



DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB



Convoy Cup Basin Race Sailing Instructions Revised (Sept 7th)

Sept 9, 2017

1. RULES

1.1. The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of Sail Canada, and the Notice of Race except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. The Dartmouth Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) and Protest Committee will have final authority on all matters.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Dartmouth Yacht Club clubhouse prior to the start of racing day.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be announced at the Skipper's meeting on the day it will take effect.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Schedule: Races will commence on Saturday

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| 1800 - 2000 | Friday | Registration and check in & Skipper's Discussion |
| 0830 - 0930 | Saturday | Late Registration and check in |
| 1100 | Saturday | Warning signal for ocean race (at the HMS Sackville) |
| 1200 - | Saturday | Skippers meeting DYC Basin Race (at DYC) |
| 1300 | Saturday | Warning signal DYC Basin race |
| 1200 | Sunday | Sailpast captains meeting (at DYC) |
| 1430 | Sunday | Sailpast assembly – Halifax Harbour |
| 1500 | Sunday | Sailpast off HMCS Sackville with Veterans onboard |
| 1530 | Sunday | Wreath Laying – Sackville Landing for Canada & Norway |
| 1700 - | Sunday | Reception for Veterans , and guests at DYC followed by Awards for Ocean and Basin Racers Award presentation Ocean Race, Basin Race and Sailpast participates. |

5. MARKS

5.1 Marks are identified on the DYC Course Card; the RC, at their discretion, may use tetrahedrons as windward/leeward marks.

6. THE COURSES

6.1 The courses for each class shall be determined by the RC and shall be either selected from the DYC Course Card list or an alternative course not on the course card may be selected. The course shall be posted on the RC Boat prior to the first warning.

7. THE START

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

7.2 The Start line will be between the RC Flag staff on the RC boat and either a yellow pin laid to the port side of the committee boat or the Navy Bouy (11) instead of the yellow pin as determined by RC. (to be announced at skippers meeting)

7.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1 and 63.1.

8. THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line will either be between Committee boat and a yellow pin laid to the starboard side of the committee boat or instead the Navy Buoy (11) as determined by RC. (To be announced at skippers meeting)

9. SHORTEN COURSE

9.1 In the event of a shortened course, shorten course will be signaled near the mark at which the race is to finish, by a boat displaying code flag "S" and making two sound signals. Yachts are to finish between that mark and code flag "S" on the RC boat.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rule 30.1 I Flag Rule is in effect for all races regardless of which warning flag is used by the Race Committee. This alters RRS 30.1.

11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 Time limited will be no longer than 2 hrs/race

11.2 Boats failing to finish within one (1/2) hour after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

11.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within one-half (1/2) hour after the start, the race will be abandoned.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms are available at the office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has arrived at the dock. This alters RRS 61.3.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point Scoring System will apply.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

15.1 Equipment: All yachts shall be equipped as per Canadian Coast Guard small boat regulations.

15.2 A boat or equipment can be inspected before or after racing for compliance with the Sail Nova Scotia class rules and sailing instructions.

16. OFFICIAL BOATS

16.1 Official Race Committee boat will be marked as follows: RC Flag.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 An operational VHF radio is required: All RC notices will be broadcast over channel 68 VHF with corresponding visual and sound aids. A failure by the RC to broadcast over channel 68 shall not result in redress. This alters RRS 41.

17.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 per event or the equivalent. All competitors shall provide proof of insurance at the time of registration.

20. INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

20.1 Any yacht which interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship will be disqualified by the Race Committee, and may be denied entry into subsequent events following investigation by Sail Nova Scotia.

20.2 Engines may be used in an emergency. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee, and requests for redress may be made. This alters rule RRS 42.

21. PROPULSION

21.1 Engines may be used in an emergency which includes avoiding a collision with a commercial or naval vessel, avoiding grounding, and in coming to the aid of a vessel in distress. Details are to be reported to the Race Committee, and requests for redress may be made. This alters RRS Rule 42.

