

Schooner Cove Yacht Club
2020 Handicapped Sailboat Racing Program
General Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. Races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-20* and the prescriptions of the Sail Canada, the Notice of Race and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Class rules will be of PHRF-BC.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Afterdeck.
- 2.2. Notices will also be distributed by email. It is the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that the Race Committee is supplied with the correct email address.
- 2.3. A Race Officer will be appointed by the Fleet Captain for each race day.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted immediately after the skippers meeting on the day it will take effect, following discussion at that skippers meeting.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be distributed by email by 2000 HRS on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AT THE AFTERDECK

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag staff at the Afterdeck except start sequence signals.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, at the Afterdeck, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.
- 4.4. "Signals made ashore" are made at the Afterdeck. Items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 do not apply to signals made by the Race Committee at the start line.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. See Appendix One and/or Notice Of Race.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal will be posted at the Skippers Meeting
- 5.3. A minimum of 3 boats are required to start a race. If less than 3 boats attend the Skippers Meeting the race will be postponed.

6. POSTPONED RACES

- 6.1. Races may be postponed by the Race Officer at a skippers meeting due to weather conditions, with the agreement of a majority of the skippers present.
- 6.2. As a general rule, races will be postponed if the wind is expected to exceed 25 KTS during the race.

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- 6.3. If weather forecasts indicate that conditions may not be acceptable for racing at the time scheduled for an upcoming race, the Race Officer may poll skippers ahead of time to obtain their opinion about possible postponement or abandonment of the race.
- 6.4. If, at some time before the Skippers Meeting, the skippers agree to postpone or cancel a race the Race Officer will notify the Skippers, the Race Committee and the Fleet Captain of the agreed action before 0830 HRS on the race day on which the cancelled or postponed race was to be held. Skippers will be responsible to notify their crew of the postponement or cancellation of the race.
- 6.5. The Race Officer will attempt to re schedule postponed races to a future date. If a suitable date cannot be established the race will be abandoned. Notice will be distributed by email.

7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. Each day the assigned Race Officer will chair the skippers meeting, define the course and start time for the race and note specific conditions or hazards to be considered by the skippers.
- 7.2. The process for shortening course(s) will be defined at the skippers meeting and may include a time limit to reach a certain mark by the lead boat.
- 7.3. The course(s), start time, short course provision, communication protocol and other special conditions will be posted on the chalk board in the Afterdeck at the skippers meeting.
- 7.4. It is a responsibility for the Race Officer to provide clear and appropriate courses and for the Skippers to ensure they understand clearly the courses set.
- 7.5. It is the responsibility of the skipper or representative of each boat to note the course(s).
- 7.6. In the event that the course is shortened the lead boat will announce the shortening on VHF channel 69.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Marks may be islands, existing marks, SCYC set permanent marks, temporary anchored buoys or other features. Marks for races will be defined at the skippers meeting.

9. THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started according to rule 26.
- 9.2. The warning signal will be 5 minutes before the start.
- 9.3. Shortly before the warning signal there will be a series of short sounds to alert racers.
- 9.4. The start line will be defined at the skippers meeting.

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will normally be between the Marina Office north window and Schooner Reef beacon.

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10.2. Changes in the location of the finish line will be notified to competitors at the skippers meeting.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. The two turns penalty will apply for penalties taken while racing at the time of the incident, except that the penalty for touching a mark will be one turn (RRS Rule 44).

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1. The time limit for each race is 4 hours.

12.2. If one boat finishes within the time limit, boats finishing more than 1 hour after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1. Protests and requests for redress shall be conducted as prescribed in Part 5 of the RRS.

13.2. Protest forms are available at the Afterdeck. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Afterdeck beginning at the time posted.

13.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

13.6. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

14. SCORING

14.1. The low point scoring system will be used.

14.2. At least 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.3. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

14.4. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14.5. Results will be posted to the official notice board and distributed by email.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1. Boats retiring from a race must inform the race committee as soon as possible.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1. Radio communication will be by VHF channel 69. Boats are expected to monitor this channel.

16.2. With the exception of emergency communication, radio communication while racing is restricted to:

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- 16.2.1. Announcing a shortened course by the lead boat,
- 16.2.2. Responding to the shortened course announcement
- 16.2.3. Retiring from a race
- 16.2.4. Boats informing the Race Committee that they are approaching the finish line, if requested to do so at the Skippers Meeting
- 16.2.5. Advice from the Race Committee of a general recall if boats do not respond to flags
- 16.2.6. Advice to a boat over early at the start that does not respond to flags
- 16.2.7. Communication by the Race Committee concerning information of importance to all boats racing

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony in spring of the following year at a date to be announced.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the racing events entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 18.2. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series or event.

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APPENDIX ONE: SCYC RACING EVENTS

2019 HANDICAPPED RACING PROGRAM

Ken Woodward Hot Rum Series	Skippers Meeting 10.00:	Series Race #
	January 5	1
	January 19	2
	February 2	3
	February 16	4
	March 1	5
	March 15	6

Spring Series	Skippers Meeting 09.00:	Series Race #
	March 29	1, 2
	April 5	3, 4*

**2019 Year Awards Ceremony follows Race 4 of the Spring Series*

Bay Race 1 - Reverse Handicap	Skippers Meeting 10.00:	
	May 31	1

Bay Race 2 - Reverse Handicap	Skippers Meeting 10.00:	
	August 30	1

Fall Colours Series	Skippers Meeting 10:00 if 1 race, 9:00 if 2 races	Series Race #
	October 4	1&2
	October 18	3
	November 1	4
	November 15	5
	November 29	6
	December 13*	7

**Racers Christmas Party follows Race 7*

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

The following special racing events are also staged by SCYC in addition to the annual handicapped racing program. These events are subject to individual Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions relevant to the event.

LASQUETI ISLAND RACE – May 31 to June 2 - *Special conditions apply – see Lasqueti Island Race NOR and SI*

Lasqueti Island Race	Skippers Meeting 08.30 (to be verified – check NOR for Lasqueti Island Race):	SCYC – VIRS Regatta Event
	June 5-7 (racing June 6)	Contact is John Collins Regatta@scyc.ca

SUMMER FUN RACING - *Special conditions apply – see Wednesday Summer Fun Racing NOR and SI*

Wednesday Evening Summer Fun Racing	Skippers Meeting 18.00:	SCYC and Guests Sailing
<i>NB: Summer Race Series Director will assign special handicaps by race</i>		Contact Wally Clark (wwclark223@gmail.com)

SCYC FLEET REGATTA - Sunday September 27 - *Special conditions apply– see Fleet Regatta NOR and SI*

Special Regatta for SCYC boats	Skippers Meeting tba:	SCYC boats sailing
<i>Fleet Divisions will be established for racers and those not accustomed to racing. “Bang and Back” format negates the requirement for handicaps. Racing is followed by a social.</i>	Sunday September 27	Race Officer to be assigned. Interim contact: Fleet Captain Richard Hudson Fleet_Captain@scyc.ca