



**Queen City Yacht Club Open Regatta
September 9, 2017
Sailing Instructions
Version 01.01 2017-09-06
With Amendment 1/2016-09-09
Amendment 1 completely replaces previous versions**

#	Date	Section	Changes
1	2016-09-06	6	Change rating bands for PHRF WS (NFS) 1, PHRF WS (NFS) 2 & PHRF WS (NFS) 2

**Course assignments or course location may change
Check for amendments**

**The Queen City Yacht Club in conjunction with LORC is the organizing authority
for this regatta.**

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The prescriptions of Sail Canada will be posted on the Official Notice Board of the Regatta and are at:

http://www.sailing.ca/files/RRS_2017_2020_Sail_Canada_Prescription_Final_EN.pdf

1.3 The class rules for the handicap classes are PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) for PHRF fleets.

1.4 IRC 2017 Rules Parts A, B & C shall apply to all boats racing IRC.

1.5 For protests involving an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, a mediation hearing may be held (see SI 14).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the lobby of the QCYC Club House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the Sailing Instructions affecting the first day of racing will be posted on the QCYC website, www.qcyc.ca, by 1600 on Friday September 8th and posted on the official notice board. It is the responsibility of each boat to check before racing. Failure to notify individual entrants shall not be grounds for redress. This amends RRS 60 & 62.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the *Rapids Queen*. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULES OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1050.

5.2 No warning signal for any class will be made after 1550.

5.3 See the applicable attachment for the maximum number of races for that course.

6 CLASS FLAGS, RACING AREAS, THE COURSES, MARKS

Class	Attachment	Rating Band	Backstay Flag
IRC 1	A	1.028 and higher	BLACK
IRC 2	A	1.027 and lower	ORANGE
J 80	A		
PHRF A (FS)	A	150 and lower	BLUE
PHRF B (FS)	B	151 and over	YELLOW & RED
PHRF WS (NFS) 1	B	151 and under	CODE FLAG "W"
PHRF WS (NFS) 2	B	152 to 195 inclusive	CODE FLAG "W"
PHRF WS (NFS) 3	B	196 and over	CODE FLAG "W"
Shark (NFS)	B		
Star	B		

The above class assignments amend the assignments in the NOR

Boats in handicap classes shall fly Backstay Flags as set out above. Flags will be of non-fading material, a minimum of 8" x 12" and shall be flown visibly above the stern rail. Where two colours describe flags, the order of colours will be located diagonally from top of fly to bottom of hoist, with the first named colour above the other at the hoist.

Only Race Committee may protest a sailboat for not flying the proper backstay flag. This amends the NOR.

7 THE START

7.1 Each boat intending to race shall, before their first race in each day, come within hailing distance of the Race Committee vessel, either before the warning signal for the first Class in the first race or immediately after their Class warning signal, and shall report its sail number and receive acknowledgement. Boats attempting to signal their intent to race shall still keep clear of the Starting Area as defined in Sailing Instruction 7.3. The Race Committee will not accept reports of intent to start via VHF radio. The Race Committee may protest boats failing to report.

7.2 The starting line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the start mark.

7.3 After the first warning signal for the first race and prior to her own warning signal, a boat shall keep clear of the starting area that extends the length of the starting line ahead of and behind the starting line. It shall also extend one-half the length of the starting line past either end of the starting line. The Protest Committee may make the disqualification DNE for a breach of this instruction. This amends RRS 64.1.

7.4 A mark may be laid inside or near one end of the line (a “distance mark”) in which case, boats shall not pass between that mark and the Race Committee vessel at any time.

7.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.

7.6 If any part of a boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the minute before her starting signal, the race committee may announce this on the applicable VHF Channel.

7.7 Individual recalls will comply with RRS 29.1. The Race Committee may announce via the applicable VHF Channel the sail number or boat name of each premature starter. The failure to announce or the order in which boats are announced shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

7.8 To draw attention to the warning signal for a subsequent race, the race committee may sound multiple short sound signals and announce the upcoming warning signal on the applicable VHF Channel approximately one (1) minute before the upcoming warning signal.

