

Brockville Yacht Club Sailing Instructions 2024 Season

All races will be sailed according to "Racing Rules of Sailing" of the International sailing federation as amended by the Canadian Yachting Association except as modified by these Sailing Instructions. A copy of these Sailing Instructions, any notice of changes to these instructions, race results, copies of protest proceedings, chartlets of the racing areas as well as the Race Committee schedule will be posted on the Brockville Yacht Club website www.brockvilleyachtclub.ca. A copy of the Race Committee schedule will also be posted on the bulletin board on the door of the Race Committee locker.

The 2024 racing season will consist of six series, the Auld Regatta and some long distance races, the dates to be determined. The Spring Series will consist of six races on consecutive Tuesdays and Thursdays (Spring Tuesday and Spring Thursday), the best five results to count. The Summer Series will consist of six races on Tuesday and Thursday with one throw out. The Fall Series will be six races each with one throw out each.

All regular participants in racing at the Brockville Yacht Club must be members. Skippers are reminded that a guest may crew up to three times before membership is required. All owners must have appropriate insurance. All racers must have a current PHRF-LO certificate to be eligible to compete in the racing weekly racing program. There are no certificates required to race in the long distance races. Applications for PHRF-LO certification should be made through the chief handicapper, Gord Cooke or the Fleet Captain, James VanBlitterswyk.

COURSES

Courses will be designated by flying numeral pennants for individual courses best suited for the wind direction and strength chosen only from the selection of designated courses available. Copies of the designated courses can be found on the BYC website. There is also a copy posted inside the racing notice board by the garage. You can take a picture of it with your phone. The race marks will be yellow cylinders with a vertical height above the water of approximately one metre. If Mark 'G' is absent, the green channel marker, formerly Mark 'A' will be the substitute.

The races will be held on the waters adjacent to the Brockville Yacht Club and the United States waters south of the Club. See the chartlet for the location of the marks. There are new locations for some marks this season. The chartlets will be on the Bulletin Board and from the Fleet Captain. The area between the Brockville Rocks and Old Man's Island is foul ground. Any boat traversing this area will be disqualified.

The start line will generally be between the small mast located at the east end of the break wall of the Brockville Yacht Club and a floating mark offshore designated as mark 'C'. The finish line will generally be between the same two points. A boat finishes when any part of its hull crosses the plane of the finish line.

Race committees are strongly advised to make a long start line because of the obstruction caused by the break wall and the large number of boats in the Shark fleet. The Race Committee has the option of starting and finishing races offshore. In this case the Start line shall be a line between the mast on the committee boat and a floating mark to be designated 'S'.

Race Committees are encouraged to shorten courses at a Mark if it is probable that the full

course will not be completed within the time limit.

SAILING DIVISIONS

The sailing fleet will be divided into three divisions. They will be No Flying Sails noted with a white flag, Flying Sails noted with a green flag and Shark division noted with a Shark flag. The starting order will be the same as the sequence of divisions above. The warning for the white sail (NFS) division will be at 17:45 and that for each succeeding division with the starting signal for the preceding division. The Starts will be conducted in accordance with ISF Rule 26. Boats that are not in their starting sequence are asked to show courtesy and keep clear of the starting area until their warning signal.

POSTPONEMENTS

There will be a mandatory postponement of thirty minutes before a race is abandoned. A postponement of longer than thirty minutes is at the discretion of the Race Committee.

GENERAL RECALL

In the event of a general recall of any division the clock will continue to run and **the new start will be five minutes after the aborted start. Other Fleets will move back five minutes in the starting sequence.**

PROTESTS

ISF Rule 61.3 is amended as follows.

A protesting yacht or a yacht requesting redress shall notify the Race Committee of their intentions immediately upon retiring or finishing and deliver the protest to the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat in her division finishing unless arrangements agreeable to the principal parties involved have been made.

SHORTENED COURSE

32.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be shortest distance to C mark & the starters flag pole. **Due to our unique river current affected race courses it is acceptable to finish either way across that finish line.**

The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

SCORING

The Scoring System will be a low point scoring system.

First Place 1 point Second Place 2 points

Third Place 3 points etc.

Below are some abbreviations to be used on the scoring sheet and the score to be given, if applicable.

OSC over early and did not restart total starters plus 1 DNC did not start total registrants plus 1

DNS did not start total registrants plus 1 DNF did not finish total starters plus 1 RTD retired total starters plus 1

RAF retired after finishing total starters plus 1 DSQ disqualified total registrants plus 1

RGD redress given as determined by the Protest Committee DFL score of second last finisher plus 1

Race Committee will score an automatic third place for any completed race. Race Committees should calculate results immediately after each race and circulate the results at the bar as soon as possible. This may prevent errors in calculation and placings if competitors can review the results in a timely manner.

SAFETY

The Brockville Yacht Club and its race Committees are not responsible for the safety of crews and equipment. " The responsibility for a boat s decision to participate in a race or continue is hers alone."

TIME LIMITS

If no boat has finished the course after two hours after its start in the spring and summer series and there is no way to shorten course the race shall be abandoned. Any boat that does not finish within thirty minutes of the first boat to finish in its division that has not retired will be scored DNF as noted in the scoring section. The fall series time limit will be one and one half hours for the first boat in a division to finish.

BROCKVILLE YACHT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

NO FLYING SAILS DIVISION

FLYING SAILS DIVISION SHARK DIVISION

These are the Brockville Yacht Club overall championships in the three divisions. The winner in each division is the boat which has the best placing in the six week night series.

NOTES

Skippers may motor to the mouth of BYC harbour after the preparatory signal if they can get to the starting area without interfering with the start.

STANDING PROTEST COMMITTEE

A standing protest committee will be struck consisting of two members from each division. The committee will be placed in action once a protest has been filed. Members of the protest committee that have sailed in the race in the same division as the protest may be deemed exempt from the protest committee. This will be decided by the protest committee chair, the Fleet Captain.