

ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS 2008 NATIONAL REGATTA

August 19st to 22th, 2008, in Kingston, Ontario
Organized by the National Office of the Navy League of Canada
and the Directorate of Cadets at National Defence Headquarters.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the CYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

1.2 In case of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. Entries

2.1 Competitors shall be eligible to enter the regatta by completing registration with the organizing authority in accordance with the Notice of Race.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located next to the Regatta Committee offices.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

4.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted prior to 0830hrs on the day they are to take effect on the Official Notice Board.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff located by the water in front of the RMC Boatshed and will be made in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

5.2 Flag 'AP' shall indicate that "Racing has been postponed and competitors shall not leave the dock." A Warning signal will be given not less than 30 minutes after flag 'AP' has been lowered.

5.3 Flag 'B' will be displayed during the hour prior to the end of Protest Time. A sound signal will be made when raising and lowering this flag.

5.4 At 30 minutes to the end of official Protest Time, Flag B will be lowered to half mast, and a horn will be sounded.

5.5 At the end of Official Protest Time, Flag B will be fully lowered and a horn sounded.

6. Schedule

6.1 Registration. This will take place on 16 Aug 08 during in-routine.

6.2 Schedule. The Competitors' Information Briefing will be held on Sunday, 17 Aug 08 at 0830hrs near the Regatta

Committee Offices. During the period of Tue 19 Aug 08 to Fri 22 Aug 08, twelve (12) races are scheduled. The first Warning signal will be at 0930hrs on each of the racing days.

6.3 No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs on each of the racing days and not after 1300hrs on Friday, 22 August 08.

7. Boats

7.1 Boats will be provided for all competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that:

- a compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars;
- wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat;
- hulls, centreboards and rudders may be cleaned, but only with water;
- all fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted.

7.2 All equipment provided with the boat for sailing and safety purposes shall be in the boat while afloat.

7.3 Breakdowns. The Beach Master and one Protest Committee member shall initially decide if the breakdown was the fault of the crew. If so, no breakdown points will be awarded. If the breakdown was not the fault of the crew, the Protest Committee, upon receipt of Redress Form, will convene.

7.4 Competitors shall report any damage or loss of equipment, however slight, to the Beach Master immediately after securing the boat ashore. Failure to do so may result in DSQ.

7.5 The initial allocation of boats will be made during in-routine or prior to the Competitors Information Briefing. Subsequent allocations will be made on a rotation basis based on a predetermined, but random, schedule. Rotations will be made after breakfast, and after lunch.

8. Racing Area

8.1 The racing area will be located south of Navy Bay.

9. The Course

9.1 The diagram in Annex 'A' to these SIs show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Course lengths will be set to accommodate races of approximately 60

minutes. Longer or shorter actual racing time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10. Marks and Boats

10.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be in the shape of a large floating yellow tetrahedral. The change mark will be a pink buoy. The starting and finishing marks will be a yellow floating cube with a red flag on a metal staff.

10.2 The Race Committee starting boat will display a CYA race committee flag.

10.3 Mark laying boats will display distinctive red and yellow flags.

11. Checking In

11.1 Before the Warning signal at the beginning of the day, after lunch, and after every boat rotation, boats shall 'check in' by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee boat, on starboard tack and hailing the sail number until acknowledged by Race Committee.

11.2 Any boat failing to 'check in' may be warned, in writing, on the Official Notice Board. A subsequent infringement may result in the boat being scored DNC.

12. Starting

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with the RRS 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal. Halifax Class flag shall be a white flag with a letter 'H'. The preparatory flag will be the 'P' flag.

12.2 The Starting Line will be between an orange triangle on the Race Committee boat and a yellow floating cube with a red flag on a metal staff.

12.3 Any object attached to the Race Committee boat shall rank as an extension of that boat.

12.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.1.

13. Recalls

13.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.

13.2 Following a General Recall, when rule 30.3 (Black Flag Rule) is in effect, the Race Committee will display from the committee boat the sail numbers of boats so disqualified. Those boats shall immediately leave the racing area. Boats failing to do so may be subject to a hearing under rule 69.

