



2017 Melges 20 Canadians & Fall Keelboat Regatta
September 9-10 2017
The Royal Canadian Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the Canadian national authority, Sail Canada, will apply. A copy of the prescriptions can be found here;

http://www.sailing.ca/files/SC_Prescrip_Arbit_2013_16.pdf

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the main verandah of the club house.

2.2 Sailing instructions & drink tickets for all competitors will be available for pick up in the RCYC sailing office from 8am on Saturday September 9.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 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

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagstaff located beside the RCYC sailing office.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday June 3	1050 hours	1st Warning Signal. Subsequent races to follow
Sunday June 4	1030 hours	1st Warning Signal. Subsequent races to follow
Sunday June 4	1430 hours	No warning signal to be made after this time
Sunday June 4	1530 - 1630	Prize giving as soon as possible following racing

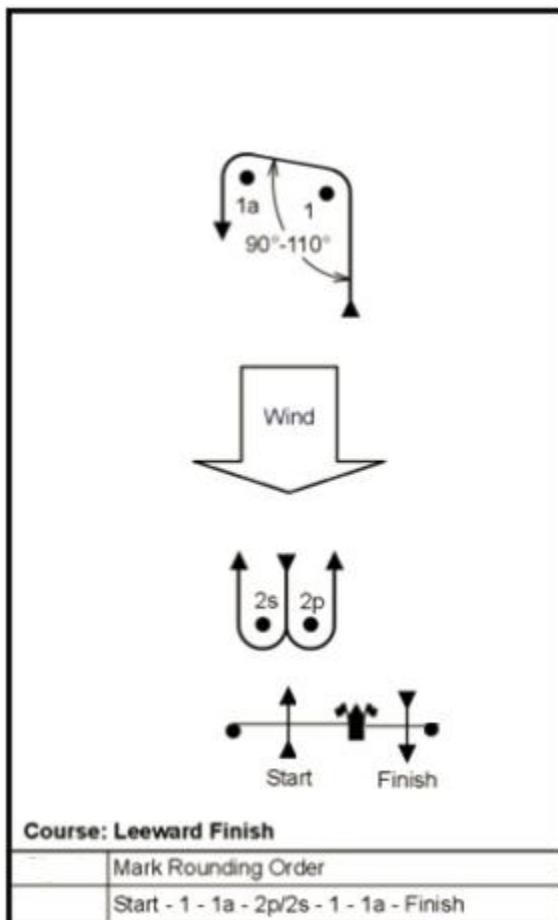
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A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for each fleet. (4 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday).

6. RACE AREA

Approximately 1.0 nautical miles south of the Gibraltar bell buoy.

7. THE COURSE



8. MARKS

The course marks will be orange. Change of course marks will be yellow. The start pin will be green and the finish pin shall be red.

9. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or a shape on the Signal Boat and the starting mark.

9.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be score Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

9.2 The warning signal for each class shall be a white flag with the class insignia on it.

9.3 The initial start order shall be:

- 1/ J105's
- 2/ Melges 20

10. RECALLS / BLACK FLAGS

10.1 If a boat has been identified as OCS under rule 29.1 or disqualified under rule 30.3 the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast the sail numbers of each recalled boat on the VHF channel described in Appendix 9. This changes rule 30.3.

10.2 The following will not be cause for redress:

10.2.1 Failure of boat to receive the recall of broadcast.

10.2.2 A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers.

10.2.3 Failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat's number. This changes rule 62.

11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to complete the first leg is thirty minutes. The overall time limit is 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. The changes rules 35 and A4. There will be no warning signal after 1430 hours on Sunday September 10.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the finish mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. In addition to the reporting requirements in rule 44.3, the infringing boat shall complete the written declaration of the infringement on the Alternative Penalty Acceptance Form available at the Protest Desk located in the RCYC sailing office. This procedure must be completed before the expiration of Protest Time, as posted on the Official Notice Board.

13.2 A boat which complies with some but not all of these requirements shall be given a scoring penalty as described in SI 17.1. This changes A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time limit. The end of Protest Time will be posted on the official notice board by the Race Committee. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the Protest Time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This posting shall be considered the notice required in rules 61 and 63.2.

14.2 On the last day of racing, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;

(a) within the Protest Time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

15.5 There will be no drop race for the J-105 fleet.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of either the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat before 1000 hrs on the day racing begins and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the Protest Committee.

18. RADIO / TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

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. The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF channel 9.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skippers of the top three finishers. Prizes will be awarded to the Shark fleet after racing on Saturday and to all other fleets as soon as possible after racing on Sunday.

20. INSPECTIONS

Inspections may be made during the regatta for compliance with Class Rules.