



## Columbia Yacht Club & T-10 SSI

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These special sailing instructions contain information that is specific to Columbia Yacht Club boats and the Tartan Ten Class boats. Several sections apply to boats from all clubs and MORF for the Columbia – Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta. This information is intended to supplement the information provided in the Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions.

### 1. Eligibility and Entry

- 1.1 The Columbia Beer Can Regatta is open to monohull sailboats owned or chartered by regular members in good standing of Columbia Yacht Club.
  - 1.1.1 The Columbia Beer Can Committee may, at its discretion, admit boats from other clubs.
  - 1.1.2 The Tartan Ten class is open to all Tartan Ten class sailboats.
- 1.2 For Columbia Yacht Club members a completed entry form and payment of a **\$79** fee for each class entered are required. Racers will be able to enter online (no paper forms this year) at [www.columbiayachtclub.org](http://www.columbiayachtclub.org) and [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).
  - 1.2.1 For MORF members or other invited boats not entered through another club, a completed entry form and a \$100 entry fee is required. Entry forms for MORF members will be available online at [www.racemorf.org](http://www.racemorf.org).
  - 1.2.2 Boats must enter a JAM Section, the Tartan Ten Section, a Spinnaker Section or the Newbies Section. A boat's LMPHRF rating (NSHCPs for Jib and Main boats and HCPs for spinnaker boats) will determine to which class she is assigned.
- 1.3 A Columbia boat has to be entered in the online system prior to 3pm the day of their 1<sup>st</sup> race. A boat not in the system will not be scored.

### 2. Notices To Competitors

Official notices and addenda to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the Rail Deck.

### **3. Columbia Beer Can Regatta Series Scoring**

- 3.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A as modified below will apply. This modifies RRS Appendix A.
- 3.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
- 3.3 Boats serving as Race Committee for races (other than for the tune-up race and races which have been abandoned) shall be scored as if they finished in first place. The scores of the other boats shall not be changed. Therefore, there could be two boats with a first place finish for each race.

### **4. Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta Series Scoring**

#### 4.1 Individual Boat Series

- 4.1.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A as modified below will apply. This modifies RRS Appendix A.
- 4.1.2 One race is required to constitute a series.
- 4.1.3 The series score will be the sum of the points for all completed races.
- 4.1.4 Boats must compete in all completed races to be scored for the series.

#### 4.2 Yacht Club Challenge Series

- 4.2.1 The first three boats from each participating club/association in each class will be ranked 1-12 based on the series results. If a club/association has fewer than three boats in a class, scores of 13 will be assigned to make up a total of three entries for each club/association. If a boat is entered through more than one club/association, she will be scored for all clubs/associations through which she is entered.
- 4.2.2 The scores from 4.2.1 above for each club/association will be added. The club/association with the lowest total wins the Trophy.
- 4.2.3 In case of a tie, the tie will be broken using the Jib and Main Class results only. If a tie remains between two or more clubs, they shall be ranked in order of their scores (JAM and Spinnaker Classes included) in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied clubs' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken.

## 5. Handicaps

5.1 The corrected time is the elapsed time minus the handicap rating multiplied by the length of the racecourse in nautical miles.

5.2 Spinnaker section boats shall be handicapped using LM-PHRF handicaps where available.

The Beer Can Committee shall assign handicaps for boats that do not have current LM-PHRF certificates.

Handicaps may be adjusted by the Beer Can Committee.

5.3 The JAM sections will be handicapped using the Columbia YC BCRF handicaps. The BCRF Ratings will be based on LM-PHRF base handicaps and will include the following credits if these credits are not included in the base handicap:

Jam Variables	Second per Mile
Headsail Overlap greater than 135%	0 seconds
Headsail Overlap 135% or less	3 seconds
Headsail Overlap 105% or less	6 seconds
Roller Furling Headsails not changed from race to race based upon wind conditions	3 seconds
Exposed fixed blade propeller	24 seconds

JAM boats shall receive a non-spinnaker credit based on the percentage decrease in downwind sail area. This credit averages 24 seconds per mile.

