



**HUDSON YACHT CLUB**  
**THOMSON LONG DISTANCE RACE 2011**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Issued September 26, 2011

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Participation in the Thomson Long Distance Race is open to all keelboats with a valid SLVYRA handicap
- 1.3. Boats must be properly registered with HYC to participate.
- 1.4. The helmsperson of any competing boat shall be a member in good standing of HYC.
- 1.5. Boats shall be limited to one non-HYC member per crew of seven or less, and two persons per crew of eight or more.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official sailing notice board of HYC located on the terrace.

**3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted 2 hours before a scheduled start.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast at the Web Pier.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The scheduled date of the Thomson Long Distance Race is October 2, 2011.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1100.
- 5.3 There will be one start for all competing keelboats

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

The Class flag will be Numeric Pennant 1

**7. RACING AREAS**

The race will be sailed on the Lake of Two Mountains.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1. The course will be:  
Start in front of the H.Y.C.  
Pass Cardinal mark HUD to port  
Pass Green mark H87 to port  
Round Green channel mark H117 to port.  
Pass Green mark H87 to starboard  
Pass Cardinal mark HUD to starboard  
Round H.Y.C. start/finish mark to port out in-front of T Pier. (Not SLVYRA can)  
Round bifurcation CAD RGR to port.  
Finish between the H.Y.C. start/finish mark and the T Pier
- 8.2. The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Committee at any mark of the course.

**9. MARKS**

- 9.1. The start / finish mark shall be an orange or yellow mark located approx 200 yards off the T Pier. (Not SLVYRA can)
- 9.2. All other marks are government cardinal / channel marks as described in the course.

**10. THE START**

- 10.1. The start line will be between the mast on the Web Pier and the start / finish mark at the other end of the line.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4 and A5

**11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The finish line will be between the mast on the Web Pier and the start / finish mark at the other end of the line.

**12. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

**13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1. Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the Race Committee upon finishing and provide the name and sail number of the protested boat.
- 13.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the HYC office and lodged with the Race Officer within thirty minutes of the last boat to finish or the expiration of the time limit, whichever is sooner.
- 13.3. The Race Committee Chairman will be responsible for convening a jury of at least three members.
- 13.4. Protests shall be heard immediately following the race. Protest hearings will be heard in the sequence officially noted as being received by the HYC office.

**14. MEASUREMENT / HANDICAPS**

- 14.1. The 2011 SLVYRA PHRF spinnaker handicap shall be assumed to apply.
- 14.2. Boats wishing to sail under their White Sail handicap shall inform the Race Committee prior to the start and shall display a white flag or pennant from the backstay.
- 14.3. Boat owners wishing to make a change in handicap status must do so in writing to the Club Measurer at the Club office 48 hrs before the scheduled start of the race.
- 14.4. The current list of non cruising boats within the HYC fleet comprises: Etchells, Formula 21, Grampion 22, Independent 21, J22, Rhodes 19

**15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. Each boat intending to race shall register with the Race Committee prior to the start.
- 15.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

**16. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be deposited in the appropriate containers on shore at the Club or placed aboard support and race committee boats.

**17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

17.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

17.2. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72.

**18. PRIZES**

18.1. The Thomson Trophy shall be awarded to the 1st boat finishing on corrected time conforming to the SLVYRA definition of a standard cruiser- racer sailboat and excluding boats listed under 14.4

18.2. The Thomson Long Distance Race winner shall be 1st boat finishing on corrected time irrespective of class

18.3. Prizes shall be given at the HYC Sailors Awards Dinner.

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the racing entirely at their own risk. See 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 racing.

**20. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000 or the equivalent.