



# HUDSON YACHT CLUB

## 2019 HYC Dinghy Series

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. All HYC Series races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except where amended by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. The SLVYRA PHRF handicap rules will apply, and all boats must have a valid SLVYRA PHRF handicap.
- 1.3. Boats must be properly registered with HYC to participate in an HYC Series race.
- 1.4. The helmsperson of any competing boat in an HYC race shall be a member in good standing of HYC. Boats competing from another yacht club are welcome and will be scored accordingly.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Official Notice Board will be located on the HYC website ([www.hudsonyachtclub.com](http://www.hudsonyachtclub.com)). Copies of documents may, or may not, be placed on the HYC Clubhouse Notice Board located on the terrace. However, amendments, addendums or other notices issued just before a race will be posted on the HYC Clubhouse Notice Board. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check both notice boards for any amendments, addendums or other notices.

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted 2 hours before a scheduled start. Any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1200 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast on the Webb 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 dates of HYC Series Racing are published within the HYC Club Calendar.
- 5.2. For the series, the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 18:00.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class flag will be the numeral pennant number .

### 7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. All races will be sailed in front of HYC, wind direction permitting.

### 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course shall be indicated on the race course board on the Race Committee Boat or the Webb pier if the race is started from there. Each red or green placard represents a mark of the course.
  - 8.1.1. Letters on a green background color indicates the mark is to be left to starboard.
  - 8.1.2. Letters on a red background color indicates the mark is to be left to port.
  - 8.1.3. A placard with an X followed by a number indicates the course will be sailed again. Example; W G S X2 indicates the course will be sailed twice; X3 indicates the course will be sailed three times, etc.
- 8.2. The following letters will be used on the placards to indicate the course:  
W = Windward G = Gybe L = Leeward Gate
- 8.3. The first placard identifies the first mark of the course.
- 8.4. The race shall not be shortened to less than two legs of the course.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Marks shall be orange or yellow inflatable buoys. Offset marks (if used) may be orange, yellow or red.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The start line will be between the mast on the Webb Pier, or a mast on the Race Committee Boat, displaying an orange flag, and an inflatable buoy 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 RRS A4 and A5.

## **11. CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. The new mark may be a different colour.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finish line will be between the mast on the Webb Pier, or a mast on the Race Committee Boat, displaying an orange flag, and a mark of the course.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the Race Committee Boat upon finishing and provide the name and sail number of the protested boat.
- 14.2. Protests shall be written on forms available at the HYC office and lodged with the Race Officer or Bosun within thirty minutes of the Race Committee Boat's return to the harbour.
- 14.3. The Race Committee Chairman will be responsible for convening a jury of at least two members.
- 14.4. For protests between only HYC boats, the protest shall be heard immediately following the race. Protest hearings will be heard in the sequence officially noted as being received by the HYC office.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) For 6 or more races 60% of the total races will be scored.

## **16. MEASUREMENT / HANDICAPS**

- 16.1. A boat entered in a series must maintain their handicap status for the entire series of races

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1. Each boat intending to race shall, before their first race on each day, come within hailing distance of the Race Committee vessel, and shall report its sail number and receive acknowledgement.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 18.1. 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.

**19. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

19.1. The Race Committee will monitor channel 71 and may communicate with competitors on this channel.

**20. PRIZES**

20.1. Prizes for HYC Series, Fleet Championships, and the Club Championship shall be given at the HYC Sailors Awards Dinner.

**21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

**22. INSURANCE**

22.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

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