



EYC/SBYC RACING HANDBOOK AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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General Conditions

Owner's Responsibility

The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole responsibility of the owner(s) and skipper, who will ensure that the boat is fully seaworthy, and is in compliance with Transport Canada Small vessel Regulations and Applicable Laws. Further, it is the sole responsibility of the skipper and crew of each boat to decide whether or not to start, continue in, or retire from a race, as per RSS 4

Entry and Registration

The owner(s) of a boat intending to participate must complete a registration form and submit payment of the registration fee with a signed waiver, before the boat is allowed to race and/ or be scored. All boats must have a valid and current PHRF certificate to be scored. The race committee reserves the right to refuse and/ or rescind entry of any boat found to be operating in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner.

Registration deadline up to skipper's meeting

GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The following Instructions, Rules, and Regulations shall apply to all races of Edmonton Yacht Club, Sunshine bay Yacht Club, and the AOSA run by either EYC, or SBYC.

Rules and Regulations

All races shall be governed by the current racing rules of Sailing (RRS) and amendments as modified by the prescriptions of Sail Canada and these sailing instructions.

Amendments to RRS

Race Signals- other signals

Yellow flag or shape. The race committee boat is in position

RSS 60.1 (a) shall be changed to read:

- (a) Protest another boat, but not in breach of RRS 75.2, and for an alleged breach of a rule of part 2, or rule 31 unless she was involved in or saw this incident; "or"

Acknowledgement of intent to start

All boats intending to race, before their preparatory signal, report to the race committee boat and receive acknowledgement of their presence

The race committee WILL NOT accept reports of intent to start via VHF, nor will late boats be recognized as starting if they are more than 10 minutes later than the proper start of their division. Boats failing to report may be scored as did not start (DNS)

Organizing Authority

The racing committee of Edmonton Yacht club, Sunshine Bay Yacht Club, and the AOSA henceforth called the Wabamun Keelboat Race Committee (WKRC) is the organizing authority for all races

Changes in Sailing Instructions

Additions, changes, and exceptions to these Sailing Instructions may be made in righting (i.e. as a Notice to Racers) at any time throughout the season, providing that these notices are posted on the Racing Notice boards in Edmonton Yacht Club, and Sunshine By Yacht Club a minimum of 24 hours before they take effect.

Failure to notify individual entrants shall not be grounds for redress

Boat Identification

It is the responsibility of individual boats to ensure that their correct finishing time is recorded. It is recommended that boats note their own finishing time, and also make note of the boats which finish immediately before and after them, so that the finishing sequence can be reconstructed if necessary. Alternate sail numbers must be reported to the Race Committee prior to starting sequence, failure to do so may result in the boat not being scored.

Safety and Rescue

Each boat shall carry the necessary emergency equipment as prescribed by the Department of Transport. Boats must provide aid to any vessel in distress as per RSS1.1 and RSS1.2

Retiring Boats

Those boats that rank as a starter but did not start, and those boats that start but do not finish the course are required to inform the Race Committee before leaving the course or as soon as possible thereafter, that they have retired from the race.

Radio Communications

The Race Committee will monitor, make any announcements and communicate with boat(s) in the race over VHF channel 72

Race Committee Boat Activities

The Race Committee boat will fly the RC pennant. The Race Committee boat will leave the dock and proceed to the race course area after sounding one long blast on the air horn. The Race Committee boat will proceed to an appropriate location. Near the start line area to take a wind direction reading. The Race Committee boat is encouraged to contact other boats to solicit broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed; information pertaining to conditions on the course. Race Committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed; start times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the time of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

All boats are asked to keep clear of the race committee until she posts her on station flag (code flag R) and finishes scoring

Course to Be Sailed

The course to be sailed will be prominently posted on the race committee boat, using the identification numbers of the buoys as noted on the race course maps provided.

All races will be two (2) laps unless otherwise noted in the race instructions. The lead boat has 30 minutes maximum to reach the first mark if not the race will be shortened to one lap no race will be less than one lap.

A shortened course will be signified by the committee boat flying the **yellow** flag signifying it is on the finish line.

The Race Committee boat will make an announcement on VHF as a courtesy. The failure of a boat not hearing this announcement will not be grounds for redress

Starting Signals And Sequence

Getting Set

The Race Committee will endeavor to take down the R pennant approximately one (1) minute prior to raising the warning signal. (see illustration)

Starting Area

All boats in a start other than the ones for which the preparatory signal has been made must keep clear of the starting area and avoid interference with any starting boat. Non- starting boats must remain a distance equal to at least half (1/2) the length of the starting line away from (and behind for boats not yet started) the start line, and its extensions. The starting area is an exclusion area for the duration of the starts and boats that have started and are sailing on their downwind leg must also stay clear of the start area. Failure to do so may result in possible disqualification. Only boats preparing to start may enter this start area. This area is only valid until all starts have been completed for that race. See illustration

Starting Line

The start line will be between the signal flag halyard or pole flying the class or individual recall flag on the race committee boat and a mark. All starts to be upwind.

