



2023 OPENING REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 All races shall be governed by the World Sailing 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Sail Canada prescriptions, Rules of Sail Nova Scotia PHRF-NS, and these Sailing Instructions. 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.
- 1.2 This event is designated Category "A" for advertising purposes.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 All boats involved in racing must be in compliance with the RRS 78. Eligible boats must be registered 15 minutes before the warning signal of the first class by signing the appropriate Class Registration Sheet.
- 2.2 All skippers must be a member of a sailing or yacht club recognized by Sail Canada in accordance with RRS 75. Proof of membership is a requirement of registration.
- 2.3 Handicap classes will be determined based on the number of entrants. The classes will be announced at the Skippers' meeting to be held at the SYC clubhouse 12:00h Saturday.
- 2.4 Competitors are asked to register in advance online as per the Notice of Race ([NOR - SYC Opening Regatta 2023](#)), however, SYC will accept yachts for registration in-person from 18:00h to 20:00h Friday and from 11:00h to 12:00h Saturday and Sunday.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the SYC Clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 12:00h on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the race schedule will be posted by 20:00h on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast of the SYC club house.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The warning signal for the first class will be at 12:55h (GPS time) each day.
- 6.2 The starting sequence will be from the "fastest" class to the slowest class. A 5-minute starting sequence will be used, IAW RRS 26. Class "colours" (class flags) will be determined at skippers meeting.
- 6.3 One race will be run for each class per day (weather conditions permitting).

7. **HANDICAPS**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 Boats that satisfy RRS 78.1 but are not listed in the most recent Sail Nova Scotia Yacht List may apply to the Race Committee for a provisional rating at registration.

8. **RACE COURSE**

- 8.1 The race courses for the various classes will be announced at the Skippers' meeting.
- 8.2 Courses will be set using marks from Sail NS Halifax Harbour Race marks sheet (2021 version). The race Starting/Finish Line is defined as a transit consisting of the SYC mast and pole with the wooden Light/telephone pole at the south end of the NA jetty. The extent of the line will be marked by two orange floating marks; it will be necessary to pass between these two bouys to start and finish.
- 8.3 Courses will not be shortened.

9. **RECALLS**

- 9.1 Individual recalls at the start **may** be announced on VHF Channel 69, in addition to the visual and sound signal.

10. **SAIL NUMBERS**

- 10.1 Sail numbers must be displayed on each participating yacht. This constitutes prior warning under RRS 77.

11. **PROHIBITED AREAS**

- 11.1 The navigational buoys listed below shall be honoured as navigational buoys unless they are designated as marks of the course.

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

12. **TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1 A 4-hour time limit for the first boat of each class is imposed.
- 12.2 All other boats must finish within 1.5 hours of the first boat in its class.

13. **SCORING**

- 13.1 All races for each class will count in this regatta. There will be no race results thrown out. The race committee shall score a race or series as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System as stated in the RRS 89.3.
- 13.2 Ties will be broken as per the RRS Appendix 'A' – Scoring.

14. **PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC Clubhouse.
- 14.2 For each class the protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This alters rules (RRS) 61.3 and 62.2

15. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 15.1 An operational VHF radio is required. All race committee notices and communications will be broadcast over Channel 69.
- 15.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

16. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- 16.1 All yachts must meet Transport Canada minimum standards IAW Small Vessel Regulations. Yachts and equipment may be inspected to ensure compliance with said regulations, as well as PHRF-NS / class rules and Sailing Instructions.

17. **INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING**

- 17.1 Any yacht which interferes with the orderly passage of naval or commercial shipping may be subject to disqualification from the race. Such disqualification shall be reported to Sail NS and may result in further disciplinary action, including denial of entry into future events.
- 17.2 Engines may be used in an emergency. Details of the emergency must be reported to the Race Committee immediately after the race. This alters RRS 42.

18. **WITHDRAWAL OR DISABLEMENT**

- 18.1 Yachts withdrawing or disabled **SHALL** report same to the Race Committee on VHF 69 or by cell phone to (902)469-8590.

19. **INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Each participating yacht shall carry personal liability/protection & indemnity coverage of not less than one million dollars. To be eligible to race each skipper/owner must show proof of insurance coverage.

20. **PRIZES**

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishing yachts in each class.