



LYRA 2016
Sailing Instructions
Founders Cup West
Tuesday July 26, 2016



1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. The prescriptions of the Canadian National Authority, Sail Canada, will apply. A copy of the prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.2. For IRC, the IRC 2016 rules parts A, B and C will apply. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is amended as follows: Boats may choose to use the maximum crew number printed on the certificate or the crew number multiplied by 85kg as the maximum crew weight. Boats having more crew than the crew number printed on the certificate will be required to have the crew weighed.
- 1.3. For PHRF, PHRF Lake Ontario (PHRF-LO) rules will apply.
- 1.4. This regatta is a level B for Crew Eligibility for the Beneteau First 36.7 Class (ISAF Regulation 22).
- 1.5. The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Monohulls Category 4 will apply
- 1.6. From 2000 until 0600 EDT, Part 2 of The Racing Rules of Sailing will be replaced by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.7. IRC Rule 21.6.1 is amended to allow one more spinnaker on board than shown on the certificate.
- 1.8 In case of differences between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at National Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at National Yacht Club.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced by "no less than 45 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. CLASS ASSIGNMENTS TO COURSES, DIVISION SPLITS, ORDER OF START, AND CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 The order of start and class flags plus IRC and PHRF division splits will be posted by 2000 Monday July 25.
- 5.2. The organizing authority reserves the right to keep like boats together, even if this action overrides one or more boats' separation by rating. Boats affected shall continue to use their actual ratings for all purposes, except to sail in the assigned class.
- 5.3 Backstay flags are not required for any handicap division (IRC or PHRF).

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Check In from 0800 to 0845. Skippers' Meeting at 0900.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1100.

7. THE COURSE, MARKS, VHF Channel

- 7.1 The Start will be in the vicinity of Gibraltar Point (N 43° 36.367' W 79° 23.469')
- 7.2 The Finish Mark is a private WYC race mark 9 located at N 43° 49.708' W 78° 56.260'
- 7.3 The course is: From the Start to the Finish.
- 7.4 VHF Channel 71

8. THE START

- 8.1 Before starting, a boat intending to race shall come within hailing distance of the signal boat and shall report its sail number and receive acknowledgement. The race committee will not accept reports of intent to start via VHF radio. The Race Committee may protest boats failing to report.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the halyard or staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 8.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. The starting area extends one-quarter the length of the starting line ahead of and behind the starting line, and one-quarter the length of the starting line past either end of the starting line.
- 8.5 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 8.6 The Race Committee may announce the sail number or boat name of each premature starter on the applicable VHF channel. Failure to make an announcement or the order in which boats are announced shall not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1 (a).

9. SPARE

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1 Boats will finish between the staff or halyard carrying a blue flag on the race committee vessel and the finishing mark.
- 10.2 In the event the race committee boat is not on station, pass on either side of the Finish Mark, within two boat lengths and record GPS finish time when primary winches pass the Finish Mark. Email finish times to lyrascoring@wyc.ca

11. PENALTY SYSTEMS

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in her class or 50% of the difference between her position and the number of entries in her class, whichever is less. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 There is no time limit. If there is no RC Signal boat on station, competitors shall finish within 5 boat lengths of the Finish Mark, and report their time (GPS EDT Time) to the Race Committee.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available at the protest desk located on the lower floor of the WYC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the Race Committee docks.

13.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located on the 1st floor off the hallway to the washrooms.

13.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1 (b).

13.4 Protests alleging a breach of a class or handicap rule must be accompanied by an official copy of the applicable class or handicap rules. This adds to rule 61.2.

13.5 An appeal under rule 70.1 or a request by a protest committee under rule 70.2 shall be sent to Sail Canada.

13.6 A request for redress shall be delivered no later than the protest time limit or 30 minutes of the relevant incident, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.

13.7 The penalty for a breach of rule 55, Notice of Race 1.4 and 1.5, or sailing instructions 8.1, 8.3 and 17 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14. SCORING

14.3 Appendix A will apply.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Once a boat has fulfilled her check-in requirements, if she withdraws from the race or if she no longer intends to participate in racing, she shall: a) keep clear of other competitors and b) notify the Race Committee and receive their acknowledgement either orally or on the applicable VHF channel. The penalty for a breach of this instruction may be applied to another race and may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 VHF Channel 71

16.2 Race Committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed, start times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

17. PRIZES

17.1 Prizes will be awarded to the three top finishers in each class, except that prizes may not be awarded to boats which are not represented at the prize-giving ceremonies.

17.2 LYRA perpetual trophies will be awarded to overall winners.

17.3 The day races are a counter toward the LYRA regatta championships for IRC, PHRF, and one-design.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 Liability coverage in accordance with the Notice of Race is required.