

**SAILFEST SARNIA 2024**  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>n</sup> and 7<sup>n</sup>, 2024  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024*, except as identified in these sailing instructions. The Canadian Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.2 The class rules of participating classes will apply.
- 1.3 Boats that do not comply with class rules requiring sail numbers to match hull numbers will not be subject to penalty. In the event of a conflict between registered sail numbers, the race committee shall specify alternate numbers.
- 1.4 The penalty for a breach of a rule labelled **(DPI)** in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Sailfest trailer.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff adjacent to the west side of the SYC Sail Training building, except as described in 4.3.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes.'
- 4.3 When a black flag is displayed at the entrance of the SYC harbour, competitors shall not leave the harbour. The black flag will be removed with one sound signal. **(DPI)**

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Dates of racing: Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> (Force 5 only), Saturday, July 6<sup>n</sup>, 2024, and Sunday, July 7<sup>n</sup>, 2024.
- 5.2 Number of races: A maximum of 12 races are scheduled for the Force 5 class.  
A maximum of eight races are scheduled for all other classes.
- 5.3 Competitors meeting: A competitors meeting will be held at 8:30 AM Friday for the Force 5 class and Saturday July 6<sup>n</sup> all other classes, adjacent to the Sail Training building.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:00.
  - 5. No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Sunday July 7<sup>n</sup>, 2024.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

Force 5      Grey Flag

Laser radial    Red Flag

Club 420      White 420 Flag

## **7 RACING AREAS**

The racing area is in lower Lake Huron, approximately 2.0 nautical miles NE of the SYC harbour entrance. See Attachment A.

## **8 THE COURSES**

1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
2. The signal designating the course to be sailed will be given prior to the Warning Signal for that start:
  1. Numeral Pennant #1 will designate Course 1.
  2. Numeral Pennant #2 will designate Course 2.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Rounding marks 1 and 2 will be orange tetrahedrons.  
A new mark as provided in instruction 12 will be an orange tetrahedron with a black band.  
The starting and finishing marks will be yellow marks.

## **10 FISHING NETS**

Commercial fishing activities are present in lower Lake Huron. Nets are marked with red or green and black flags. Nets are generally deep enough for Sailfest Sarnia boats to sail over but can be a concern for dumped/turtled boats. Nets in the vicinity of the racecourse will not be grounds for redress.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 For the first race of each day, classes shall start in the order listed in section 6 of these Sis.
- 11.3 There will be a minimum of one minute between the start of one class and the warning signal for the next class.
- 11.4 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end of the start line, and the upwind edge of the start mark at the port end of the start line.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 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 practicable.
- 12.2 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.3 The change will be signalled before the lead boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 12.4 Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be relocated, without further signalling, to maintain the course configuration.

## **13 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be a line between the race committee boat and a finish mark at the port end of the line.

#### **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by these instructions. Rule P2.3 will not apply, and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

#### **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark #1 within 20 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 If no boat has finished the race within 90 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

#### **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest and Request for Redress forms are available at the Regatta Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat for the designated course has docked.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of protest hearings.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under SI 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 19, 23, and 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

#### **17 ARBITRATION**

- 17.1 For a protest between two boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to any protest hearing.
- 17.2 One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted.
- 17.3 The arbitrator will advise on whether:
  - a) One or both boats should take a penalty;
  - b) The protest should be withdrawn; or
  - c) The protest should go to the protest committee for a hearing.

17.4 When a boat accepts a penalty or the arbitrator advises that the protest should be withdrawn, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.

17.5 When a protest is withdrawn, it will not be reopened or made the subject of a request for redress.

17.6 The penalty is to be calculated according to sailing instruction 14.

## **18 SCORING**

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) will be used.

18.2 A maximum of 12 races for the Force 5 Class & 8 races for all other classes are scheduled. 1 or more completed races constitutes a series.

a. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 All competitors must be acknowledged by the Safety Officers at the harbour entrance before going out to the racing area, and upon their return. Failure to do so may result in a protest and disqualification or other penalties as decided by the protest committee. **(DPI)**

A black flag at the entrance of the SYC harbour means competitors may not leave the harbour. The black flag may continue to fly if competitors are instructed to head out under tow. In this case competitors may not leave the harbour unless they are being towed. **(DPI)**

19.2 Competitors shall wear nationally approved personal flotation devices at all times while afloat. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS. **(DPI)**

19.3 Competitors shall sail past the race committee boat upon arrival in the racing area. **(DPI)**

19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. **(DPI)**

19.5 A minimum 5-metre-long by 6 mm diameter tow line must be attached to each boat's mast, or the boat shall not be launched. The mainsheet **will not** constitute a tow line for this safety regulation. **(DPI)**

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, by submitting a "Request for Substitution" form available at the Race Office.

20.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the protest committee.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

22.1 Race committee boats will fly a blue flag with white letters "RC" from a halyard on a sailboat or from a flagstaff on a powerboat.

Safety boats will be identified by the safety vests with reflective crosses worn by safety officials.

## **23 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 23.1 All support boats (including those of team leaders, coaches and other support personnel including parents of competitors) must be registered with the race committee.
- 23.2 After the warning signal has been made all support boats shall be either 50 metres below the start line and its extensions, or on the port side of the course maintaining a safe distance from all racing boats except as identified in 23.4. **(DPI)**
- 23.3 A breach of instructions 23.1 or 23.2 shall be considered a breach of RRS 2, Fair Sailing, by all boats associated with the support boat, and will be subject to protest. Penalties shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and may not be excluded from a boat's series score. **(DPI)**
- 23.4 Support boats may be requested to assist the race committee to ensure the safety and well-being of **all** competitors. Support boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 69. **(DPI)**

## **24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Competitors and support personnel must not foul the water with garbage. Garbage or trash collection is provided by all safety and race committee support boats. **(DPI)**

## **25 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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.

## **26 AWARDS**

The awards ceremonies will be held at the SYC Clubhouse as soon as results are available.

## **27 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY**

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.

## **28 INSURANCE**

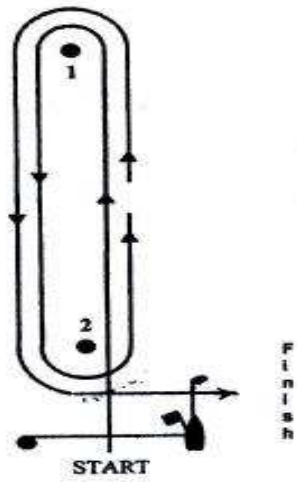
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.

**Attachment B Courses**

**Course 1 Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Offset Finish**

**Course 2 Start - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - Finish**

**Course 1**



**Course 2**

