



General Racing Conditions

1. **Rules** The International Racing Rules of Sailing of the appropriate year shall apply.
2. **Handicaps** Handicaps shall be based The Nova Scotia Sailing Association “NSYA” handicapping system. The RWNSYC Measurer shall, at his sole discretion, make amendments to individual racing yachts ratings. All racing yachts are required to register on the NSYA yacht database <http://www.nsy.ns.ca/phrf-racing/phrf-ns.html> . Equipment, hull and sail inventory changes are to be made annually both to NSYA and to the RWNSYC measurer prior to the commencement of the racing season. If racing has begun the change shall be reported immediately.
3. **Participants** All racing yachts are invited to participate including visiting marina guests.
4. **Cups / Prizes** Local racing yachts must be owned or operated by RWNSYC members to be eligible for RWNSYC sponsored Cups or prizes.
 - Invited racing yachts and marina guests are exempted.
 - Participants of special races, i.e. Sailabration and the Joshua Slocum cup are at the discretion of the organizing body.
5. **Valid Race -Participants** One (1) racing yacht on the starting line at race time constitutes a valid race. The yacht is required to sail the course and report a valid finish time subject always to condition 8.
6. **Valid Race -Start** Subject always to the discretion of the Fleet captain or consensus of all present racing yachts the start time of racing shall be:
 - Sunday 2pm
(preparatory signal of 5 horn blasts at 1:55pm)
 - Wednesday 6pm
(preparatory signal of 5 horn blasts at 5:55pm)

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7. **Valid Race -Finish** Unless otherwise indicated on the racing map located on RWNSYC web site <http://www.rwnsyc.ca/racing.html> the finish of all races shall be through the finish line in the same direction as the start.

8. **Valid Race -Time Limits** Unless otherwise indicated on the racing map racing shall be abandoned as per the following:
 - Sunday – If no participating racing yacht has crossed the finish line within 3 hours of the start the race shall be abandoned. If a single racing yacht has crossed the finish line within an elapsed time of 3 hours race shall be extended for 1 more hour to 4 hours total. No times exceeding 4 hours shall be accepted.
 - Wednesday – If no participating racing yacht has crossed the finish line within 2 hours of the start the race shall be abandoned. If a single racing yacht has crossed the finish line within an elapsed time of 3 hours race shall be extended for 1 more hour to. No times exceeding 3 hours shall be accepted.

9. **Valid Race -Reporting** Individual racing yachts shall record their own elapsed times and submit them to the fleet captain or appointed representative. When applicable times shall be reported at the Yacht Club. It remains a racing yachts responsibility to record and report their time even when a committee boat is on station.

10. **Amendments** Race amendments are at the discretion of the fleet captain and will be made no later than 60 minutes prior to the race and conveyed to all racing yachts. There are no on water amendments.

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11. **Missing Marks** If a race is started, and a mark subsequently found to be missing, the race will be abandoned for official results. The decision to keep racing for unofficial results shall be at the discretion of the individual racing yachts.
12. **Cancellation** Where a race is cancelled due to weather it may, at the discretion of the fleet captain, be rescheduled.
No cancellations shall be permitted besides:
- Winds less than force 1 (winds less than 1-3 knots) on the Beaufort scale.
 - Winds over Force 7 (Winds in excess of 28 knots) on the Beaufort scale.