

Royal Hamilton Yacht Club and Burlington Sailing & Boating Club
2009 Racing Series
May 5 to October 8, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will apply.
- 1.3 The PHRF Rules will apply to boats racing in PHRF divisions. The Portsmouth Rules will apply to boats racing in the Dinghy and Multi-hull divisions. One design classes are subject to their class rules.
- 1.4 A member in good standing of either RHYC or BS&BC must be on board while racing.
- 1.5 All RHYC boats shall be required to provide a race chair **and one other volunteer**, one of whom must be capable of raising the anchor on the race committee signal boat, according to the roster posted on the official notice board at each club. The roster will be made from boats registered to race and will be decided at random. Not every registered boat will be named to the roster. Failure of a boat to provide the required volunteers will result in a boat being scored DNE for that race. This changes rules 90.3(b), scoring and A5, scoring. Boats that provide the required volunteers will be scored points equal to second place for that race. This changes rules 90.3(a), scoring, and A4, scoring.
- 1.6 Instruction 11.4 changes rule A4, scoring.
Instruction 13.2 changes rule 35, time limits and scores, and rule A4, scoring.
Instruction 15.1 changes rule A9, race scores in a series longer than a regatta.
Instruction 16 changes rule 60.1(a), right to protest.
Instruction 17.2 changes rule 41, outside help.
- 1.7 The regatta is open to boats owned or chartered by members in good standing of RHYC or BS&BC.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the entrance to the storage compound at BS&BC, near the marina entrance at BS&BC, and at the Evergreen Patio at RHYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1715 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race committee signal boat at the dock.
- 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 **Dates of racing**

Practice races: Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and Thursday, May 7, 2009
 Spring series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 12 to June 11, 2009
 Summer series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 16 to September 3, 2009
 Fall series: Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 8 to October 8, 2009

5.2 **Number of races:**

One race per day is scheduled.

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1825 for the practice races, Spring and Summer series. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1805 for the Fall series.

6 CLASS FLAGS; WARNING SIGNALS; BACKSTAY FLAGS

6.1 Class flags, warning signals and backstay flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>PHRF Speed Potential</i>	<i>Warning Signal Flag</i>	<i>Class Flag</i>	<i>Backstay Flag</i>
Sharks		Numeral Pennant 1	Code flag D	
NFS3	219+	Numeral Pennant 2	Code flag E	White
Classic PHRF		Numeral Pennant 2	Code flag F	Orange
FS3	192+	Numeral Pennant 3	Code flag G	Yellow
NFS2	192–216	Numeral Pennant 3	Code flag J	Black
FS1	0–156	Numeral Pennant 4	Code flag K	Green
FS2	159–189	Numeral Pennant 4	Code flag O	Light blue
NFS1	0–189	Numeral Pennant 4	Code flag R	Pink
Dinghies		Numeral Pennant 5	Code flag U	
Multi-hulls		Numeral Pennant 5	Code flag V	

6.2.1 When a race signal is displayed with a class flag or flags, the race signal applies to that class or those classes only.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will take place in Hamilton Harbour. Attachment A shows the location and identification number of the fixed marks in the racing area, as well as areas designated as obstructions in instruction 10.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The identification number of fixed marks and/or the letters DMO (orange drop mark) and/or DMY (yellow drop mark) shall be displayed, in the order that they are to be rounded or passed, from the stern of the race committee signal boat as follows:

RHYC Race Committee

Upper board: NFS1, NFS2, NFS3, and Classic PHRF

Middle board: Sharks, FS1, FS2, FS3 and Multi-hulls

Bottom Board: Dinghies

BSBC Race Committee

Upper Left: NFS1, NFS2, NFS3, and Classic PHRF

Lower Left: Sharks, FS1, FS2, FS3 and Multi-hulls

8.2 Upper right: Dinghies When the designated course is followed by X2, boats shall sail the course twice; when the designated course is followed by X3, boats shall sail the course three times.

8.3 When a red flag is displayed from the race committee signal boat, marks are to be left to port When a green flag is displayed from the race committee signal boat, marks are to be left to starboard.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Fixed marks 1, 2, and 4 are blue barrels with a pole and yellow bucket with the identifying number on the bucket
- 9.2 Fixed marks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 are poles with yellow buckets on top. The identification number of these fixed marks is displayed on the bucket.
- 9.3 Fixed marks 5 and 12 are navigation buoys. Drop marks are orange inflatables and yellow inflatables.
- 9.4 The starting mark will be either a fixed mark or a drop mark. The starting line will be located in the area between fixed marks 5, 6, 12 and 14.
- 9.5 The finishing mark will be the last mark of the course as described in instruction 8.1.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas designated as obstructions: all mooring areas in the harbour and the area between CCIW and its breakwall.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or orange triangle on the race committee signal boat and the starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or orange triangle on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit and protest times for each race are shown in Attachment B.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish before the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 When the time limit expires the race committee will remove visual signals and make one long sound signal.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at BS&BC and RHYC. Protests shall be delivered to the designated mail box within the RHYC office or to Jan Varkvisser or an assigned designate within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the time limit as shown in Attachment B.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 24 hours after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the board room, located at RHYC, beginning at 1900 on the Monday following the delivery of the protest. If the Monday following the delivery of a protest falls on a holiday, then the hearing will take place on the Wednesday following the holiday.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 If at the conclusion of a series, a boat has no scores other than DNC, that boat's scores will be excluded and the scores of other boats will be recalculated. This changes rule A9.
- 15.2 The scores for practice races will not be included in any series.
- 15.3 For each Summer series:
- (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When 10 or 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 15.4 For each Spring and Fall series:
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 Five races are scheduled for the Spring Tuesday series and 5 races are scheduled for the Spring Thursday series.
- 15.6 Twelve races are scheduled for the Summer Tuesday series and 12 races are scheduled for the Summer Thursday series. A boat's score for the Summer series overall will be the sum of her Tuesday series score and her Thursday series score
- 15.7 Five races are scheduled for the Fall Tuesday series and 5 races are scheduled for the Fall Thursday series.
- 15.8 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.9 To determine the winner of the Bay Championship, points will be awarded to RHYC or BS&BC for each completed race in the all divisions in which both RHYC and BSBC boats are competing are represented as follows:
- 15.10 First place: 4 points, Second place: 3 points, Third place: 2 points, Fourth place: 1 point.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Breaches of instruction 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a), protests. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except as permitted in instruction 17.2 below. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 17.2 The race committee may communicate with boats using VHF International channel 72. A boat racing or intending to race may communicate with another boat or the race committee in the case of an emergency or to relay a message. This changes rule 41.

18 PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to the first three boats in each division with four or more boats registered

from both clubs for:

Spring Tuesday series, Spring Thursday series, Summer Tuesday series, Summer Thursday series, Summer series overall, Fall Tuesday series, Fall Thursday series.

- 18.2 The club with the highest cumulative score in instruction 15.9 above will be presented the Bay Championship trophy.
- 18.3 These prizes will be presented at combined RHYC and BS&BC Awards Nights at dates and times to be announced.
- 18.4 Additional prizes and trophies may be presented in accordance with the traditions of each club at their annual Awards Night. A list of specific trophies is available at each club.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per event or the equivalent.