

2018 Sailing Instructions

1. RACES

Races will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (2017 – 2020), the prescriptions of Sail Canada or as modified by these instructions. Rules and regulations of any Class Associations will apply when not in conflict with these instructions. Advertising is permitted as per 20.2 category C of the ISAF Regulations.

2. REGISTRATION

Registrations will be accepted online. http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/16314#_home Waiver is to be signed by the boat owner along with full payment of the registration fee and a copy of current BC PHRF Certificate.

Registration fee structure is as follows:

A: \$275 (plus tax) for the entire Open racing season (not including regattas).

B: \$225 (plus tax) for Wednesday Night Races only.

C: \$150 (plus tax) Spring Fringe, Fall Fringe, Hot Rum and Caesar's Freezer only.

The fee includes membership to BC Sailing but not the PHRF certification; the cost of the PHRF certificate is the responsibility of the boat owner.

**Registration and current BC PHRF certificate prior to the start of racing is mandatory
Boats not in compliance will be scored DNS.**

Kelowna Yacht Club will do its best to make moorage available for visiting guests who participate in the spring and fall racing.

Arrangements must be made with the moorage office prior to arrival.

3. PARTICIPATION

To increase participation on the starting line and to encourage new racers and those who haven't been on the race course recently, the registration fees will be waived for those meeting the following criteria:

- You have not registered within the past three seasons.
- If you are in a partnership, your partner must not have been registered within the past three seasons.
- If you are/were in a partnership, your boat must not have been registered within the past three seasons.
- You are the registered owner of the boat.
- You are a member of Kelowna Yacht Club
- You are not eligible to receive any awards.
- The sailing committee reserves the right to final approval.

4. ELIGIBLE BOATS

Eligible boats for the regular racing series are those boats that are owned by members of the Kelowna Yacht Club. Boats from outside the club membership must apply to the sailing executive for special permission to race in one or more regular series races. These visiting boats must be able to show a certificate of public liability insurance as well as a PHRF certificate from BC Sailing

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participating in any races hosted by the Kelowna Yacht Club do so entirely at their own risk. See the RRS fundamental rule 4: "Decision to Race: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

5.1 In accordance with PIYA Safety Equipment Requirements. Section 1.2 (for monohulls), competitors acknowledge and agree that the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS rule 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. S/he shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his/her incapacitation.

5.2 The Kelowna Yacht Club, Organizing Committee and Race Committee, do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.

6. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In the event of any special racing instructions, a notice board calling for a skipper's meeting, or giving details of the special notice will be prominently displayed at the top of the docks. It shall be the responsibility of each competitor to check for any special notices prior to the day's racing.

Any changes in the race instruction will be posted at least one hour before the start of racing on the day it will take effect except that the Race Marshall 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.

7. CLASSES

The Tune Up, Hot Rum series and Caesar's Freezer will have a single start and boats will race as one PHRF class. The other series will have multiple starts. Boats racing PHRF, other than White Sails, will be divided into classes based on PHRF rating. However, the Race Chairman reserves the right to assign boats to classes to obtain an even distribution; the distribution will be maintained within each series.

8. STARTING ORDER

Classes will start in order of Class from 2 to 4.

Rule 29.2 When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The race schedule can be found in the registration package. See Appendix C. Updates to the schedule will be posted on the Kelowna Yacht Club website.

10. STARTING PROCEDURE

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.

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Race Committee flag will be displayed with several short sounds at least one minute before a warning signal is made.

11. CLASS FLAGS

Final class splits and boat assignments may be adjusted after final registration. The Race Committee reserves the right to sort boats by parameters other than handicap.

Class flags shall be:

Class	Flag	PHRF Handicap Range
2	Code Flag 2	0 – 158
3	Code Flag 3	Santana 525
4	Code Flag 4	> 158

Each boat will receive a class flag in their race package at time of registration. Class flags shall be flown from the backstay above the level of the pushpit.

12. COURSES

The course for each race will be displayed on the committee boat by posting a list of the marks to be rounded. All marks are to be rounded to port. ***Different classes may sail different courses; if applicable, a new course will be posted on the committee boat between the 'Warning' signal and the 'Preparatory' signal.*** This changes RRS 27.1.

13. 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:

1. Boats whose class will be starting with the next flag signal
2. Boats whose class has already started.

Boats not complying with this may be protested and disqualified. The 720 rule does not apply.