8 CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS

8.1 If there is a sufficient wind shift during a series of start sequences, the race committee may draw attention to a course change for a class which has yet to start by displaying code flag ‘C’ at or before the warning signal until after the starting signal. Code flag ‘C’ will not be accompanied by a sound signal. This changes *race signal flag C*.

8.2 When SI 8.1 applies, change Marks 1 and 2 will be considered “new marks” as in instruction 9.1.

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

9.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

10 TIME LIMITS

10.1 A time limit of thirty (30) minutes after the first boat to finish in each class will apply. Boats failing to finish by the time limit for their class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

10.2 Boats not finished racing by 1715 (Eastern Daylight Time) will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 Boats will finish between the Orange Shape or Flag on the Race Committee vessel and the final mark of the course as per the course diagram in the applicable attachment.

11.2 If the Race Committee does not plan to run another race, it will fly Code Flag "H" at the finish.

11.3 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 44.1 shall notify the race committee after she has finished or retired and before going ashore.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Boats are requested to notify the Race Committee, by VHF radio immediately or verbally after finishing or withdrawing, of their intention to protest in that race, naming the boat(s) protested.

13.2 Protest forms are available at the Jury Desk as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

13.3 Protests shall be lodged in writing at the Jury Desk within one and one half hours of: a) the time of the last boat to finish the last race of the day on the protesting boat's course, or b) expiry of the time limit if that terminated the last race of day, or c) abandonment of racing for the day on the protesting boat's course, whichever is applicable.

13.4 Notice of protests to be heard will be posted on the Official Notice Board within thirty (30) minutes of the end of protest time. This serves as notice as required by RRS 63.2.

13.5 Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after being posted.

13.6 Breach of class or handicap rules will be allowed as grounds for protest provided the protestor submits an official copy of said one-design or handicap rules to the Protest Committee when filing the protest.

14 MEDIATION (See RRS Appendix T)

14.1 For Protests under a RRS of Part 2 of the rules where there is no damage, and in which there are no more than two boats involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. Any Protest not resolved by this process will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.

14.2 After the Protest has been filed, one designated representative from each boat shall testify before a mediator, no witnesses will be permitted. This amends RRS 63.5.

14.3 A boat that accepts the opinion of the mediator that she may have broken a rule, shall receive a 30% scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3 (c). This amends RRS A2.

14.4 When one boat accepts a penalty following a mediation hearing, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the Protest, and the Protest shall not be referred to the Protest Committee. This amends RRS 63.1.

14.5 The mediator may also approve the withdrawal of a Protest. This amends RRS 63.1.

14.6 The mediator may attend the full hearing.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Regatta will be scored as a single series with one race required to be completed to constitute a series. All races in the Regatta to count.

15.2 A boat that did not finish shall be awarded points for the finishing place one more than the number of finishers for that race. This changes RRS A4.2

15.3 All scoring will be Time on Time or Level.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Once a boat has fulfilled her check-in requirements, if she withdraws from a race or if she no longer intends to participate in racing, she shall: a) keep clear of other competitors, and b) notify the Race Committee and receive their acknowledgment either orally or on the applicable VHF channel. The Protest Committee may make the disqualification DNE for a breach of this instruction. This amends RRS 64.1.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Unless prohibited by class rules and as long as minimum crew requirements are met, crew changes between races will be allowed.

17.2 Unless prohibited by class rules, substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

19 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

22.1 See applicable attachment for appropriate VHF Channel for a given course.

22.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This changes RRS 41.

22.3 Race Committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed; start times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

22.4 When the Race Committee intends to protest a boat the Race Committee may notify the boat, after the race, on the listed VHF channel for the course, in addition, to the notification of SI 13. All boats should monitor the listed VHF channel for one half hour after the last finish of the last race of the day. Failure of a boat to receive such radio notification shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 (b) & 61.1(b).

