

2008 MARITIME BLUENOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Chester Yacht Club
21 South St
Chester, NS**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will apply.
- 1.3. The rules, regulations, bylaws and constitution of Nova Scotia Bluenose Class Association will apply except as modified by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, which in case of conflict, will take precedence.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official notice board at the Chester Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of races affected. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the end of the dock.
- 4.2. Code Flag Numeric (4) with one sound signal means "A notice to competitors has been posted on the official notice board."
- 4.3. Protest time will start when: a) the last yacht racing for the day has finished, b) expiry of the time limit if that terminated the last race of the day, c) abandonment of racing for the day, whichever is applicable, and will end 1 (one) hr. later.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Saturday, August 23, 2008
 - 0800-0930 Registration
 - 0930 Annual General Meeting of the NS Bluenose Class Association
 - TBA Competitors meeting at conclusion of AGM
 - 1255 First Warning Signal
- Sunday, August 25, 2008
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- 5.2. The Race Committee does not plan to run another race when a white board on the RC boat displays the message "No more races today."
- 5.3. No starting sequence will commence after 1530 on Sunday, August 25, 2008
- 5.4. The Warning signal shall be the Bluenose Class flag, a black letter B on a white background, with blue and red trim.
- 5.5. Prize giving will be held 1 hour after the finish of the last boat of the last race of the day, or as soon as all relevant protests have been heard. . Should the racing be abandoned on Sunday, prize giving will take place approximately 1 hour after the abandonment signal has been made.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1. The races are open to all Bluenose Class yachts. Each yacht must be skippered or crewed by at least one member in *good* standing of the Nova Scotia Bluenose Class Association.

7. COURSES

7.1. Courses will be windward/ leeward.

A numeral pennant displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal will indicate the number of windward legs for a race. The compass direction to the windward mark will also be displayed on the chalkboard on the committee boat, as well as the presence or absence of an offset mark for that race.

E.G. The numeral pennant "2" displayed means the course for that race is the start leg to windward one downwind leg, and a windward leg to the finish.

All windward marks, and the offset mark if present, shall be taken to port.

The leeward mark may be of the "gate" type. Yachts are required to pass through the gate from the windward direction, and round either mark.

Code Flag Bravo displayed at the finish of a race signals that another race is planned.

Code Flag Charlie displayed prior to the next start signals that the length and/or the direction to the windward mark has changed.

The warning signal for the for the next start will occur one minute after Code Flag Bravo and/or Code Flag Charlie have been removed with a sound signal.

7.2. The racing area shall be within the confines of Chester Harbour.

8. THE START

8.1. An "Attention Signal " consisting of five short horns may be given three minutes before the start sequence of the first race of the day, or after a long postponement; or 1 minute before the start sequence of subsequent races.

8.2. The start line is between the pink pole on the Race Committee boat and the apex of the tetrahedron mark at the end of the line.

8.3. A yacht starting more than 10(ten) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS, Appendix A, section A4.

8.4. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the 2 (two) minutes before her starting signal, the race committee may display flag " V "as per RRS Appendix L, section 11.5. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the pre-start side, but not after the starting signal.

8.5. The Race Committee may make use of VHF radio channel 72 to announce individual or general recalls. Failure to make such radio transmissions or identification or misidentification of any OCS boats in such transmissions shall not be grounds for redress.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks of the course will be yellow inflatable tetrahedrons. The change mark may be an orange inflatable tetrahedron. The offset mark will be a round yellow or orange ball bearing the words " Bluenose Offset Mark ".

Changes of the next leg of the course:

To change the next leg of a course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark of a different colour, and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by the original mark. The compass direction to the new mark will be displayed on the whiteboard of the RC boat.

9.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes Rule 28.1

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line is between a pink pole on the RC boat and the adjacent mark.
This changes Rule 32.2.

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. If no yacht passes the first mark of the course within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2. If no yacht finishes the original course or a shortened course within 60 minutes, the race will be abandoned
- 11.3. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht sails the course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" This amends RRS Rule 35 and A4.

12. PROTESTS

- 12.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the CYC bar and lodged there within one hour of protest time as signaled by Instruction 4.3 of these sailing instructions.
- 12.2. Arbitration;
- a) For protests involving a breach of a Rule in RRS, part 2, a short arbitration hearing of not more than 10 minutes will be held prior to a protest meeting. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
 - b) After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat shall meet with the arbitrator.
 - c) A yacht that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she has broken a Rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% as detailed in Sailing Instruction 14.2. and no protest hearing will be held.
 - d) If the protesting boat accepts the arbitrator's recommendation that the protest be withdrawn, no protest meeting will be held.
 - e) The acceptance of the arbitrator's recommendation shall not be grounds for redress or be appealed.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The low-point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2 will apply. There may be as many as 7 races. 3 races are required to constitute a series. Four races or less, all races will count. *Five races or more, drop one race.*
- 13.2. The Spinnaker and White Sail fleets shall be scored separately for the purposes of respective fleet awards. For the purposes of awarding the Russell-Youla Trophy, all yachts entered shall be scored as one fleet.

14. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

- 14.1. The two-turns penalty of RRS Rule 44 will apply.
- 14.2. RRS 44.1 is modified to allow a yacht to accept an *arbitration penalty of 40% of the number of boats entered, (rounding 0.5 upward) but shall not be less than 4 (four) place, added to her finishing position. However, she shall not be scored worse than "Did not Finish"*

15. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 15.1. All yachts shall carry safety equipment to Transport Canada minimum standards.
- 15.2. All yachts must be equipped with a quickly deployable tow line at least 35 feet (10.7 meters) in length.

16. INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING

- 16.1. Any yacht, which interferes with the orderly passage of a naval or commercial ship, may be DSQ by the race committee, and may be denied entry to subsequent events following investigation by the NSYA.

17. WITHDRAWAL OR DISABLEMENT

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race or from racing for the day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, either orally or by VHF channel 72.

18. INSURANCE:

- 18.1. All yachts are required to carry valid public liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 and shall produce evidence of coverage at time of Registration. A Waiver, release and

Indemnification are required to be signed.

19. GARBAGE

19.1. Yachts shall not discharge garbage overboard. Witnesses to such behaviour are encouraged to act under RRS rules, "Protests by Yachts"

20. Radio Communications

20.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile (cell) telephones.

20.2. All yachts are strongly encouraged to have a VHF radio on board monitoring channel 72.

21. Disclaimer of Liability

21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

End Sailing Instructions