14. MARKS

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

***** "A" mark may be used as a moveable mark in an effort to set a true upwind first leg.***

A missing mark may be replaced by a committee boat on station at the location of the missing mark prior to the first boat arriving at that mark. Such a committee boat will display code flag "M" and call attention to it by sounding a horn signal. In the event a missing mark is not replaced in time for the arrival of the first boat, the race will be abandoned for all classes and will not be re-sailed.

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

15. THE START

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

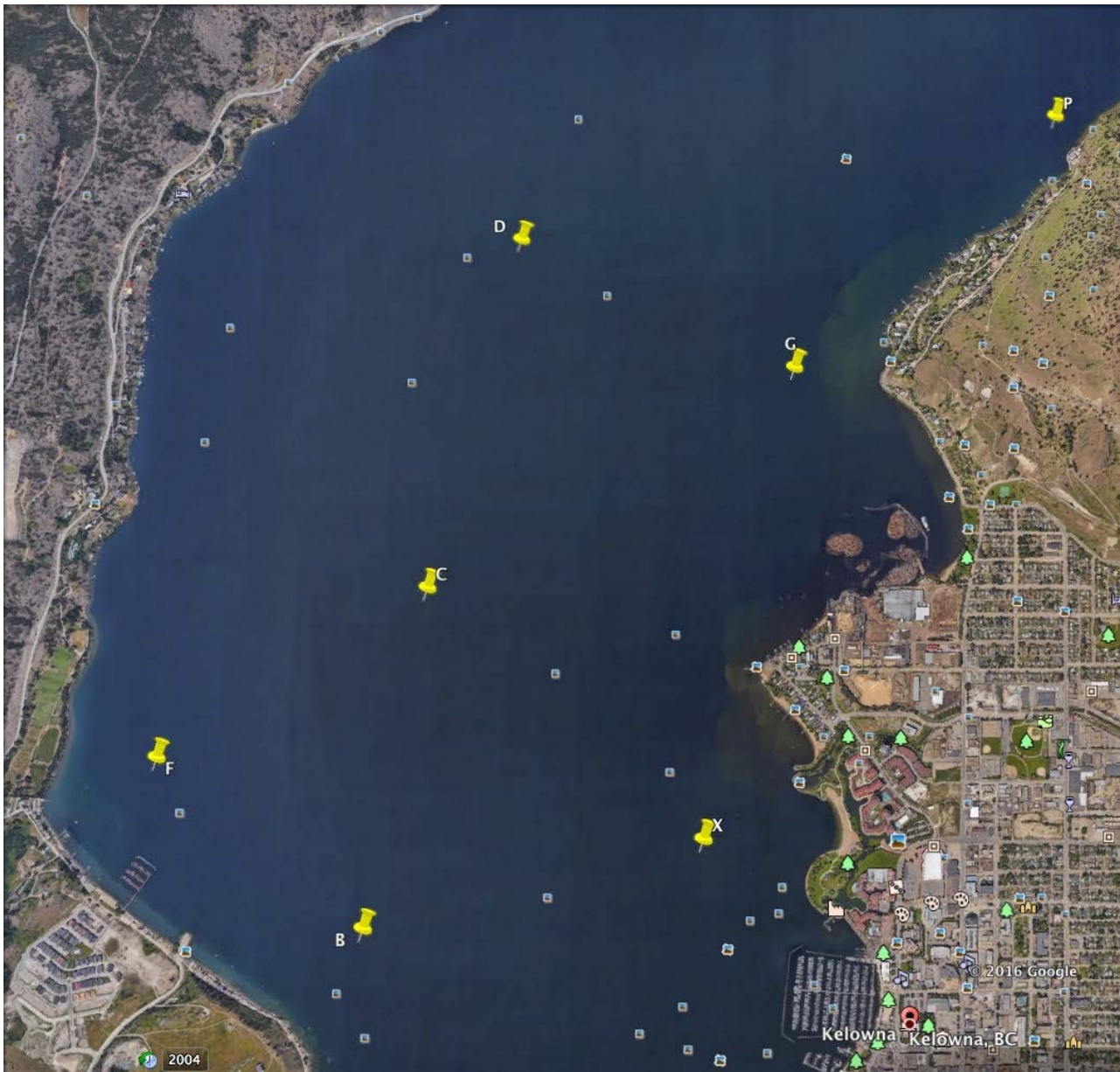
***** Marks "C" and "X" will be the preferred starting marks.***

16. THE FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between the "RC" flag on 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 Race Committee, a boat shall take her own finish time and report it to the Race Committee as soon as possible. **White Sails must always be prepared to take their own time.** 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.

