

2017 CBYC RACING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 All races shall be sailed in accordance with the "Racing Rules of Sailing" of 2017-2020 published by the ISAF as adopted by the Canadian Yachting Association and by these Racing Instructions.
- 1.2 White Sail (or NFS "Non-Flying Sail") entries are restricted to a mainsail and one properly hanked and set genoa. A second sail may be hanked-on to the forestay only for the time necessary to change sails. At no time, however, shall any boat in the White Sail Division have more than one set headsail per forestay.
- 1.3 Boats will be handicapped using PHRF-Lake Ontario certificates.
- 1.4 Competitors will be scored as Spinnaker (or FS "Flying Sail") boats for any series unless the scorer is notified.
- 1.5 All yachts must be owned by paid up racing members of CBYC.

2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Any additions or amendments to these Racing Instructions will be posted on the official CBYC website (www.cookbayyachtclub.ca) at least one day prior to the scheduled start of a race. This will constitute official notice to competitors.

Race results will be posted on the CBYC website ASAP following a race. Results will be counted only for competitors who are in compliance with 1.3 and 1.5 above at the time of the race in question.

3.0 CANCELLATIONS

- 3.1 In unsuitable weather conditions, the Race Committee Chair (or the Committee Boat skipper in the absence of the Race Chair) may choose to postpone, not start, or abandon a race. Examples of unsuitable weather conditions include high winds, no wind, thunder and/or lightning, etc. The Race Chair will make a reasonable attempt to notify competitors of the decision to cancel, delay, or abandon a race. Note that there is no race cancellation flag. Notwithstanding anything in this rule, it is the personal

responsibility of each skipper to decide on the advisability of starting or continuing any race. If a race is postponed, cancelled or abandoned, the committee boat will hail competing yachts on VHF channel 16 and communicate on VHF channel 11.

4.0 RACE CLASSIFICATIONS

All races will be sailed with a **combined fleet** of white sail and flying sail (spinnaker) boats.

Club Championship racing consists of the following series:

Tuesday Night Races

Three series (A, B & C) of 6 races each.

Series A & B start at 7:00 pm.

Series C starts at 6:30 pm

Courses are a single or double triangle, depending on wind conditions.

Other Club Racing:

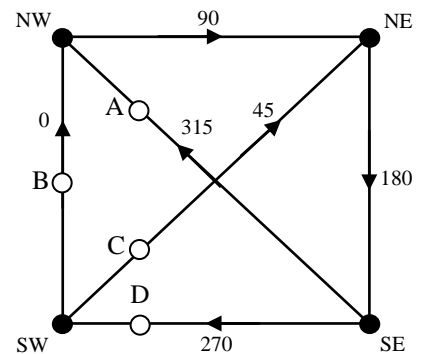
The Fox Island Cup Series

11:30 AM start for day races, 8 PM start for night races. Long distance course, approximately 17 nm. See detailed description under "courses".