Finish Line

The finishing line will be between the signal flag halyard or pole flying a **Yellow** flag (*see illustration*) on the race committee boat and a mark. Denotes the finish of the race. There will be one (1) sound signal as each boat crosses the line and finishing times are recorded.

Starts

The number of starts in each series or race will be posted as a notice to racers by the WKRC. Your start will be determined according to your assigned class. Each start will comprise a 5 minute sequence with a one (1) minute gap between sequences as follows:

Time (Minute)	Pennant	Sound	Action
0	NUMERAL 1 PENNANT RAISED	1 BLAST WARNING	1 ST START
1	“P” PENNANT RAISED	1 BLAST PREPRATORY	1 ST START
4	“P” PENNANT LOWERED	1 LONG BALST	
5	NUMERAL PENNANT LOWERED	1 BLAST CLASS	1 STARTS
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6	NUMERAL 2 PENNANT RAISED	WARNING	2 ND START
7	“P” PENNANT RAISED	1 BLAST PREPRATORY	2 ND START
10	“P” PENANT LOWERED	1 LONG BLAST	2 ND START
11	NUMERAL 2 PENNANT LOWERED	1 BLAST CLASS	2 STARTS

Visual Starting Signals

In accordance with RRS. 26, visual starting signals shall govern and the failure of related sound signals shall be disregarded.

MEANINGS OF OTHER PENNANTS

General Recall

1st Substitute means general recall (*see Illustration*)

2 sound signals

Race Committee may announce a general recall over the VHF. When at the starting signal, the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the Race Committee may signal a general recall the warning signal for the recalled class shall be made following the last class start according to the class pennants as signaled on the race committee boat.

This modifies RRS 29.2

Individual Recall

Code “x” means individual recall. (*See illustration*)

1 sound signal

It is the intent of the race committee boat to announce the sail number and boat name of each premature starter

A boat over the line at the time of the start must restart to qualify as a starting boat *(no change to RSS 29.1)*

Failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress

Postponement

Answering pennant means postponement *(see illustration)*

2 sound signals

Abandonment Signals

After the starting signal, the Race Officer may abandon the race *(display flag "N", N over H, or N over A with three sounds)* as appropriate. *(No change to RRS 32.1)*

Code "N" all races that have started are abandoned. Return to the starting area. The warning signal will be made 1 minute after removal unless at that time the race is abandoned again or postponed.

Code N over H All races are abandoned. *Further signals ashore*

Code N over A. all races are abandoned. *No more racing today*

In the event of inclement weather, the Race Committee will convene prior to leaving the dock and decide if the race is to be abandoned.

Shorten course Code "s" means 'Shorten course, and will be displayed on the race committee boat. *(See illustration)*

2 sound signals

The race committee may broadcast the shortened course as a courtesy. Failure to hear the message is not grounds for redress

Change Course

Code "C" means change course *(see illustration)*

Repeated sound signals

A change course will be signaled near the mark that begins the leg changed. The Race Committee will display the code "C" flag and the new mark(s) to be rounded, while making repeated sound signals, signaling all boats before they begin the leg.

Course Direction

The marks shall be rounded to port, unless the Race Committee flies a green flag, in which case the marks shall be rounded to starboard

Signals Made Ashore

Race committee shall make 1 courtesy sound signal as the race committee boat departs the harbor

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the race committee boat at its mooring with a courtesy call announcement on VHF 72

Code flag "AP" Answering Pennant with 2 sound signals means the race is postponed. The warning signal will not be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered. A courtesy announcement will be made on VHF 72

Motoring

A boat's motor must be shut off prior to the 4 minute signal for the class in which it is competing. Boats failing to obey this rule will be disqualified. Boats may use their motors to return to the start area, if under a general recall, up to the time of the new preparatory signal

PROTESTS

RRS rules and sailing instructions will be used for settling protests. Protesting skippers are reminded that they must;

Immediately display a red flag

Immediately advise the protested boat(s) of the infraction

Notify the race committee of the protest and the boat being protested

Address all remarks to the protest committee only and in private

Refrain from argument with protest committee members over the decision

The protest committee will be made up whenever possible from members of both clubs

LIGHT AIR CONDITIONS

As guide to conducting races in light air conditions. This not intended to limit discretionary power of the race committee, nor is it intended to serve as a basis for redress if the Race committee chooses not to follow the advice given. This is intended to aid the race committee in satisfying the contradictory objectives of minimizing the number of DNFs while maximizing the length of races within the limits of the curfew, and to give the racers an idea of what to expect

A minimum of four legs should be posted even if winds are light

The countdown should not begin unless an average boat from the slow feet can make way

If the wind dies after the countdown has begun but before the first division has started, the race may be postponed

The start can be delayed up to 45 minutes, after which time the race should be abandoned if the boats cannot make way