The Beer Can Committee shall assign base handicaps for boats that do not have current LM-PHRF certificates.

Base handicaps may be adjusted by the Beer Can Committee.

5.4 The Newbies section will be handicapped using the Columbia YC BCRF handicaps as defined in paragraph 5.3.

Base handicaps may be adjusted by the Beer Can Committee.

## 6. Columbia Beer Can Regatta Prizes

- 6.1 Boats serving as Race Committee boat shall receive a first place class prize.
- 6.2 Prizes will be awarded at Columbia Yacht Club following each race.
- 6.3 The owner, charterer, designated skipper or spouse of one of these individuals must be present at the time prizes are awarded to receive a prize.
- 6.4 Individual Race Prizes

6.4.1 Prizes for each class will be awarded as follows:

Number of Boats Finishing in Class	Number of Prizes
0 - 2	0
3 - 8	1
9 - 12	2
13 +	3

- 6.4.2 Only one prize will be awarded to a boat during the Pre-Mac races as well as only one prize will be awarded to a boat during the Post-Race to Mackinac races.
- 6.4.3 If a boat qualifies for a prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded a prize.
- 6.5 Fleet Prizes
  - 6.5.1 A fleet prize will be awarded to the boat finishing first among the combined Columbia classes and the T-10 Class for each race.
  - 6.5.2 Only one fleet prize will be awarded to a boat during the Pre-Mac races and only one fleet prize will be awarded to a boat during the Post-Mac races.
  - 6.5.3 If a boat qualifies for a fleet prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded a fleet prize.
  - 6.5.4 A boat may not win both the fleet and class prizes for the same race. If a boat, which has previously won one prize subsequently, qualifies for the other, she shall be eligible for the second prize.

## 6.6 Series Prizes

6.6.1 Three series prizes will be awarded in each class.

6.6.2 Series prizes will be awarded at the Awards Banquet on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta Prizes

7.1 Prizes will be presented at the Columbia Yacht Club. Prizes for the June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> races will be presented following the races on July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Prizes for the August 15<sup>th</sup> race, the series prizes and the permanent traveling trophy will be awarded at the Beer Can Bash on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

7.2 The owner, charterer, designated skipper or the spouse of one of these individuals must be present to receive a prize.

### 7.3 Individual Race Prizes

7.3.1 Three prizes for each class will be awarded.

7.3.2 Only one individual race prize will be awarded to a boat during the Columbia - Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta.

7.3.3 If a boat qualifies for an individual race prize a second time, the prize will be awarded to the next highest placing boat that has not previously been awarded an individual race prize.

### 7.4 Individual Boat Series Prizes

Three series prizes will be awarded in each class. The prizes will be awarded at the Beer Can Bash on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Yacht Club.

### 7.5 Yacht Club Challenge Prize

The yacht club/sailing association that wins the Columbia – Mount Gay Rum Yacht Club Challenge Regatta will receive custody for the next year of the permanent traveling trophy. A plaque with the yacht club's/sailing association's name and burgee and the names of all boats on the winning team will be permanently affixed to the trophy.

## 8. Crew Development Award

The Crew Development Award will be awarded to the Columbia Skipper who contributes the most to helping new members, including our Skip Jacks, learn to sail. Participating Skip Jacks and program leaders will bestow this honor on the selected skipper.

## 9. Culinary Arts Award

We need to encourage the race committee members to spend long hours and work hard to make Beer Can races happen. We do this through the Culinary Arts Award. Columbia Race Committee boats that provide the best grub to our hard working race committee will be awarded a special prize at the Beer Can Awards Banquet.

To best describe the importance of good victuals on the Race Committee boat, we have enclosed an adapted quote from “The Wooden World: An Anatomy of the Georgian Navy” by N.A. M. Rodger, circa 1760.

*“Sailboat racers, and more especially race committee members, love their bellies above all else, and therefore it must always be remembered on the management of victualling of the race committee boat that to make any abatement in the quantity or the agreeableness of the victuals is to discourage and provoke them in the tenderest point, and will sooner render them disgusted with race committee service than any other hardship that can be put upon them.”*