

EYC/SBYC Spring Series Sailing Instructions

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the **Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)** (**RRS)**; the prescriptions of Sail Canada 2021-2024 will apply. Copies of RRS are with the Race Committee (RC). Racing rules will be changed by class rules, and any other applicable rules, including amendments made by these sailing instructions, or verbally by the RC at the Skippers Meeting. Notices to Competitors will be posted before 0900 on race day on the Official Notice Board at the Clubhouse. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the front of the EYC Clubhouse. When signal board AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 10 minutes' in the race signal AP.

SAFETY REGULATIONS: All boats must be equipped in accordance with the current Transport Canada *Safe Boating Guide*. When the panel or flag Y is displayed either ashore or at the start line, rule 40 applies. Personal Flotation Devices must be worn. Safety Boats are for the assistance of persons who are racing and the RC. A competitor not needing assistance should show a closed fist to the rescue boat. Towing of disabled boats will take place only if time and weather permits following a race. A buoy may be placed at a sunk boat to mark it for recovery after racing.

MARKS AND OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS: The RC will attempt to locate and identify at the Skippers Meeting any marks placed by others sharing the lake, and other obstruction in the proposed area of racing. The RC will not postpone races for competitors who become entangled in other marks or other obstructions.

ELIGIBILITY: Races will be open only to those boats that have registered, paid the required fee, signed the waiver form and met any regatta-specific criteria in the Notice of Race. Any boat owned by a EYC or SBYC Member or the Club may be used in any regatta at EYC.

SCHEDULE: A class will comprise 2 or more boats. The scheduled start time for the first Warning on Saturday is 11:00. An attention signal (5 short horns) may be given from the RC boat no less than 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first race.

COURSES: The course will be laid to suit the capability of boats and sailors, at the sole discretion of the RC.

MARKS: The courses will be laid using large orange float.

SHORTENED COURSE: "S" flag will be flown at the RC boat with 2 horn blasts. The RC will then use a Safety Boat flying "S" as the finish line.

AREA OUT OF BOUNDS: Boats must race outside (generally east of) the EYC moorings or be disqualified for that race, and marked DSQ.

STARTS: Races will be started and finished at the RC boat, using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start. For clarity, the signals in sequence will be as follows (sound signals may or may not occur): Warning Signal - Five minutes before start – Assigned start flag hoisted, with one horn



Preparatory Signal - Four Minutes before start - flag "I" hoisted, with one horn One Minute before Start – flag "I" lowered, with one long horn Start – Assigned start flag lowered, with one horn Subsequent starts will use same sequence starting with a new Warning Signal.

START LINE: The start line will be between a white cylindrical buoy to port (facing windward) of the RC boat, and the mast of the RC boat. The start line will also be the finish line. The start line is open and may be crossed at any point. Racers should keep well clear of the RC boat anchor lines. Boats starting more than 10 minutes after their starting signal will be marked Did Not Start (DNS).

ONE MINUTE RULE (30.1): "I" Signal will be displayed if rule 30.1 is in force, and it will apply to all starts. Any boat On the Course Side (OCS) of the starting line or its extensions within one minute before the start must return to the pre-start area by rounding either end of the start line and keeping clear of all boats starting correctly.

INDIVIDUAL RECALLS: "X" Flag and one sound will be used for all types of recalls. The RC will attempt to hail individual boats which are OCS by class and sail number; they shall return to the pre-start area and keep clear of all other boats that have started correctly. The onus is on the premature starter to start correctly or be marked OCS.

GENERAL RECALLS: Will be signalled by the First Substitute Flag and 2 sounds. The starting fleet involved will restart immediately (a new sequence will start no less than one minute after first substitute is lowered) and a Black Flag (Rule 30.3) may be displayed.

POSTPONEMENTS: "AP" will be posted with 2 sounds. The race, if not already started, is postponed. The end of a postponement will be signalled by one horn and lowering "AP," with the warning signal for the next start following one minute later.

ABANDONMENT: "N" posted with 3 sounds; "N" over "A" means no more racing.

TIME LIMIT: There is a two-hour time limit for the first boat of each class to finish, in order for the race to count. A boat must finish within 30 minutes of the first place boat. Boats finishing later than this will be marked Did Not Finish (DNF).

ALTERNATE PENALTIES (Rule 44.2): Boats may take two-turn penalties if they have broken a rule of Part 2, or a one turn penalty if they have broken rule 31 (hitting a mark). Each turn shall consist of one tack and one gybe). Scoring penalties will not be used (this changes rule 44.3). When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

RETIREMENT: All boats retiring from a race are required to notify the RC (at the RC boat or on a safety boat) within 15 minutes of the end of the race, and will be marked Did Not Finish (DNF). Boats retiring after the race are marked Retired After Finishing (RAF).

SKIPPER/ CREW: There will be no Skipper or Crew changes during a race unless authorized by the RC. Skipper and crew may exchange places on the same vessel.

PROTESTS and REDRESS (Rule 61): A protesting boat must inform the Race Committee at the RC boat as soon as it is practical upon finishing the race during which the alleged infraction occurred. Protest forms must be obtained from the RC within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat of the last race of the day,

and completed no later than 30 minutes thereafter. All protests will be heard by the end of the day if practical.

SCORING: The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point Systems (Appendix A, A4) (i.e. 1 point for first, 2 for second, 3 for third, etc.) In OPEN fleets, elapsed times will be adjusted using the SBYC PHRF.

RACE SCORES TO BE EXCLUDED: DSQ scores cannot be excluded.

SCORING EXCEPTIONS: Boats marked DNS, DNF, or RAF will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED + 1; boats marked OCS will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED + 1; boats marked DSQ will be scored as the number of boats REGISTERED + 2; if a boat is marked DSQ or RAF after the race, each boat with a worse finishing place shall be moved up one place.

REDRESS: Boats receiving redress will be marked as in Redress Guidance (RDG) in Appendix A, A10 (a) of RRS.

TIES: Race ties are scored as in Appendix A, A7 of RRS. Series ties will be broken as in Appendix A, A8 by 1) listing the order of scores of the tied boats from best to worst, not to include excluded scores, and at the first point where there is a difference, favour to the boat with best score; if a tie still exists then 2) determining which was ahead in their last race; and if a tie still exists at that point then 3) determining which boat was ahead in their next to last race, and so on, until the tie is broken. Excluded races are included in 2) and 3).

Flags and Course Configuration Panel Layout: Locations of marks are proximative and may vary subject to local conditions.



Blue on White Shortened Course Lifejackets



Red & Yellow



First Substitute Blue & Yellow General Recall



"AP" Red & White Postponement



Black on Yellow Prepatory (display) and One Minute



#1 Pennant Red on White Warning (display) and Start (remove)



Blue and White

