

March 1, 2017

**INVERNESS YACHT CLUB**  
**NOTICE OF RACES AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**2017**

**1. Rules**

- a. The races set out in the IYC race calendar will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2013-2016) unless modified pursuant to these Sailing Instructions and or Notice of Races of IYC.
- b. Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear an approved PFD or Life Jacket while racing.
- c. The Flying Dutchman Invitational and 110 Districts regattas will sail under separate race instructions published at the time.

**2. Schedule of races**

- a. The schedule of races is as per the IYC 2017 Race Calendar published on the IYC Website, which supersedes the attached schedule if they are in conflict (so check the website before any event!).

**3. Notice to competitors**

- a. Notice to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at the end of the IYC dock.

**4. Registration**

- a. To be eligible to be scored skippers shall register with the race committee before the start of the race. Failure to do so can be grounds for DSQ.

**5. Race Fees**

- a. \$10 per race day or \$100 for the entire (16 race days) season. Fees are payable in advance or on race day before the start of the race. Non payment can result in a DNS score for that day.

## **6. Bender Championship Regatta & Qualifying**

a. The rules for the qualifying series and the championship regatta are set forth in Attachment 1 to this NOR and Sailing Instructions.

## **7. Notice to competitors**

a. Notices to competitors, if any, will be posted on the Notice Board at the end of the IYC dock.

## **8. Courses**

a. The course will be posted on the dry board at the end of the dock. If there are two races on a given race day the second race for that fleet will sail the same course as it had in the first race.

## **9. Scoring**

a. Competition is open to IYC members and guests. Unless otherwise stated for a particular event, guests are eligible for trophies, awards and scoring including the Bender Championship qualifiers. As to trophies, perpetual trophies will remain at IYC. Participation in the Bender Championship is limited to IYC member skippers.

b. The most current IYC Handicaps will be used for all scoring other than any one-design fleet scoring.

c. The race committee may reject, cancel or add the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor provided it does so before the start and states the reason for doing so.

d. Races shall be held on Tomales Bay.

## **10. Protests**

a. Protest Notification - Rule 61.1(a) applies. In essence it requires that boats of less than 6 meters in length need not display a red protest flag, and if the other boat is beyond hailing distance the protesting boat shall inform the other boat of the intention to protest at the first reasonable opportunity. The above restatement of the rule does not amend it. However, 61.1 (a) is hereby amended to not require a singlehanded boat otherwise required to raise a protest flag to do so.

## **11.Redress**

- a. Failure of a boat to come to the start area because of tidal conditions shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **12.Lake Race**

- a. The skipper need not be a woman to participate in the Lake Race (as it historically did). However, competitors in that event are hereby requested to maximize the number of female crew aboard in any capacity.