

Niagara on the Lake Sailing Club Niagara Cup & Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Regatta 2011

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association, the rules of any registered one design classes, and by these sailing instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on front of the White Clubhouse Building .
- 2.2. Race Committee Broadcast on VHF 72. Failure to have radio announcement will not be grounds for redress.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the NOLSC main flagpole located on the east side of the Niagara on the Lake sailing Club riverfront clubhouse.
- 4.2. When pennant "AP" is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races is as follows:
 - Saturday, July 9, 2011
 - First Warning Signal of the first race is scheduled for 10:30 hours
- 5.2. Three races are scheduled.
- 5.3. On the last race of the day no warning signal for the first class(s) starting will be made after 15:30 hours. Subsequent class(s) warning signals may follow.

6. Racing Area

- 6.1. The racing area will be approximately 2.25 nautical miles, bearing 055 degrees from the Green River buoy (mark 8 of the NOLSC/YYC race circle).

7. The Course

- 7.1. Appendix A shows the course. It is the intent to have two windward and two leeward legs per race, unless wind conditions dictate otherwise. There will be two windward marks (see **Appendix A**). The inner mark (Mark A) will be an orange tetrahedron and the outer (Mark B) will be a yellow tetrahedron. All windward marks are to be left to Port and the leeward gate can be left to Port or Starboard. The distance to the windward marks will vary according to the discretion of the Race Committee. Any variation in posted course length by the Race Committee will not be grounds for redress.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee boat will display the following:
 - The approximate compass bearing and distance in nautical miles from the Race Committee boat to Marks A & B.
 - Classes will start on their numeral pennant warning signal.
 - Multiple class starts may be signaled by the Race Committee
- 7.3. After *starting*, boats shall not pass between a start/finish mark and the Race Committee boat except when finishing.
- 7.4. All classes that round Mark B shall keep clear (3 boat lengths) of Mark A.

8. Marks

- 8.1. The race marks will be as follows:
 - Start Mark: Orange ball
 - Mark A: Orange tetrahedrons
 - Mark B: Yellow tetrahedrons
 - Gate: Orange tetrahedrons
 - Finish Mark: Orange ball
 - New Marks – see definition of Mark A or Mark B

9. The Start

- 9.1. Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 9.2. The starting line will be between the staff flying the orange "Race Committee boat on station" flag on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end, and the orange "Bema" starting mark at the port end.
- 9.3. Each class (PHRF 1, PHRF 2, 36.7, J22 etc.) shall be assigned a numeral pennant as its class warning flag and fleet assignments (see Appendix "A" – course diagrams). Class and pennant assignments will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 0910 hours on the day of the event.
- 9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 9.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal, will be scored Did Not Start. This changes Rule A4.1.

10. Change of Position of the Next Mark

- 10.1. The Race Committee may change the course after the start in accordance with Rule 33. A mark boat, stationed at the mark which immediately precedes the mark being changed, will display code flag "C", and the approximate compass bearing and distance (if applicable) in nautical miles, to the new mark. The mark boat may also attempt to provide a periodic sound signal. A change shall be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the changed leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finish line shall be between the staff displaying the orange "Race Committee boat on station" flag, and the orange ball.

12. Penalties

- 12.1. Rule 44.2 (the 720 degree turns rule) will be in effect.

13. Time Limits/ Retirement

- 13.1. If no yacht in a class has finished within 1-1/2 hours of its starting signal, then the race shall be abandoned for that class. Any yacht that does not finish within 30 minutes of the first yacht in her class, shall be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35.
- 13.2. Any boat retiring from a race shall so notify the Race Committee, either by hailing the Race Committee, or on VHF channel 68.

14. Protests

- 14.1. Any yacht intending to protest shall so notify the finish boat of her sail number, and the sail number of each yacht she intends to protest prior to leaving the finish area. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 14.2. All protests must be submitted on protest forms which are available in the NOLSC office, located at the south end of the main riverfront clubhouse.

14.3. To be valid, written protests must be filed in the NOLSC office no later than 45 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked for the day. At this time, the Race Committee shall make one sound signal to signify that the time to file protests has expired. This instruction changes RRS 61.3.

15. Scoring

15.1. Niagara Cup; The low point scoring system Appendix A4 of the RRS shall apply, except that each yacht's score shall be the sum of her scores for all races. If fewer than the number of races scheduled is completed, a minimum of one (1) race shall constitute a regatta. This modifies Appendix A2.

16. Prizes

16.1. Prizes for the Niagara Cup shall be awarded to the first three finishers in each class.

16.2. An award will be made to the boats which, in the opinion of the Organizing Authorities had the best overall performances for the Jack Beatty Memorial Hospice Regatta.

16.3. The award presentation will be outside the NOLSC white building near the river.

17. Advertising

17.1. The Niagara Cup is a category C event.

18. Radio Communications

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

Appendix A