Appendix A



*** Approximate mark locations**

17. SHORTENING COURSE

Any race may be shortened after its start, at any mark of the course. The committee boat will move to that mark, displaying code flag "S" and the flag of the class(es) being shortened. The race committee will give 2 sound signals within hailing distance of the lead boat. The finish line will then exist between the mark and the code flag "S" flag on the Committee Boat and shall be crossed from the direction of the previous mark.

18. POSTPONEMENT OR ABANDONMENT

Races postponed will be sailed later that day if possible. Races abandoned will not be re-sailed.

19. CHANGING COURSE

A change in course will be signalled near the mark beginning the leg being changed by a race committee boat that display code flag "C". The committee boat will draw attention to itself by sounding repeated horn signals. New course letters displayed on the committee boat will indicate the new course.

20. TIME LIMIT

21.1 The time limit will be two hours for all classes on Wednesday nights. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes, or after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

21.2 The time limit will be three hours for all classes when sailing on Sundays except for Caesar's Freezer. Boats failing to finish 30 minutes (including White Sails) after the first boat finishes or after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. If no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

21.3 Caesar's Freezer time limit is 6 hours. Boats failing to finish 45 minutes after the first boat finishes or after the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. If no boats finish within the time limit, the halfway time will be used; if no boats reach the halfway point within the time limit, the race will be abandoned. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

21. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Every boat shall carry on board, all safety equipment listed on the required safety equipment list included in the registration package. See Appendix B. Failure to submit the form or carry all items at all times will result in a boat's racing results not being scored.

22. LIFE JACKETS

Lifejackets or other appropriate personal buoyancy shall be worn while racing by all competitors when code flag "Y" is displayed by the committee boat. Failure to do so may be protested.

23. PROTEST PROCEDURE

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

24. SCORING

Points will be awarded using the Low Point Scoring System as per Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Each boat finishing in a race and thereafter not retiring or being disqualified, will be awarded points equal to her finishing position. Abandoned races are not considered in tallying series scores.

Series A,B,C,D, Spring Fringe, Fall Fringe and Hot Rum will have 1 throw-out if 4 or more races are sailed. If 3 races or less are sailed, there will be no-throw outs.

The Overall Wednesday Night Series combining Series A, B, C and D,
will have: 3 throw-outs if 17 or more races sailed
2 throw-outs if 15-16 races sailed
1 throw-out if 13-14 races are sailed.
If 12 races or less are sailed, there will be no throw-outs.

DNC / DNS

Boats not competing in a series race will be awarded points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats registered for that class.

DNF / DSQ

All other boats, including a boat that finishes but thereafter retires or is disqualified, will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that race.

Boats that retire must inform the race committee within 30 minutes of the presentation of the race results to the statistician or possibly receive a DNC / DNS.

BREAKING TIES

Appendix A7 and A8 of the Racing Rules of Sailing will be used to break ties.

25. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in series A, B, C, & D as well as the Spring & Fall Fringe and the Overall Series. Prizes will be awarded as indicated below:

Boats Registered	No. of Prizes	Prizes Awarded For:
1 – 3	One Prize	Overall and Series
4 – 6	Two Prizes	Overall and Series
7 – 9	Three Prizes	Overall and Series
>9	Four Prizes	Overall and Series

Prizes will also be awarded to the top four finishers in the Hot Rum series and Caesar's Freezer.

26. SAIL NUMBERS

All boats are required to have correct, consistent, legible, normally 12" high sail numbers on **both** the main sail and on the spinnaker. The race committee is not obligated to record or score a boat not meeting this condition.

27. VHF MONITORING

The Race Committee will be monitoring VHF channel 72.

****ALL BOATS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY A FUNCTIONAL VHF RADIO ONBOARD.**

28. USE OF IMAGES/VIDEO

By entering these races you give permission for the free use of your picture in any broadcast, telecast, advertising, promotion or other account of this event and associated events.