

CHARLOTTETOWN YACHT CLUB RACING RULES OF SAILING

Amended: 2023-06-19

1.00 DEFINITIONS

1.01 In these rules:

- (1) "CYC" means Charlottetown Yacht Club;
- (2) "Race Committee" means the group responsible for running the CYC yacht racing
- (3) "Racing Rules of Sailing" means the World Sailing rules governing the sport of sailing as revised and published every four years;

2.00 Rules

2.01 Racing will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing, and these sailing instructions which shall govern in the event of a conflict

3.00 Start Line and Finish Line

3.01 Racers will be notified of the location of the start on the chalkboard prior to the race or via vhf.

3.02 Racers will be notified of the location of the finish on the chalkboard prior to the race or via vhf.

4.00 The Course

4.01 The course will be communicated either via chalkboard, and/or via vVHF communication from the starter. Any changes to course will be communicated over VHF. Additional comms may be used such as text communications from YachtScoring. Each boat is encouraged to ensure that at least 1 device on board is set up to receive text communications from the YachtScoring system.

5.00 Starting Times

5.01 For evening races, the five (5) minute warning signal will be sounded at 1830 sharp (1800 after September 1st). For afternoon races, the five (5) minute warning signal will be posted by the Race Committee thirty (30) minutes before the race (also check posters for special races).

6.00 Cancelled or Postponed Races

6.01 The opinion of skippers will be considered, but the decision to cancel or postpone a race will ultimately rest with the Race Committee. Postponed races may be rescheduled for later date or time or subsequently cancelled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.02 As a general guideline, the decision to race will be made by the RC based on observed wind conditions ~30 minutes prior to the first scheduled signal. A minimum sustained wind of 5kn and max of 20kn will be the guideline. Exceptions may be made based on forecast or other considerations including but not limited to lightning risk.

6.03 No points shall be awarded for a race that is postponed or cancelled.

7.00 What constitutes a Race?

7.01 Unless otherwise established by the Race Committee in advance of a race start, a minimum of three (3) boats comprising of any class must cross the finish line within two (2) hours of the start (red flag) of a race. In the event that the minimum number of boats have not finished within the prescribed time limit the race shall be considered postponed and is eligible to either be rescheduled or cancelled as more particularly set out in section 6 above.

8.00 Changes in the Sailing Instructions

8.01 The Race Committee may change these sailing instructions at any time by written notice posted at the CYC race result board and or

9.00 CYC Racing

9.01 CYC Racing shall consists of several different events as follows:

9.02 Monday white sail series - these will be run between the Opening and Closing Regatta. Will consist of monthly series, each of which will include 1 drop if minimum 4 races complete in monthly series. The series winner will be calculated by combining the finish results from the monthly series. A trophy is awarded for the overall Monday winner.

9.03 Wednesday spinnaker series - these will be run between the Opening and Closing Regatta. Will consist of monthly series, each of which will include 1 drop if minimum 4 races complete in monthly series. The series winner will be calculated by combining the finish results from the monthly series. A trophy is awarded for the overall Wednesday winner.

9.04 Overall winner: is determined by combining Monday and Wednesday Series.

9.05 Opening and Closing Regattas: these are scored as standalone events and are not used in calculating the overall winner.

9.06 Special Races: these include events such as the Fitzroy Rock race and Northumberland Challenge and any other events the CYC decides to hold. They are not included in scoring the overall winner.

10.00 Scoring System

10.01 The low point scoring system will be used in calculating a yacht's points according to her finish position.

10.02 When there is a tie on the total points between two or more yachts in a given racing series or overall season, the tie will be broken in favor of the yacht with the most first place finishes and when the tie remains, the most second place finishes, and so on, if necessary, for such races as count for total points. If the tie still remains then it will be broken in favor of the yacht that finished best in the last race in which both yachts competed.

