

Sailing Instructions

Windmill Junior National Championship Regatta 18 July 2018

Organizing Authority: Rock Hall Yacht Club (RHYC) and Windmill Class Association (WCA)

1. RULES:

The regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the 2017-2020 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017-2020 and applicable By-Laws of the Windmill Class Association (WCA). If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official bulletin board located in the RHYC club house.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board after the skippers meeting.

3.2 Changes announced at the skippers meeting will be posted on the official notice board and become effective immediately

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in front of the club house.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES: One to Three (1-3) races are scheduled as time and conditions allow.

1000-1030 am Registration at RHYC clubhouse.

1030 (10:30 am) Skippers meeting

1300 (1 pm) Warning Signal for first race.

1615 (4:15pm) No new races to start after this time.

Awards to follow racing.

As per NOR, no races will be made up.

6. Class Flags:

Will be displayed at the skippers meeting.

7. RACING AREA:

The racing area will be the waters of Langford Creek in Attachment 1.

8. THE COURSES:

8.1 The courses, are depicted in Attachment 2

8.2 The course will be designated by white board on the Race Committee signal boat no later than the warning signal for that race.

9. MARKS:

Marks are described in Attachment 1.

10. THE START:

10.1 Three (3) minute countdown by whistle or horn (RRS App U).

3-min _____
(three long beeps)

2-min _____

1.5 min _____ (one long, one short)

1- min _____

30 sec _____ (three short, etc.)

20 sec _____

10 sec _____

5-4-3-2-1 single beeps

GO _____ (one long beep)

10.2 The Race Committee may, as a courtesy, blow a series of horns as an attention signal after a delay in racing and prior to a new sequence or next signal as required by the RRS.

10.3 The starting line will be between a red flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a mark at the pin end.

10.4 Prior to the start of the first race of day, competitors **shall** sail by the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat and hail their sail number. Their sail number will be acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to do this check-in may result in disqualification for that day's racing.

10.5 Failure of the Race Committee to hail OCS boats shall **not** be grounds for redress.

10.6 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START:

After the start signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark, provided that no boat is on that leg of the course. These changes will be conveyed to competitors by audible instructions of mark assist boat.

12. THE FINISH:

The finish line will be between a staff displaying a red flag on the Race Committee Signal boat and the finishing mark.

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13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by One-Turn Penalty.

14. TIME LIMIT:

The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat, or the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS rule 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS:

15.1 A boat intending to protest shall hail "Protest" and comply with RRS rule 61.1.

15.2 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1, the protestor must inform the Race Committee Signal Boat of its intention to protest as soon as possible after the race.

15.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board. Protests will be heard in approximately the order they were received in an area to be designated on the official notice board.

15.4 Protests must be filed during the period beginning with the docking of the Race Committee Signal Boat and ending 30 minutes later.

15.5 Alternative penalties are in affect. The penalty for racing rule infraction will be one turn as soon as practical after incident. The penalty for hitting a mark is one turn. This changes RRS 44.1. Penalty for hitting the committee boat or clipping an RC persons head with the boom is DSQ.

16. SCORING:

16.1 Boats will be scored according to the (RRS) Low Point System in Appendix A. Only three races are scheduled and all will be scored.

16.2 Ties will be broken according to Appendix A, RRS.

17. SAFETY:

17.1 Check-In: All boats must check in with RC signal boat prior to each First Start by reporting their sail number and receiving acknowledgement from the RC staff. [DP}

17.2 Lifejackets are required to be worn while racing.

17.3 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the RC as soon as practical.

18. PRIZES:

Awards will be given out according to the number of registrants and will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19. Disclaimer of Liability:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors must complete the waiver form and submit with the registration form and fees.