5.0 COURSES

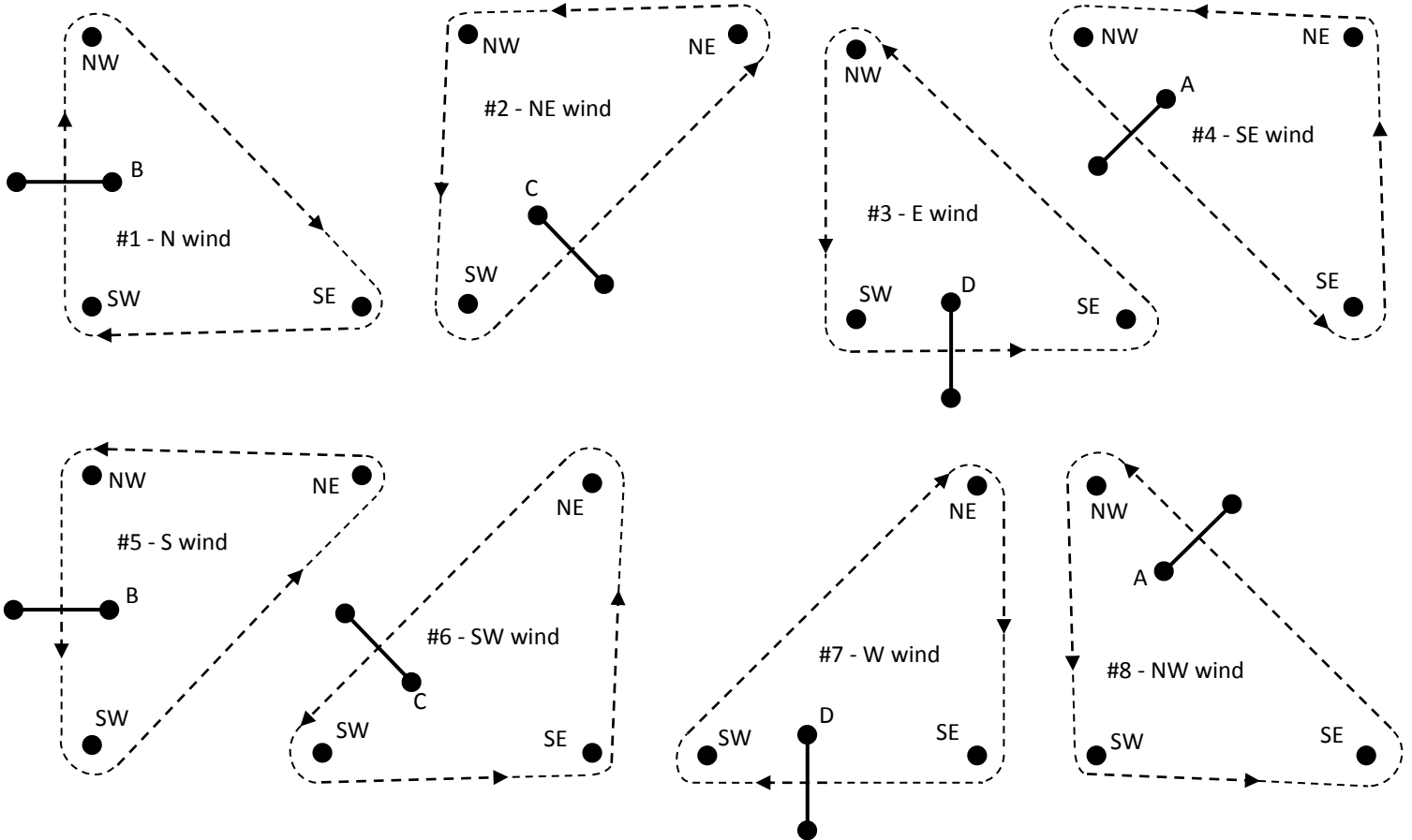
5.1 Distances, Headings and GPS Coordinates for CBYC Race Marks

GPS Coordinates:			
NW Mark:	44° 14.58' N	NE Mark:	44° 14.58' N
	79° 31.33' W		79° 30.28' W
SW Mark:	44° 13.83' N	SE Mark:	44° 13.83' N
	79° 31.33' W		79° 30.28' W
Start Area A:	44° 14.33' N	Start Area B:	44° 14.21' N
	79° 30.98' W		79° 31.33' W
Start Area C:	44° 14.08' N	Start Area D:	44° 13.83' N
	79° 30.98' W		79° 30.98' W



All headings are TRUE.
 ADDING 10° converts them to MAGNETIC.
 Each side of the square is 0.75 nm.

5.2 Tuesday Courses.



5.3 Fox Island Course

The start line, using the SW mark as the west end, is oriented W to E. The race starts northward toward the island, leaving the Roches Point Buoy (SS17 - green) to starboard. Around Fox Island in either direction, passing east of the Fox Island Buoy (SG6 - red). On the return trip, the Roches Point Buoy is left to port, then back across the finish line heading south.

6.0 STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Tuesday start lines will be set up using two round orange buoys at one of the four start locations (A,B,C,D) shown in 5.1 Boats only need to cross this line at the start and finish of a race. These buoys are NOT a gate to be passed through at any other time during the race.
- 6.2 The ONE-MINUTE RULE is employed. Boats may not cross the start line one minute prior to the starting signal. Boats crossing the line must round either end without rights until they are once again behind the start line.
- 6.3 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS - It is the responsibility of any yacht starting prematurely to round one end of the start line and make a proper start. The Race Committee Boat is not obliged to notify premature starters, but it will endeavor to do so by one blast of the horn for each offender.
- 6.4 GENERAL RECALL - In the event of a large number of premature starters the Race Committee Boat will sound two long horns. Thereafter, a horn will sound, beginning a new 5 minute start sequence.
- 6.5 For safety reasons, competitors are requested to notify the Race Committee Boat, by hailing on VHF channel 11 or 16, if they retire from the race.

7.0 STARTING PROCEDURES

- 7.1 All races will start (and finish) using GPS time. Start times are as published in these instructions and in the "Racing Information" flyer, or as otherwise indicated at a skipper's meeting or on VHF channel 11 prior to the race.
- 7.2 All boats are encouraged to carry a GPS receiver (or equivalent device) to provide them with GPS timing information.
- 7.3 The Race Committee Boat will be permitted to compete in all races.

8.0 FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The finishing line will be in the same location as the starting line, unless the course has been shortened.
- 8.2 Yachts must clear the finishing line and area immediately upon completing the race. Failure to comply with this provision may result in disqualification.
- 8.3 The leading yacht shall record the finishing times of fellow competitors until the committee boat finishes. At this time the committee boat will take up timing duties and collect the start/finish marks at the end of the race. These times must then be reported to the scorer (Mike Visser, Cooks Bay Marina - South side slip 24)
- 8.4 Fox Island Cup Races - Boats are requested to take their own provisional time as they pass the Roches Point Buoy (SS17) on the return trip. This time will be used if the course is shortened due to lack of wind.