10.03 Any person caught throwing anything overboard will cause their yacht to be scored a DSQ for the race.

11.00 Ratings

11.01 The CYC uses the Nova Scotia Yacht Association PHRF rating system.

All new boats should apply to NSYA for a PHRF rating certificate at the following:

<https://www.sailnovascotiaydb.ca/yachts>

12.00 Starting Procedures

12.01 Shapes or cylinders may replace the starting flags.

12.02 Starting times are taken when the flag reaches the top of the halyard or in the case of starting on a Race Committee boat, as soon as the person holding the flag raises it above their head. There *may* be an audible horn at each of the five (5) minute, four (4) minute and start signals (three (3) audible signals).

Flag Sequence

1. Red goes up five (5) minutes
2. Blue goes up at four (4) minutes
3. Blue comes down at one (1) minute
4. Red comes down at zero (0) minutes

13.00 Over the Line

13.01 As a service to the fleet, the Race Committee will **attempt** to notify over-early starters using the VHF on a designated channel. Failure to do so by the Race Committee will not be allowed as justification for any protest against the Race Committee in terms of redress requested by a competitor who is deemed to be over early. The one minute rule will be enforced. To exonerate yourself, a yacht needs to dip the start line after the start.

14.00 Engines

14.01 No engines shall be used after the four (4) minute flag is raised with the following exception - if a yacht is late leaving the marina (after 4 minute), she may use her engine *until* she leaves the marina area.

14.02 In the event a yacht runs aground, she may use her engine to assist in freeing herself provided:

- a) She has no material gain from doing so
- b) She does a 360 penalty turn under sail *after* she has turned her engine off.

15.00 Notification of Intention to race

15.01 A designated individual from each yacht shall inform the race starter of that yacht's intention to race before the start.

16.00 Moorings

16.01 Any boat moored on CYC moorings will be passed on the channel side. Empty moorings may be passed on either side.

17.00 Buoys and Exclusion Zones

17.01 While racing, the red buoys C-14, C-12 and C-8 shall always be taken on the channel side except when used as a turning mark. They shall be considered marks that bound the course. They shall not be touched. The green buoy C-15 outside the CYC moorings shall always be taken on the channel side unless it is a mark of the course for the leg in question. All other green buoys in the harbour and the start buoy need not be honoured unless specific instructions to do so are posted as part of the instructions for a particular race.

17.02 During the starting sequence: no yacht which intends to race shall be allowed inside the line drawn between the South East end of "B" dock and the southwest corner of the "Old Coast Guard" wharf between the four (4) minute signal and the starting signal.

18.00 New Marks

18.01 The Race Committee may place additional marks as they deem appropriate for the purposes of conducting races.

19.00 Memberships

19.01 All regular crew members of all participating boats need to be paid members (of some type) of the Charlottetown Yacht Club.

19.02 The Race Committee and the CYC executive reserve the right to disqualify a yacht from any race and score her with zero (0) points in the event that after being warned that there are crew members who have not paid their memberships, no action is taken. In such a case, the Race Committee/Executive will give a skipper ten (10) days to remedy this situation.

20.00 Insurance

20.01 All racing yachts are expected to carry \$1,000,000 liability insurance (minimum).

21.00 Junior Sailing Involvement

20.01 Junior sailors are encouraged to take part in our club racing.

20.02 Racing skippers are encouraged to involve junior sailors in their crews.

20.03 The race committee will work with the junior sailing program to place interested junior sailors on boats

22.00 Redress - Absence for Travel to Regattas

22.01 In an effort to encourage member boats to travel to race at regional events, any boat that travels for a regional regatta will be allowed 2 races (1 Monday, 1 Wednesday) excused absence when requested.

22.02 The travelling boat will be awarded for the excused absent races the average of all her previous counted races season to date (within relevant series eg: Monday or Wednesday series). Does not include special races, regattas etc.

22.03 Additional redress will be considered for extended absence due to travel outside the atlantic region or as a result of extenuating travel situations at the skippers request.