14. Mark Boats

14.1 Mark boats may be stationed

beyond each mark. At the finish, a mark boat may be stationed beyond the finishing line. When on station, each mark boat will display a red and yellow flag. Failure of a mark boat to be on station or to display her signal will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

15. Change Position of Next Mark

15.1 A change of course may be signalled even though the new mark is not yet set.

15.2 A mark replaced will be removed as soon as is practical.

16. The Finish

16.1 The finishing line will be between a blue shape on the Race Committee boat and a yellow floating cube with a red flag on a metal staff.

17. Penalty System

17.1 A boat taking a penalty under Rule 44.2 shall file a report on the required form with the Protest Committee before the end of protest time for the day. Failure to do so may result in her protest and disqualification.

18. Time Limit

18.1 If no boat has sailed the course in one hundred and twenty (120) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

18.2 Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.

19. Protests and Appeals

19.1 Protests shall be written on Protest Forms available from the RC Offices.

19.2 Protest Time is 60 minutes starting after the arrival of the Race Committee at the RMC jetty. It will be signalled as in Sailing Instruction 5.3. Protests and Requests for Redress must be handed in at the Protest Committee desk located at the RC Offices within this time.

19.3 A notice informing parties and witnesses of the intended order and approximate time of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time. This shall satisfy the requirement for notification in rule 61.1(b).

19.4 The time limit for filing an Inquiry Form regarding the results in any race will be 30 minutes after the results are posted.

19.5 On the last day of racing, requests to reopen a hearing shall be made within 30 minutes of the posting of the Decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 66.

19.6 A boat intending to protest shall:

- a. Hail "protest" and the boat number to the protested boat, at the first reasonable opportunity, and:

b. Inform the Race Committee of the intention to protest at the completion of the race or as soon after the incident as possible.

c. This changes rule 61.1a.

20. Scoring

20.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

20.2 If 6 races are completed, crews may discard their worst score. If 10 races are completed, crews may discard their 2 worst scores. In no circumstances will crews be permitted to discard more than their 2 worst scores.

21. Safety

21.1 Boats not starting or not finishing a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in a hearing being called and a penalty assigned, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

21.2 PFDs must be worn as indicated in the Water Safety Orders.

22. Rule 42 Enforcement

22.1 When the Protest Committee Boat(s) is (are) on the course (SI 26.1), Rule 42 will apply per Appendix P (P1, P2 and P3).

23. Penalty System

23.1 Rule 44.2 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one gybe.

24. Results and Prizes

24.1 Provisional results will be posted as soon as possible after racing. Final Results, so labelled, will be posted after protest hearings are complete, subject to changes resulting from queries under SI 19.5.

24.2 The winning crew will be awarded the National Sea Cadets Annual Sailing trophy for 2008. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

25. Change of Crew

25.1 Changes of crew will be authorized up to 15 Aug 08. No changes will take effect after that period.

26. Protest Committee Boat(s)

26.1 Protest Committee Boat(s), displaying a blue and white flag with the CYA logo, may be present during racing. At such times, Rule 67 is in effect.

27. Coach / Support Boats

27.1 Each regional coach boat, mark boat and support boat shall display a pennant, as assigned by the organizing authority, while on the water. The issued pennant is the only symbol or flag that may be displayed by a regional coach boat from the preparatory signal until the last boat finishes or the time expires.

27.2 Regional coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class until all boats have finished. Regional coach boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 10 boat lengths (50m) from any racing boat, turning mark or from the start or finish line.

28. Arbitration

28.1 During the protest time, parties involved in an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 may meet with a designated member of the Protest Committee where each party will be allowed to describe the incident.

28.2 The Protest Committee representative will give a decision verbally which may be accepted by the parties. Alternatively, the parties may file a protest in accordance with SI 19 and a full protest hearing in accordance with Rule 63 will be held.

ANNEX A – THE COURSE

Marks to be rounded to port in the following order:

SHORT COURSE: S - 1 - 2 - 3 - F

REGULAR COURSE: S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - F

