

**Kelowna Yacht Club
Women's Monday Night Series 2018
Sailing Instructions (SIs)**

1. **RACES** will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020*, the prescriptions of Sail Canada, the Sailing Instructions, and the Rules and Regulations of Class Associations.
2. **ADVERTISING** is permitted as per 20.2 Category C of the ISAF Regulations.
3. **REGISTRATION is mandatory for skippers, coaches and crew prior to participating in Monday Night Ladies Sailing.** Registrations will be accepted online on the Kelowna Yacht Club website. Per person fee is \$75 Kelowna Yacht Club members and reciprocal club members; \$125 Non-Kelowna Yacht Club and non-reciprocal members. GST extra.
4. **ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, AND CLASSIFICATION** - Sailboats participating in the Monday Night Ladies Racing shall be owned by members of the Kelowna Yacht Club. **Sailboats shall carry appropriate insurance, shall have a current PHRF certificate,** and shall have correct, consistent, legible, normally 12” high sail numbers on both the main sail and on the spinnaker. Sailboats from outside the club membership must apply to the sailing fleet captain for special permission to participate. Application shall include a copy of appropriate insurance.
5. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
In the event of any special sailing instructions, a notice board calling for a skipper’s meeting, or giving details of the special notice will be prominently displayed on the main dock. It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to check for any special notices prior to the day’s sailing.

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of sailing on the day it will take effect, except that the RC may also communicate to each boat changes to the sailing instructions on the water prior to the warning signal. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted at least seven days before it will take effect.

6. **FLEET ASSIGNMENT AND CLASS FLAGS**

There will be 2 fleets, coached and non-coached. The committee will determine class flags and start sequence.

7. **SCHEDULE SAILING and AWARDS PARTY**

On-line Registration	Opens on March 1, 2018	
Meet & Greet	March 19	6:30 - 8:00 pm - Banquet Room
Rules Seminar (book club)	March 26	6:30 - 8:00 pm – TBD
Practice series	April 9	5:00 pm on the dock/5:30 pm start
	April 16	5:00 pm on the dock/5:30 pm start
Series “A”	April 23	6:00 pm start - DOCK SOCIAL
	April 30	6:00 pm start
	May 07	6:00 pm start
	May 14	6:00 pm start
	May 21	NO RACE
Series “B”	May 28	6:00 pm start - DOCK SOCIAL
	June 4	6:00 pm start
	June 11	6:00 pm start
	June 18	6:00 pm start - DOCK SOCIAL
Awards Party	June 25	6:30 - 8:30 pm – Banquet Room
Okanagan Women’s Regatta	July 6,7,8.	Kelowna Yacht Club

The course for each race will be displayed on the committee boat by posting a list of the marks to be rounded. All marks shall be rounded to port. Different classes may sail different courses; a new course will be posted on the committee boat prior to the ‘Preparatory’ signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

8. START

The starting line will be between a starting mark and the “RC” flag on the committee boat.

The “come within hail” flag will be displayed and it will be the responsibility of the skipper to hail his/her sail number prior to the first warning signal. Failing to do so may result in DNS.

9. STARTING ZONE

The starting area is defined as an area extending 50 meters on both sides of the starting line and 30 meters at both ends of the starting line or up to a continuing obstruction, whichever is nearer. After the first preparatory signal, the only boats permitted in this zone are:

10.1 Boats whose fleet will be starting with the next flag signal

10.2 Boats whose fleet has already started.

Boats not complying with this may be protested and disqualified.

MARKS are yellow buoys (or a replacement). Marks are referenced by letters B, C, D, F, G plus X and P.

See Appendix A.

**** The Start/Finish line is designated an obstruction as per appendix L., 10, of the RRS.**

10. THE FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between the committee boat and the last mark of the course. The finish line will be perpendicular to the last mark rounded.

In the absence of the RC, a boat shall take her own finish time and report it to the RC as soon as possible. If there is no longer an established finishing line, it shall be a line extending at right angles to the course from the last mark and of the shortest practical length.

11. TIME LIMITS:

Time limits are as follows:

Fleet/Class	Race Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit
All	2 hours	30 minutes

1. If no boat has passed the initial windward mark within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
3. **FINISHING ON THE WATER:** Boats may be finished on the course at the discretion of the RC. The RC determines the method and order of finishing. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

12. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Every boat shall carry on board all safety equipment listed on the required safety equipment list included in the registration package.

****NOTE: A VHF radio is required for all Kelowna Yacht Club events. Boat owners/ skippers must have a functional VHF radio on board. The race committee will endeavor to monitor channel 16 and may elect to communicate information to the fleet on channel 72.**

13. PROTEST PROCEDURE

A boat intending to protest an infraction of the rules must inform the Race Committee after finishing the race. Protest shall be written on forms available and shall be presented to a member of the RC within 30 minutes of the presentation of the race results to the statistician.

14. POINTS AWARDED

Points will be awarded using the Low Point Scoring System as per RRS A4.

15. SCORING

Boats will be scored on a per fleet basis for Series A and Series B, as well as overall championships. Throw-outs per series will be as follows:

1 to 3 Races completed – 0 throw-outs

4 to 5 Races completed – 1 throw-out

6 or more Races – 2 throw-outs

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each fleet in Series A and Series B; as well as overall prizes for the season. All other competitors will receive a participation prize.

APPENDIX A