9.0 RACE/COURSE CHANGES

- 9.1 Triangle courses may be shortened from two triangles to one triangle, due to light wind conditions, at the discretion of the race committee.
- 9.2 FOX ISLAND CUP RACE:

After rounding Fox Island, if the leading yacht has not reached the Roches Point Buoy (SS17 - green) within FOUR hours, the leading yacht will hail the fleet on VHF channel 11 and declare a shortened course, finishing at the Roches Point Buoy. If the leading yacht has not reached the finish line within SIX hours, the leading yacht will hail the fleet on VHF channel 11 and declare a shortened course, finishing at the Roches Point Buoy and using provisional times.

Again, boats are requested to take their own provisional times as they pass the Roches Point Buoy (SS17) on the return trip. These times will be used if the course is shortened due to lack of wind. (see section 8.4)

10.0 TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 TUESDAY RACES - These races are expected to last not more than TWO hours. The Race Committee Chair (or Committee Boat skipper if the Race Chair is not present) may choose to abandon races without waiting the full two hours. The Race Chair may also choose to extend the time if it is apparent that competitors may complete the race successfully in a slightly longer period of time. In any case where a change is made, the Race Chair will hail the fleet on VHF channel 11 and advise them of the situation. To qualify as a finisher, a yacht must finish within 60 minutes of the first yacht.
- 10.2 FOX ISLAND CUP RACE - See section 9.2 for shortened course provisions. To qualify as a finisher, a yacht must finish within 90 minutes of the leading yacht.

11.0 FLAGS

FLAGS WHICH **MAY** BE FLOWN BY THE COMMITTEE BOAT:

Orange Flag -	5 minute start sequence is ongoing.
"L" Pennant -	come within hail
"N" Pennant -	race abandoned
"S" Pennant -	shortened course
"W" Pennant -	change of course
"Y" Pennant -	life jackets must be worn
"Z" Pennant -	recall
Blue Flag -	protest pending

FLAGS WHICH **MAY** BE FLOWN BY COMPETING YACHTS:

"B" Pennant or any Red flag -	protesting yacht.
"I" Pennant or Yellow Flag -	acknowledgement of protest.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 All races will be scored according to the Low Point System as described in Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 edition (low point system). The low point system lays out the following scores for each finishing place:

First	1 point
Second	2 points
Third and thereafter	3 points, etc.

Any yacht which either does not finish, finishes and retires, or is disqualified will be scored one point higher than the number of yachts scored in the series.

12.2 Handicapping is "time on time" using PHRF Lake Ontario handicaps.

12.3 All ties for first place in a series will be broken in accordance with the rules of the ISAF: The tie shall be resolved in favor of the yacht that has the most first place finishes in that series.

12.4 Awards will be provided as follows:

Tuesday Night Series: Best 5 races in each series of 6.
First, second and third place.

Fox Island Cup: Best 2 races out of 3
First, second and third place.

12.5 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Club Championship will be awarded to the skipper who accumulates the lowest number of points in any fifteen Tuesday Night races.

12.6 MAKE UP RACES: May be scheduled at the discretion of the Race Committee.

13.0 PROTESTS

13.1 Knowledge of the racing rules assists all of us in the fundamental rule of "Fair Sailing". With a thorough understanding of the rules and the principles that fostered them, the need for protests is minimized. However, if competitors believe their rights have been infringed according to the rules, they have the right to follow the protest procedure.

13.2 Protests must comply with the rules in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing booklet and with the following procedures:

- The protestor shall display a red flag conspicuously at the first opportunity (this is usually interpreted as immediately) and keep it flying until finished and the protest is lodged.
- A protest hearing must be held when any collision results in damage. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of all yachts involved.
- The 720 degree turn penalty for infringement of a rule of part 2 of the yacht racing rules shall apply instead of disqualification for infringement of a rule of part 2
- The 360 degree turn penalty for touching a mark will apply instead of disqualification.
- All protests will be heard by the protest committee from which protest forms may be obtained.
- All protests will be heard within one week of the incident.
- All of the above conditions are required to be met in order to lodge a valid protest.

14.0 SAFETY FIRST

- 14.1 All yachts in the Club must be equipped in accordance with the requirements of the Canada Shipping Act, Small Vessel Regulations, pertaining to safety equipment.

- 14.2 The "Y" Flag on the Race Committee Boat, flown at the start of the race, indicates that PFDs or life jackets **MUST** be worn, subject to disqualification. Notwithstanding anything in this rule, it will be the personal responsibility of each person to wear a life jacket when conditions warrant.

- 14.3 It is mandatory that all skippers carry an operational VHF radio on board, tuned to channel 11, both for safety and for race information.