23 PRIZES

Presentations of Flags will be made Saturday as soon as results are available.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance policy with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 CAD per event for Canadian boats and \$350,000 USD for US boats. A copy of the policy shall be kept on board the boat.

Attachment A – Course Alpha

1 SCHEDULE

The Regatta will consist of a maximum of four (4) races

2 RACING AREA

The race course is in a circle centred at approximately at 43° 35.55 N 79° 25.23' W, 1.5 nautical miles on a bearing of 250 degrees from the Gibraltar Point Buoy (E18).

3 SIGNAL BOAT

The signal boat for this course will display Code Flag 'A' and this may be removed just prior to the first race of the day.

4 CLASS FLAGS

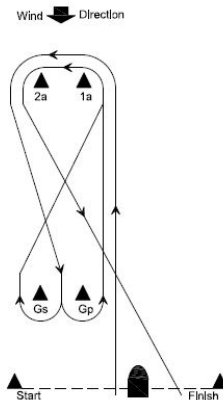
Class	Class Flag
IRC 1	Numeral Pennant "1"
IRC 2	Numeral Pennant "2"
J 80	Numeral Pennant "3"
PHRF A (FS)	Numeral Pennant "4"

The above does not imply starting order of classes. More than one class may be started together by the Signal Vessel flying the applicable class flags at the warning signal.

5 THE COURSE

5.1 The compass bearing and distances to Mark 1a will be displayed on the signal vessel before the warning signal. The marks will be inflatable marks with a different colour change of course mark, as in 5.2 below, and are to be rounded as follows: Start, 1a, 2a, Gp Gs (Gate), 1a, 2a, Finish. See below for Course Diagrams. A change of course may not have a Windward Offset (2a). If either the windward mark or offset is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark only. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark TO PORT

5.2 Course Diagrams



5.3 Marks

The marks will be inflatable marks and a different colour will be used for a change of course mark, as indicated in 5.2 and 5.3.

Mark	Original	Change
Start	Green	NA
1a, 2a	Yellow	Orange
Gs, GP	Orange	NA
Finish	Red	NA

6 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The applicable VHF channel for this course is VHF 71.

Attachment B –Course Bravo

1 SCHEDULE

The Regatta will consist of a maximum of three (3) races.

2 RACING AREA

The race course is south - south east of Centennial Pier approximately at 43° 36.7' N 79° 22.0' W

3 SIGNAL BOAT

The signal boat for this course will display Code Flag 'B' and this may be removed just prior to the first race of the day.

4 CLASS FLAGS

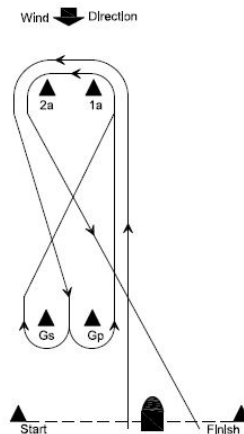
Class	Class Flag
PHRF B (FS)	Numeral Pennant "5"
PHRF WS (NFS) 1	Numeral Pennant "6"
PHRF WS (NFS) 2	Numeral Pennant "7"
PHRF WS (NFS) 3	Numeral Pennant "8"
Star	Star Class Flag
Shark (NFS)	Shark Class Flag

The above does not imply start order and more than one class may be started together by the Signal Vessel flying the applicable class flags at the warning signal.

5 THE COURSE

5.1 The compass bearing and distances to Mark 1a will be displayed on the signal vessel before the warning signal. The marks will be inflatable marks with a different colour change of course mark, as in 5.2 below, and are to be rounded as follows: Start, 1a, 2a, Gp Gs (Gate), 1a, 2a, Finish. See below for Course Diagrams. A change of course may not have a Windward Offset (2a). If either the windward mark or offset is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark only. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark TO PORT.

5.2 Course Diagrams



5.3 Marks

Mark	Original	Change
Start	Yellow	NA
1a, 2a	Orange	Yellow
Ga Gp	Orange	NA
Finish	Orange	NA

31 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The applicable VHF channel for this course is VHF 69.

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