

# **2009 MARITIME BLUENOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**August 22/23, 2009**

**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).
- 1.2. The Prescriptions of the Canadian Yachting Association will apply. These may be found on the CYA website under the title Racing Rules.
- 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 located at the west side of 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. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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. When the AP flag is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1. Saturday, August 22, 2009
  - 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 23, 2009
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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." An announcement will also be made by VHF ( Ch 72 ) when racing has ended for the day.
- 5.3. No Warning signal will be given after 1530 on Sunday, August 23, 2009
- 5.4. The Warning signal shall be the Bluenose Class flag.
- 5.5. Prize giving on Sunday will be held 1 hour after the Race Committee boat docks, at the end of racing for the day, or as soon as all relevant arbitrations /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 ashore, or the RC boat docks.

## 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 and/or a gate 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. In the absence of a gate, yachts shall round the leeward mark to port.

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. In the event that wind conditions within the harbour are unsuitable for racing, the racing area may be moved into the waters of Mahone Bay, immediately south of Quaker Island. An announcement will be made by VHF radio ( Ch 72 ) if the racing area is relocated.

## 8. THE START

- 8.1. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or a sequence of races may begin shortly, a pink flag will be displayed with one sound signal three minutes before the warning signal is displayed. An Attention Signal consisting of five short horns may be given 1 minute before the warning signal of the first of a series of starts.
- 8.2. The starting line will be between a pink staff with a pink flag 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 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS, Appendix A, section A4.
- 8.4. The Race Committee may make use of VHF radio ( Ch 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 orange shape.

- 9.2.

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.

- 9.3. 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 staff with a pink flag on the RC boat and the apex of the adjacent mark. This changes Rule 32.2.
- 10.2. All boats finishing may receive a sound signal. Receiving a sound signal does not indicate a boat started correctly or was not OCS, and shall not be grounds for redress.

## **11. TIME LIMITS**

- 11.1. If no yacht passes the first mark of the course within 35 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 11.2. If no yacht finishes the original course or a shortened course within 70 minutes, the race will be abandoned
- 11.3. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first yacht sails the original course or a shortened course and finishes will be scored "Did Not Finish" This amends RRS Rule 35 and A4.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM AND PROTESTS including MEDIATION.**

- 12.1. Protest Time will start when the Race Committee boat returns to the CYC dock at the end of racing for the day, and will end 1 ( one ) hr. later.
- 12.2. Mediation;
- a) For protests involving a breach of a Rule in RRS, part 2, where there is no damage, and in which no more than 2 boats are involved, there may be a short mediation hearing. The mediator will decide the meaning of the word " short ". Protests not resolved in mediation will be referred to the Protest Committee for a full hearing.
  - b) After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat shall meet with the mediator. No witnesses will be permitted. The mediator will decide on the validity of the protest.
  - c) A yacht that accepts the mediator's opinion that she has broken a Rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% as stated in Rule 44.3 ( c ) This amends Rule A2.
  - d) When in the opinion of the mediator one boat has broken a rule and that boat accepts a penalty, her decision shall be binding upon the other party to the protest, and the protest shall not be referred to a protest committee. This amends Rule 63.1
  - e) When in the opinion of the mediator both boats have broken a rule and both boats accept a penalty, the protest shall not be referred to a Protest Committee. If only one boat accepts a penalty, it shall not be penalized further by the protest committee. This amends Rule 63.1
  - f) The mediator may also approve the withdrawal of a protest. This amends Rule 63.1
  - g) The mediator may attend the full hearing.
  - h) The acceptance of the mediators recommendation shall not be grounds for redress or be appealed.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. There may be as many as 7 races. 3 races are required to constitute a series. Four races or less completed, all races will be scored. Five races or more completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 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.
- 13.3. Scoring Inquiry forms are available at CYC to report possible scoring errors to the RC.

#### **14. ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is amended so that the Two-turns penalty is replaced by the One-turn penalty.
- 14.2. RRS 44.1 is modified to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2, or Rule 31.1 to accept a penalty of 40% of the number of boats entered, (rounding 0.5 upward) but shall not be less than 4 (four) places, added to her finishing position. However, she shall not be scored worse than " Did not Finish" However if she caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series, by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

#### **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.
- 15.3. Medical Evacuations from the race course. Should this become necessary the boat transporting the patient to shore shall proceed directly to the Government Wharf in the front harbour. This wharf is known as the Tancook Ferry Wharf. 12 Water St. Chester.
- 15.4. Any boat 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.

#### **16. WITHDRAWAL OR DISABLEMENT**

- 16.1. 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.

#### **17. INSURANCE:**

- 17.1. 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.

#### **18. GARBAGE**

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

#### **19. Radio Communications**

- 19.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile (cell) telephones.
- 19.2. All yachts are strongly encouraged to have a VHF radio on board monitoring channel 72.

#### **20. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 20.1. 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