



Sunshine Coast Yacht Club

Notice of Race



Amendment #5

1.0. Series and Ad hoc Races

1.1. The event(s) is governed by the rules as defined in the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except where amended by the SCYC sailing Instructions.

1.2. The equipment standards of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2.01.5 Category 5 APPENDIX B Inshore Racing will apply. The following sections are amended as follows;

1.2.1. Section 3.28.3(b) - A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is ready for immediate use and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.8 times the square root of the waterline in meters) to propel the vessel from the predicted farthest point of the race, to a safe harbour and thence for one (1) more hour.

1.2.2. Section 3.29 - A boat shall have a minimum of one VHF radio or handheld VHF radio.

1.2.3. Section 4.07 – A boat shall carry one functioning watertight flashlight.

1.3. Personal Floatation Devices are required to be worn for all races (RRS 40.2(c)).

1.4. The Operator is the person who has registered for the race(s) on line and is designated as the person responsible as indicated in RRS 46.

1.5. This document is applicable to Sunday Series or Ad-hoc Races.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions and any amendments are available online on the official notice board; see NoR 3.1.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located online at: <https://www.scycsailing.ca/officialnoticeboard> and includes:

3.1.1. SCYC NoR

3.1.2. SCYC Sailing Instructions.

3.1.3. Calendar of events, races etc.

3.1.4. Protest information.

3.1.5. List and diagrams of preset courses.

3.1.6. Pursuit start matrix.

3.1.7. Information relating to local know hazards.

3.1.8. SCYC Liability Waiver (completed when registering on line).

3.2. All radio communications between the race committee and boats sailing in or near the racing area will be made on VHF Channel 73 (first try low power). Boats are advised to monitor that VHF channel.

3.2.1. No onshore flags will be displayed.

3.3. As the SCYC Series and ad-hoc Races are “learning races”, boats are permitted to ask for further information from the RC at any time during the race. To remain transparent, all communications must be on Channel 73 and available to all boats.

3.4. Not continuously monitoring, and therefore missing information given on Channel 73 is not grounds for redress.

4. ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND DIVISIONS

4.1. Members are required to complete the online registration form annually.

4.2. Each boat must be registered prior to the warning signal of the first race in which they intend to race. Members registration is valid for the fiscal year.

4.3. Except as provided in NoR 6.3, the event is open to boats with a valid BC Sailing issued PHRF.

4.4. Non-member, first time competitors are required to complete the on-line entry form by the person in charge. To be considered an entry in the series and subsequent events, a boat owner(s) shall complete all registration requirements to join the SCYC as a full member and pay all fees.

4.5. Subject to NoR 1.2, each boat shall comply with safety and equipment provisions in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) - Inshore racing.

4.6. [NP] Boats that do not meet the OSR requirements (structural features, stability, fixed and emergency equipment): and who are racing:

4.6.1. must advise and be approved by the Organizing Authority; and

4.6.2. shall satisfy or achieve such additional safety measures as the organizing authority deems necessary in lieu of such requirement deficiencies.

4.7. All vessel must carry insurance. See 23.1.

5. FEES

5.1. For a boat whose person in charge is a SCYC member in good standing there is no registration fee payable.

5.2. For new competitors, the first race is free, however the person in charge must register on-line on the SCYC website. See NoR 4.4.

5.3. For “Chartered” or “Rental” vessels:

5.3.1. Annual fees are payable (as applicable see 5.1 and 5.2).

5.3.2. The person in charge is required to register on-line which must be completed prior to the skipper’s meeting of that race date.

6. DIVISIONS

6.1. Where there are sufficient boats, boats may be divided into different divisions at the sole discretion of the OA.

6.2. [NP] Before the warning signal of the first race of each series the race committee may amend the PHRF Division splits set out in NoR 6.1. Communications will be relayed by VHF and must be acknowledged. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact vessels. Failure to receive and acknowledge is not grounds for redress.

6.3. [NP] For each boat without a valid PHRF certificate the race committee will assign the boat a PHRF handicap rating. Assignment of the temporary rating is not grounds for redress.

6.4. Boats racing in PHRF Divisions will be scored either on a "Time on Time" or, "Time on Distance" (Pursuit race) or a "Time on Distance Plus Time" handicapping method.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. (not used)

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. The schedule for all races is listed on the calendar on the Official Notice Board, found online.

9.2. Additional races may also be added. Notice of additional races or change to race times or dates will be on the Official Notice Board prior to 1900 hours the evening before the new scheduled time / date.

9.3. A "10 minute to start" call may be broadcast by the RC to warn vessels of the impending start.

9.4. The schedule time of the warning signal (5 minute) for the first race:

9.3.1. Weekend races warning signal is 11:10 hrs.

9.5. The time limit of each race in each series will be described in the sailing instructions.

10. (not used)

11. (not used)

12. VENUE

12.1. The racing area is in and around the Howe Sound area.

13. COURSES

13.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be in and around the Howe Sound Area and will be announced at the skippers meeting and when requested, again on Channel 73 prior to the race. Skippers in doubt about the course may call the RC on VHF 73 to confirm.

13.2. The marks of the course to be used will be either floating inflatable objects set by the race committee vessel, other designated floating objects, markers, navigational markers or Islands and may be visual range and distance.

13.3. A list of, and a description of pre-set courses are on the official notice board.

14. (not used)

15. SCORING

15.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2. If four races in a series are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3. If eight or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.4. If 10 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

15.5. Should two or more boats tie after the throw-outs, the boat with the most first place finishes will be awarded first. Should there still be a tie, the boat with the most second place finishes will be awarded first and so forth.

15.6. A score of DSQ is not eligible for discard in the series scoring.

15.6. If four or more races are completed in a series, and a vessel has only raced in one race in that series, and had scored DNC on all other races, she shall be excluded from the final series results.

16. (not used)

17. (not used)

18. (not used)

19. (not used)

20. (not used)

21. (not used)

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

22.2. [NP] Each competitor, support person and the owner of each boat participating in this event agrees and acknowledges that the organizing authority will neither be liable for nor accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after this event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1. Each boat participating in this event shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$2,000,000.

23.2. A copy of the boat's certificate of insurance must be carried on board at all times.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes may be awarded.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. [NP] By participating in these events each competitor, support person and boat owner automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity without any compensation to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor, support person and/or boat owner taken, taped or filmed during the period of any SCYC event at may be used at the sole discretion of the SCYC.

Abbreviations and acronyms

DSQ – Disqualified

NP – Non-protestable

NoR – Notice of Race

ORC – Offshore Racing Congress

OA – Organizing Authority

RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing

SI – Sailing Instructions

SCYC – Sunshine Coast Yacht Club BC.