete. The Sail NS Data Sheet will also be submitted to Sail NS by email by the boat owner. The SYC Handicapper will assign a temporary rating that will only be valid for this Club until the Sail NS list is updated.

**3.3** For the purpose of this Club a boat with a flying sail, or a boat without flying sail and a PHRF of 175 or lower, will be considered "A" Class. A boat without a flying sail, and a PHRF of 176 or higher, will be considered "B" Class. "A" and "B" Class trophies will be awarded and an open class overall trophy for the season will be presented.

**3.4** SYC will use the Low Point Scoring System for Club Races as described in RRS.

### 4. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

All yachts must meet Transport Canada minimum standards IAW Small Vessel Regulations. Yachts may be inspected by the SYC Safety Officer.

### 5. **INSURANCE**

Boat owners must carry \$1,000,000 insurance and provide proof when asked.

### 6. **SERIES RACING**

Two Wednesday night series will take place IAW the 2023 Racing Schedule. Wednesday evenings "Warning" signal will normally be at 1825. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores. When from five (5) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

Fall Series Racing will take place IAW the 2023 Racing Schedule. The Fall series races will be scheduled to take place on a combination of Wednesday evenings (early September) and weekends (late September), with a specific schedule of dates and timings to be promulgated on Racing Calendar via the SYC website and email. The best (5) of (6) races will count in this series, unless less than (5) races have been completed, in which case, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

Rule A5.3 applies.

7. **WEEKEND TROPHY RACES**

Weekend Trophy Races will be held IAW the Racing Calendar. The "Warning" signal for weekend races will be as promulgated on Racing Calendar.

8. **SAIL NUMBERS**

Correct sail numbers must be displayed. This constitutes prior warning under RRS 77.

9. **COURSE**

Course marks may be selected from the latest Sail NS Course Card or specially designated by the Race Committee. The course will be posted on a board at the Skipper's meeting indicating the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The navigational buoys listed below shall be honoured as navigational buoys unless they are designated as marks of the course.

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| • INDIAN POINT       | HP 21 |
| • IVES KNOLL (NORTH) | HT 2  |
| • PT. PLEASANT SHOAL | H 19  |
| • HENS & CHICKENS    | HQ 2  |
| • PURCELL'S COVE     | HQ 1  |
| • THRUMCAP           | HN 6  |

10. **STARTING /FINISHING LINE**

For series Racing and Weekend Trophy Races, the starting and finishing line will either be from a SYC Committee Boat flying the RC flag, OR, from a fixed transit line aligned from the flag mast on the upper bar veranda and the lamp post on the NA Jetty. Details of the start line will be determined at the Skippers' meeting. Races will be conducted IAW Part 3 of RRS.

11. **RECALLS**

Recalls **may** be announced on VHF Channel 69.

12. **TIME LIMIT**

For Wednesday evening series racing the first boat from each class must cross the finish line by 2100. All other boats must finish by 2130. These timings may be adjusted (earlier) in the late season, which will be communicated at the Skipper's meeting.

13. **PROTESTS**

Protests shall be written on forms available in the Club office and lodged with the Race Officer within thirty minutes after the last boat finishing.

14. **WITHDRAWALS OR DISABLEMENT**

Racers **SHALL** report withdrawal or disablement to the Race Committee ASAP, by VHF CH 69 or cell phone @ 902-469-8590.

15. **RIGHT OF WAY**

The RC will disqualify any yacht that interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship.

16. **ENGINES**  
Engines may be used in an emergency. Details of such use **SHALL** be reported to the Race Committee.
17. **GARBAGE**  
Yachts shall not discharge garbage overboard. Witnesses are encouraged to act under Racing Rule Part 5.
18. **RADIO USE IN HALIFAX SHIPPING CONTROL ZONE**  
Yachts fitted with VHF radio should monitor Channel 12 in Halifax Harbour and Channel 14 within the Control Zone beyond Maugher's Beach. Channel 16 elsewhere.